

Digital Consent Mail In Query

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Secretary General

Department of Justice & Equality

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I am directed by the Commissioner to refer to the above and request for views as part of the consultation process in respect of the appropriate age of digital consent threshold.

An Garda Síochána is of the view that there is no substantial difficulty with the age of 16 being the age of digital consent, as proposed. However, consideration should be given to the extent of sexual exploitation of children on the internet and the fact that the offence of sexual exploitation contrary to section 3(2) of the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998 (as amended) applies to persons under the age of 18 years. It is recommended that the age of digital consent should be increased to 18 years of age when the material relates in any way to sexual activity.

Sent on behalf of

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