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Over the past 25 years at the IWF

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1,800,000

reports have been
assessed by human analysts.



970,000

child sexual abuse reports
have been actioned for removal.

As each report contains at least one, and sometimes thousands of images,
this equates to millions of criminal images removed from the internet

Scale of problem in 2021



361,062

reports assessed by human analysts

252,194

reports confirmed as child sexual abuse imagery:



64%

increase from 2020

72% included 'self-generated' imagery

Just 0.15%

of child sexual abuse material is UK-hosted

11 to 13 year-old children were most seen age group

= 68% of all actioned content



In 2021, we assessed a webpage every one-and-a half minutes.

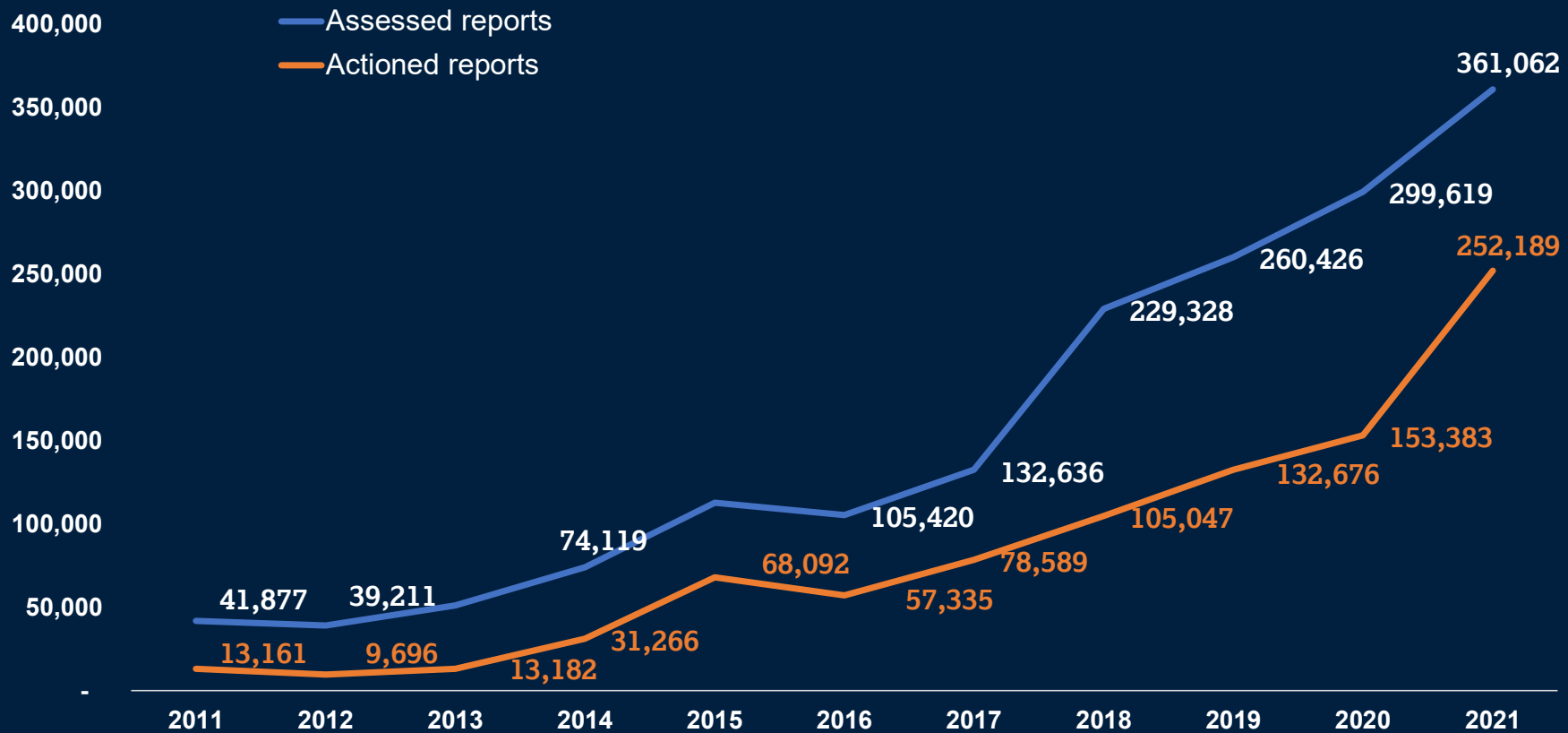
Every two minutes,

that webpage showed a child being sexually abused.

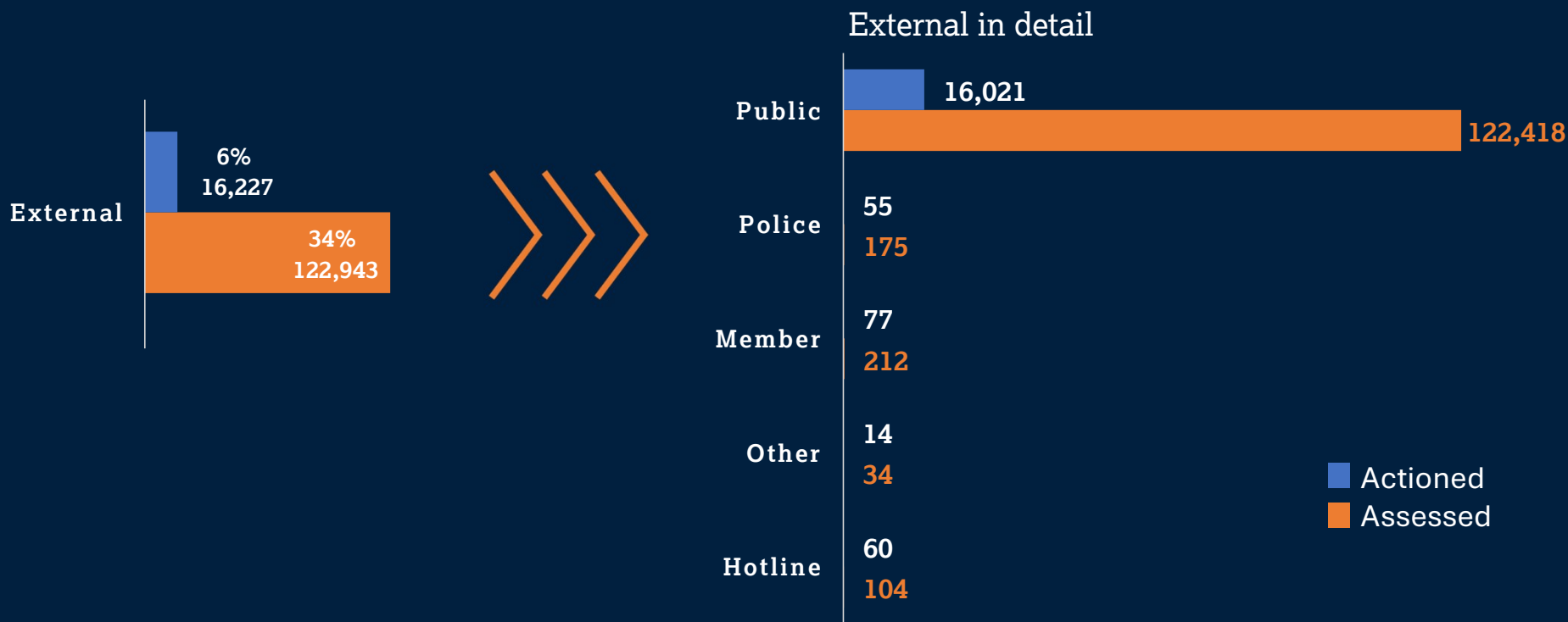
Data gathered from each report helps to build and curate the services we provide to companies to prevent the distribution of child sexual abuse images and videos.



10 years' growth in reports



Where child sexual abuse reports came from: 2021



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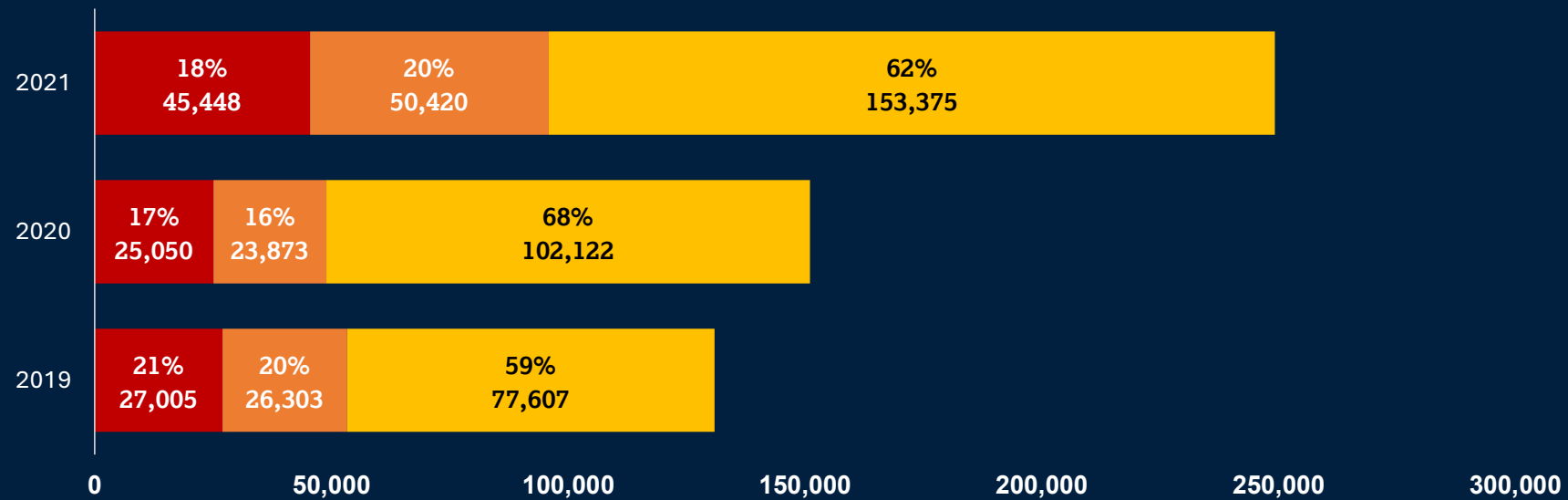
EHO Can you change the orange legend 'processed' to the word 'assessed' ? Thank you

Emma Hardy, 2022-04-19T12:09:30.533

EHO 0 Hi Kate, I also don't know where this spreadsheet is in order to access the data so I cheated and created a new text box with the right words in, and drew the squares and grouped them together to create a new legend.

Emma Hardy, 2022-04-20T12:52:44.939

Severity of abuse: 2021



Category A:
Images involving penetrative sexual activity; images involving sexual activity with an animal or sadism.

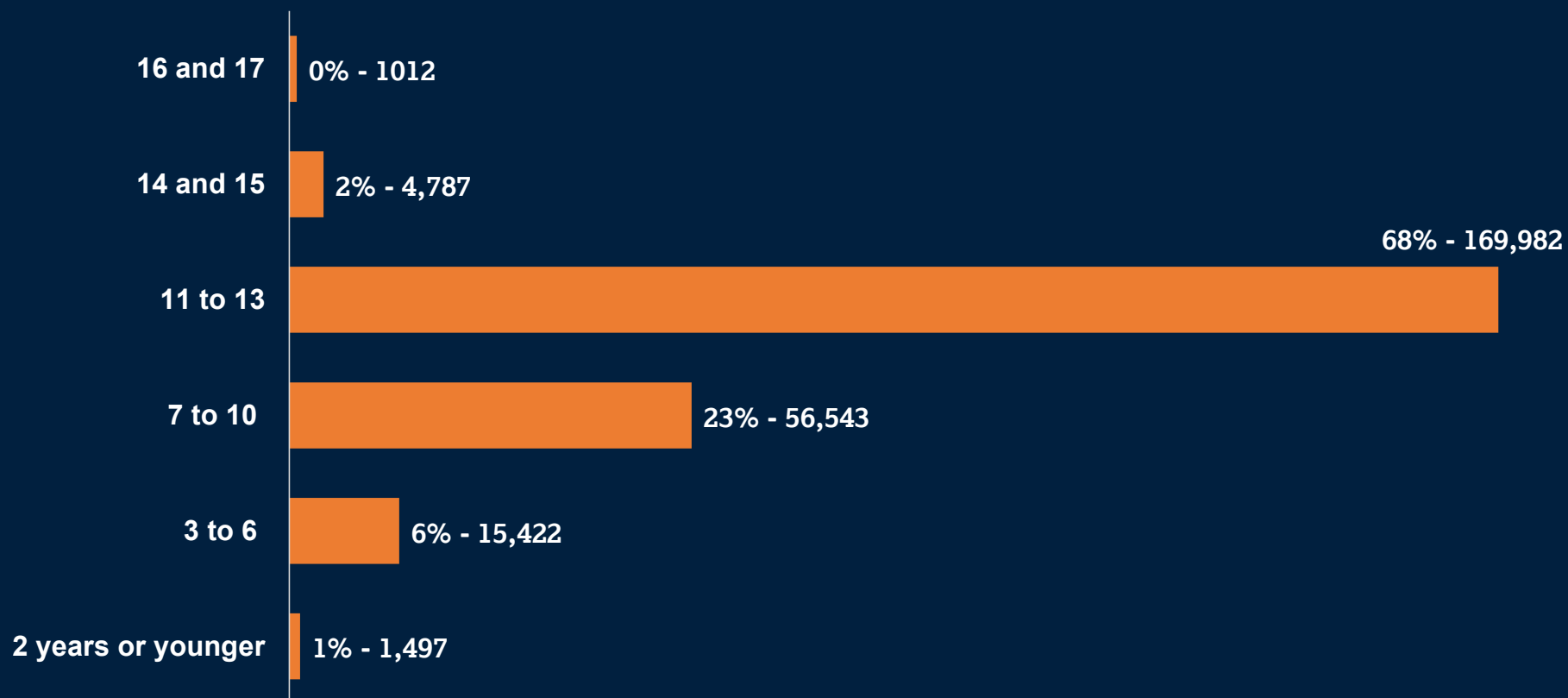
Category B:
Images involving non-penetrative sexual activity.

Category C:
Other indecent images not falling within categories A or B.

Age of victims: 2021



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Can you add the comma in the number '1,012' which is next to the age 16-17 data in the chart? Thanks,

Emma Hardy, 2022-04-19T12:10:31.869

Sex of victims over 10 years



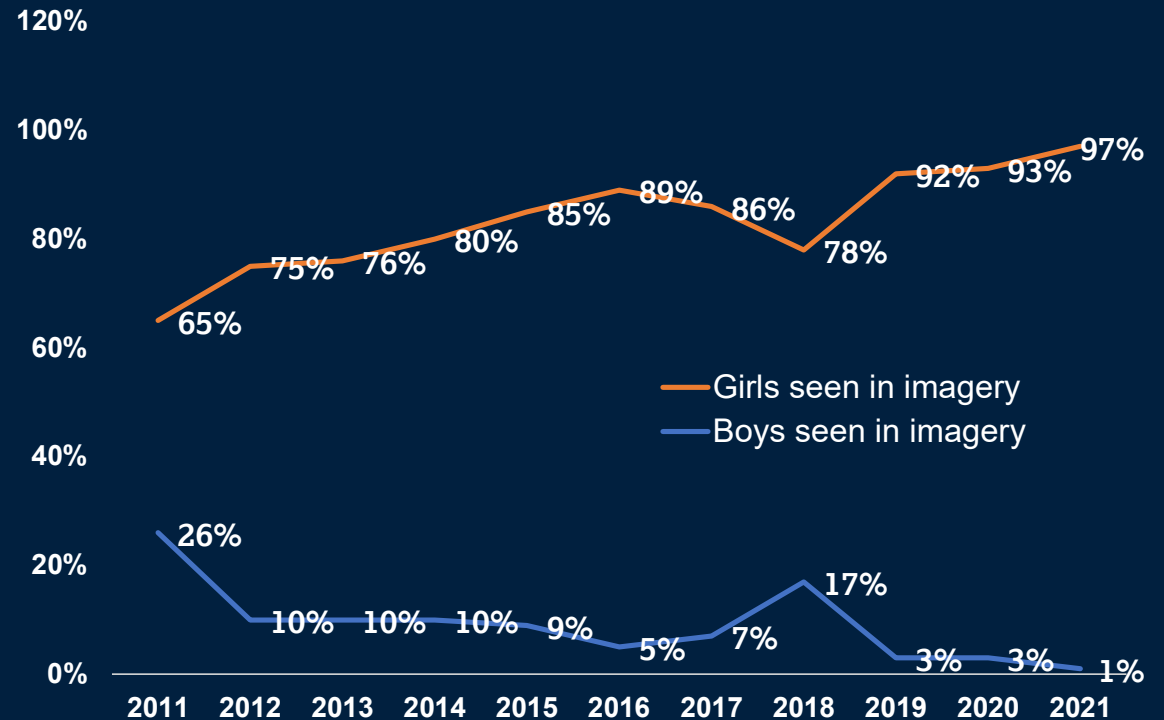
In 2021:

97% of the reports showed girls

1% showed boys

2% showed both sexes

A small number were unidentifiable.



Self-generated child sexual abuse



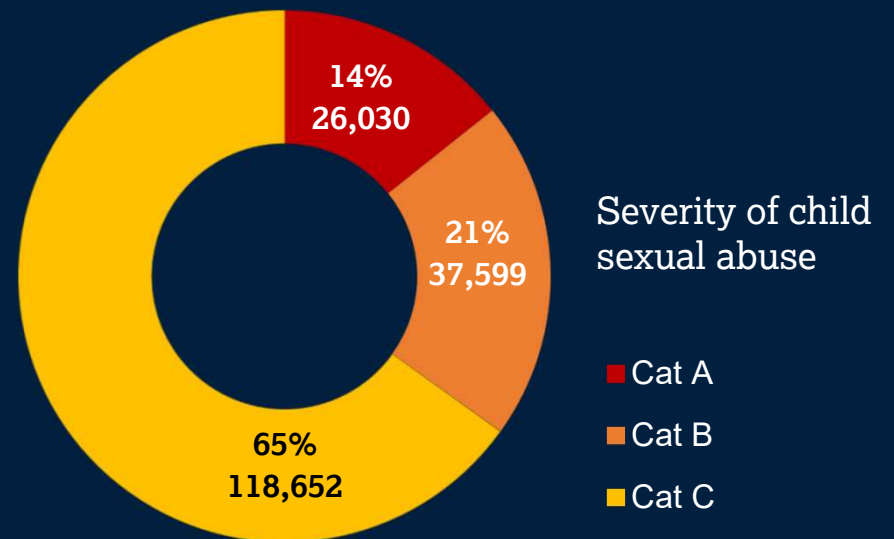
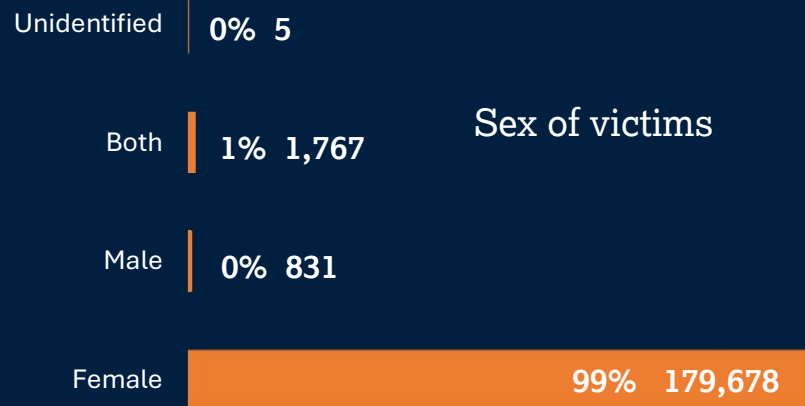
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of these reports showed an 11-13 year old girl.

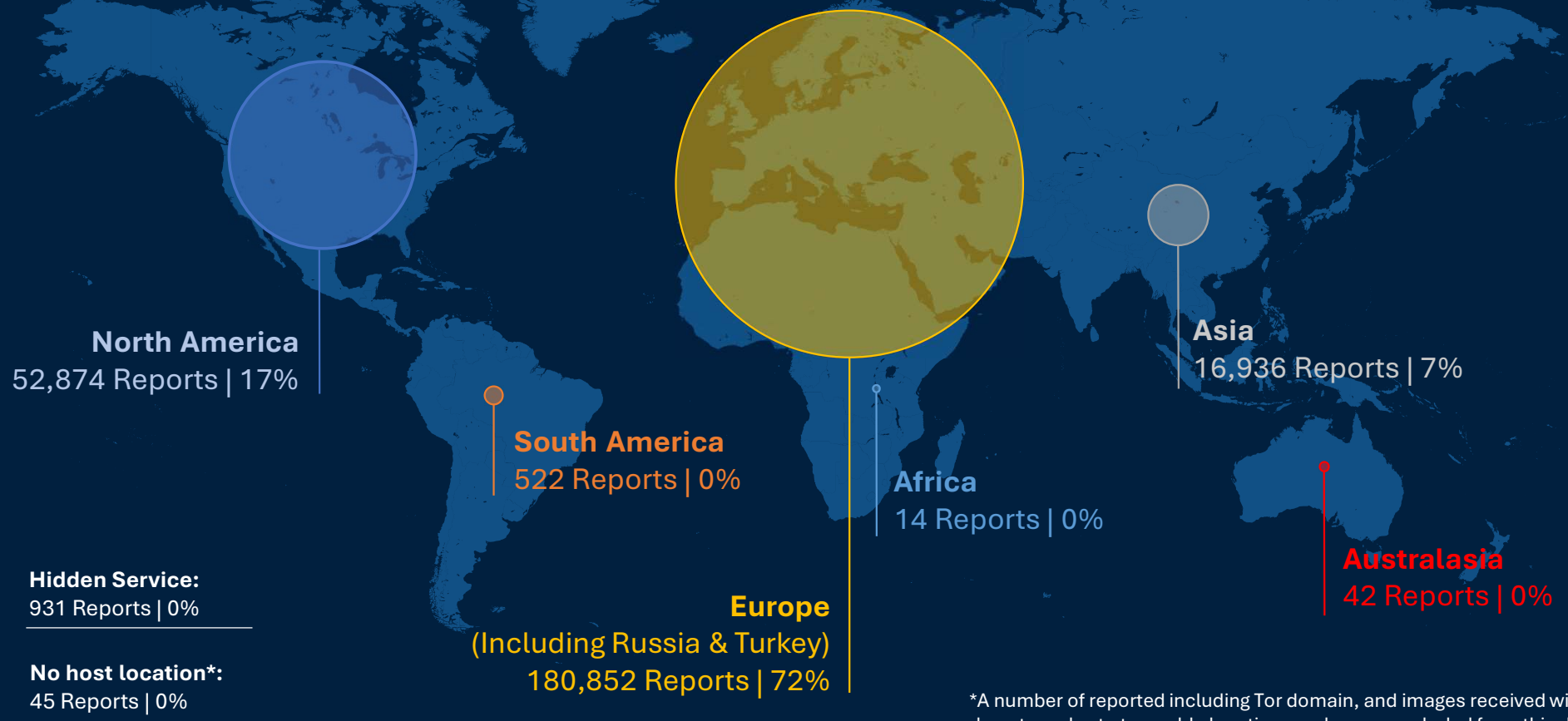


168%

Almost three-quarters (72%) of reports in 2021 showed 'self-generated' child sexual abuse imagery: 168% increase on 2020.



Location of content: 2021



*A number of reported including Tor domain, and images received without URLs do not resolve to traceable locations and so are excluded from this dataset

UK-hosted child sexual abuse: 2021

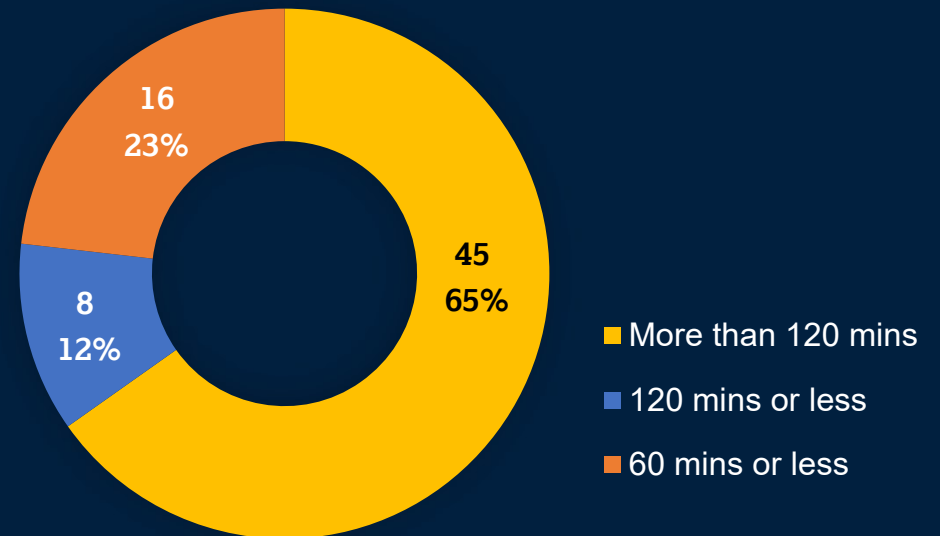


- The UK hosts a small volume of online child sexual abuse content.
- When we were founded in 1996, the UK hosted **18%** of the global total; in 2021 this figure was just **0.15%**.
- In 2021, **381** URLs displaying child sexual abuse imagery were hosted in the UK, an **increase of 112%** from 180 URLs in 2020.
- **24** companies who were abused were not IWF Members.
- **1** company was an IWF Member.



3 Minutes

Fastest removal time

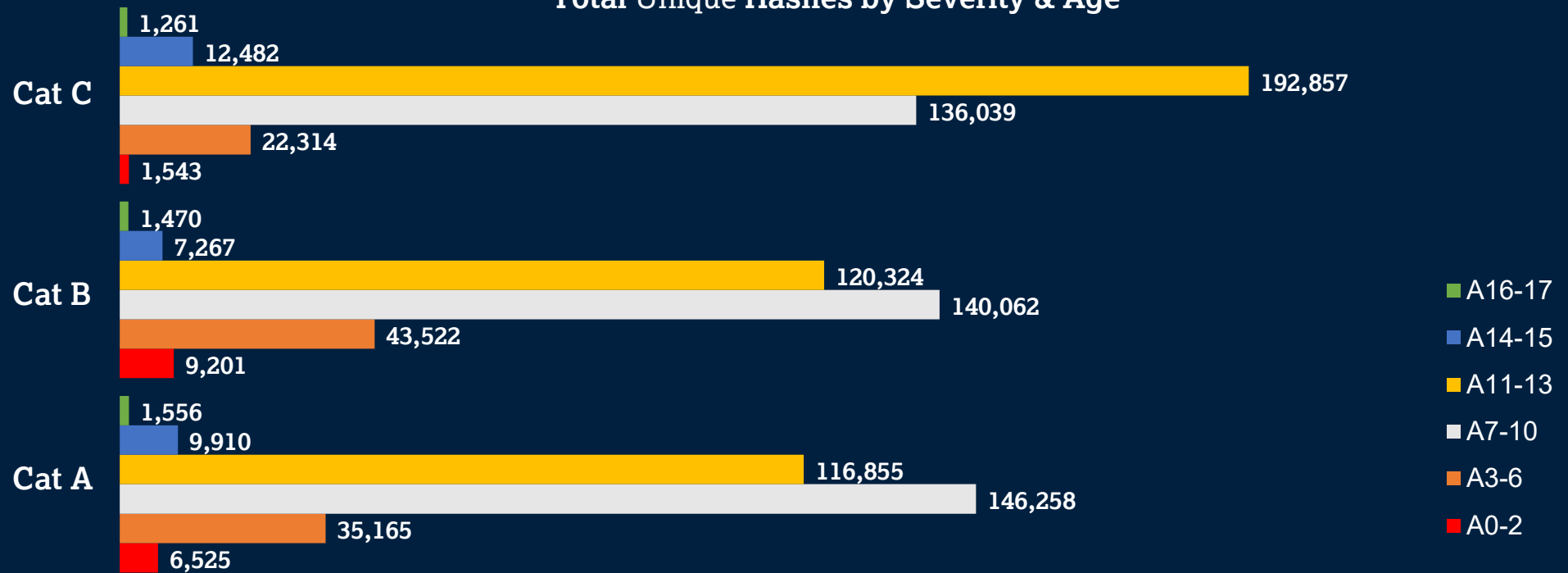


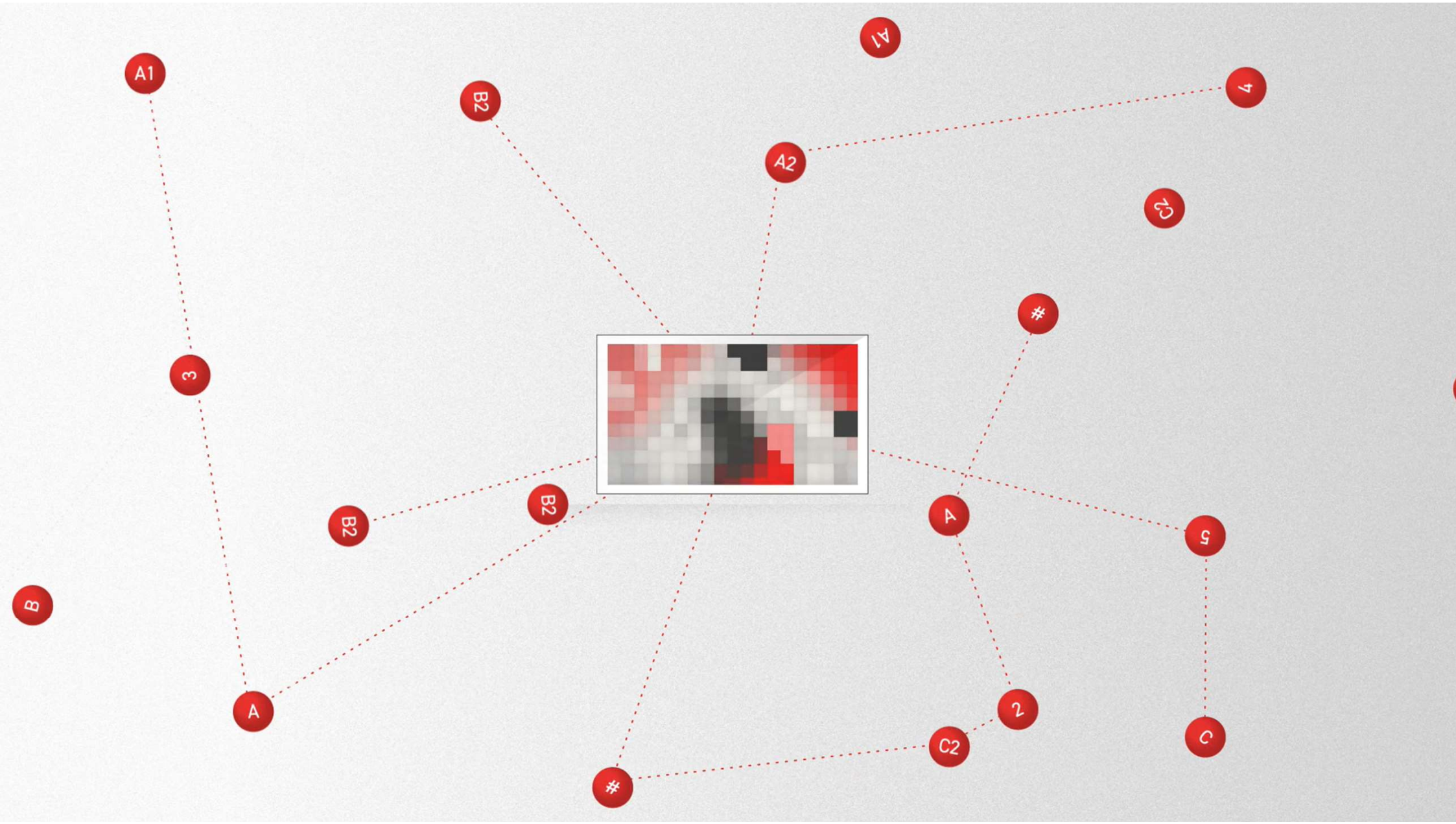
Hash data analysis



By the end of, 2021 we had created **1,004,611** unique hashes to share with technology companies.

Total Unique Hashes by Severity & Age

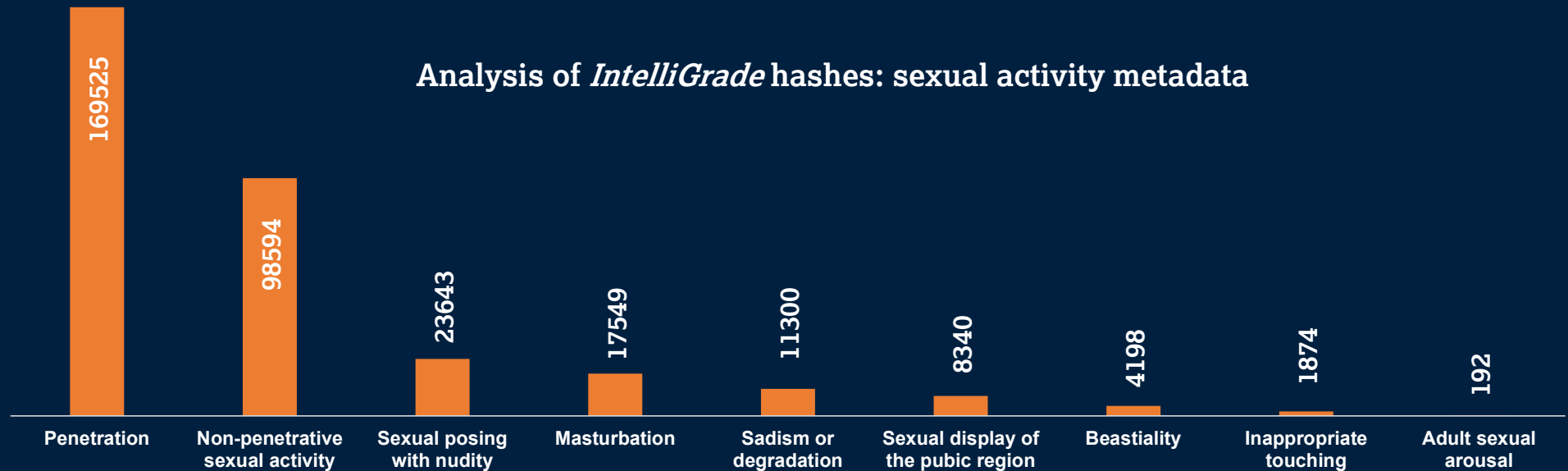




IntelliGrade hash data analysis



At the end of 2021, the total number of unique *IntelliGrade* hashes was 335,215. Today, it is **NUMBER TBC**





Other trends and data in the Annual Report 2021

An analysis of:

- Geographical hosting of child sexual abuse imagery
- Sexual abuse imagery featuring boys.
- Sexual abuse imagery perpetrated by a female offender.
- The abuse of domains including top-level domain hopping.
- A notable increase in commercial disguised websites.
- Sexual abuse imagery within different age categories of children; 0-2, 3-6, 7-10, 11-13, 14-15, 16-17.



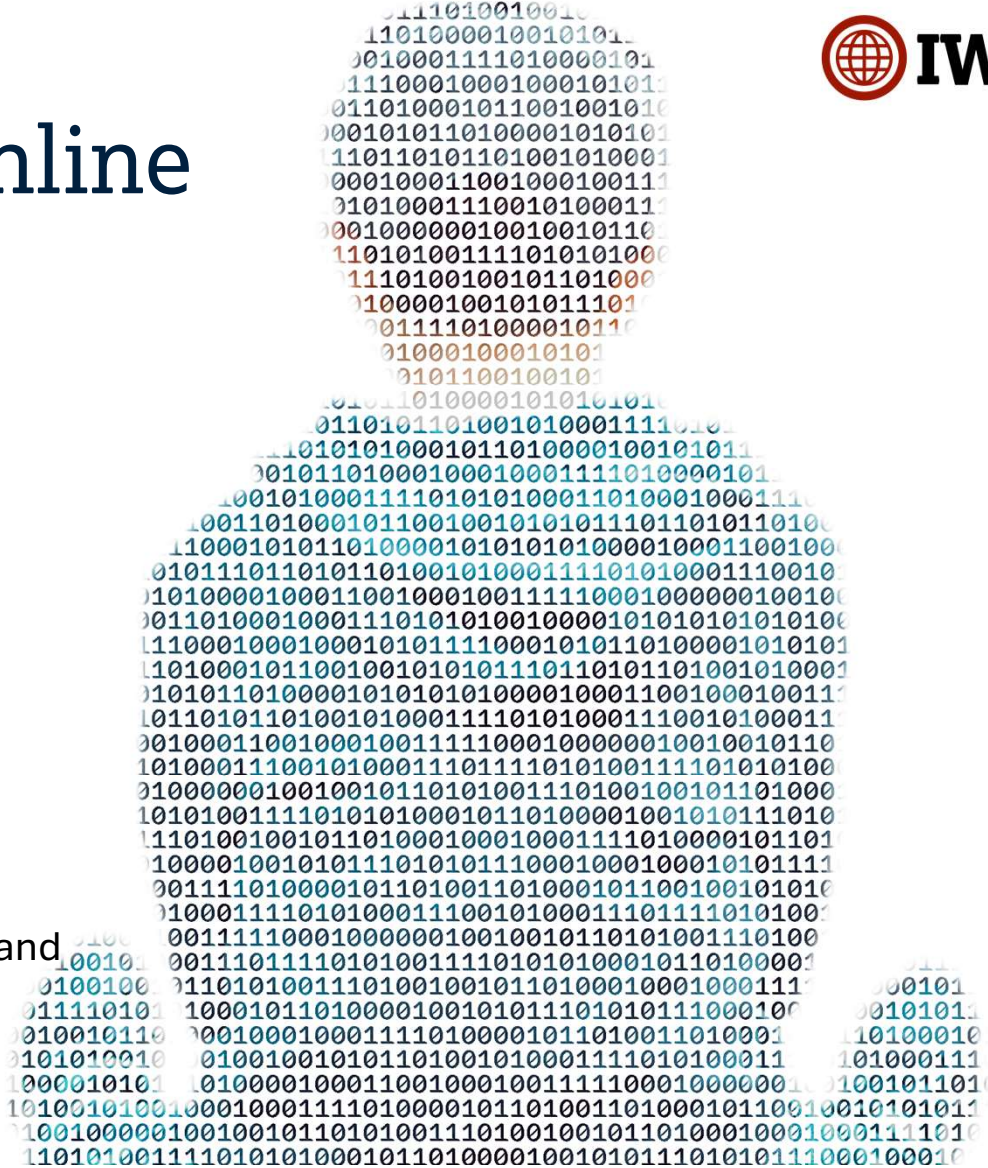


Keeping Children and Young People Safe Online

Please ask questions in the chat function.

Themes of today:

- How to improve online safeguarding
- Responding to the Online Safety Bill
- Online-facilitated child sexual abuse
- Exploring respect and relationships online
- Strategies for supporting children
- Safety as part of culture
- How to teach e-safety in an educational setting and within the family.



Thanks for listening

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