

Electronic monitoring

Navigating support and safety

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Phones



Devices



Smart televisions



Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

How did we get here?

- Ofcom - Children and Parents Media Use and Attitudes Report (April 2024)
- Children are more likely to be 'passive' than 'active' users of social media - Tik Tok is the most popular.
- Five to seven year olds are more increasingly present online which may pose greater risk. Social media, online gaming, live streaming, Tik Tok, Discord etc.
- Only a third of parents know the correct minimum age requirement for most social media platforms.
- Do you?

Residential settings

Challenges - inherited problems.

Difficulty with parental settings.

Children are very savvy.

Doubt over what we can and cannot do.

Unsure of the correct frameworks.

Ideal

Clearly outlined
working practice -
statement of purpose,
core documents.

For monitoring such as
CCTV, Qustodio, Apple
parent - clear consent
and agreement to
care planning.

Consistently review
the effectiveness and
necessity of the
measure.

Involve everyone -
especially the child.

Human rights

Freedom of
expression

Right to education

Right to
participation

Right to inter-
dependence
(appointments,
online banking
etc.)

Negative impact

Privacy?

Freedom of expression can lead to more concerning habits and may have legal implications.

Pressure and status (Instafame, Tik Tok fame)

Mental health and self-esteem.

Exploitation

NSPCC 6,350 offences of
'sexual communication
with a child' in March
2023 online.

That is an 82% increase
compared to 2017/2018.

Roughly 48% of recorded
2023 - 2024 offences
involved the app
Snapchat.

Safe?

What would a parent do?

Can we do it?

The Children's Act -
Section 11, Section 33

Suspecting a crime?

Crime and policing bill (2025)

Criminal offence for anyone who carries out a 'relevant internet activity' with the intention of facilitating exploitation or abuse.

Coerced internal concealment.

Intent!!!!!! How we record and report!

The facilitation of this will also come under scrutiny (Online Safety Act) - Tech giants are legally responsible!

Recording,
reporting,
and action

Duty of candour!

Reporting child
sexual abuse

Listen to our children

Impact on the child

Children need to be co-creators of safety

This needs to be managed with children rather than 'to them'

We have a duty to understand the contexts with which our children move and spend time - including online space.

Is it reasonable and proportionate to monitor a child?

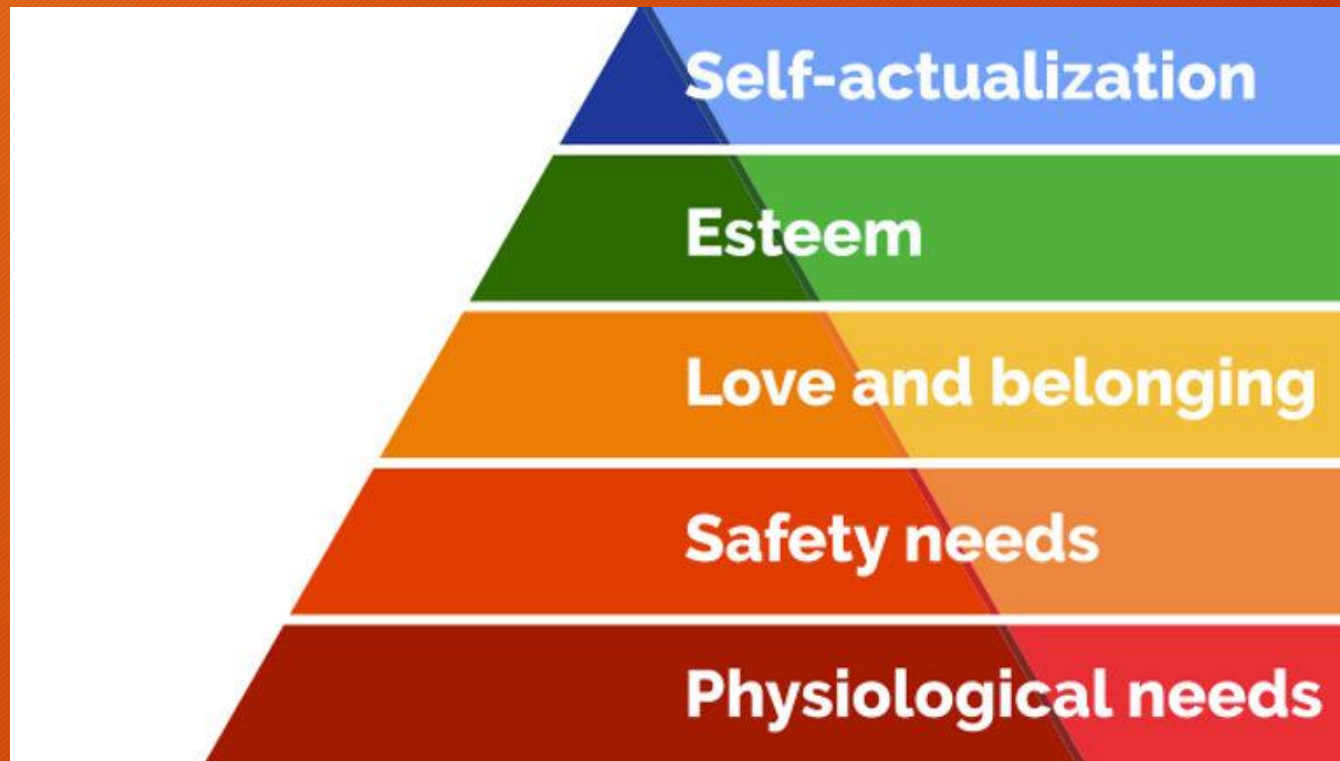
Are there more capacity questions?

Early work and support to help children manage the online world.

Understanding online news' impact on children |
Internet Matters

Latest study

Providing safety and a child centred approach



Thank you

Questions and discussions

