

Safer Internet Day: Online safety and KCSIE

- In 2021, the IWF investigated a record 361,000 reports of criminal activity online. Of these, 252,000 URLs were confirmed to contain images or videos of child sexual abuse.
- A record amount of child sexual abuse material has been taken down after action by IWF.
- There was a three-fold increase in imagery showing 7–10-year-olds who have been targeted and groomed by internet predators.
- That devices can be an “open door” for sex predators to access children alone in their bedrooms.
- That in 2021, 182,000 reports included so-called self-generated material. This is a 168% increase on 2020 when 68,000 reports involved self-generated material.
- Self-generated sexual imagery of children aged 7-10 years old has increased three-fold making it the fastest growing age group. In 2020 there were 8,000 instances. In 2021 there were 27,000 – a 235% increase.