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This document contains apps/websites of note that have appeared in Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation cases in the South West region. The document may also contain apps/websites that are prominent in other regions or are believed to be an emerging issue.

If you have any apps you believe may be used in the facilitation of CSAE please send an email to the above address.





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Can be used for parental bulletins.

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# Movie Star Planet

Movie Star Planet is a social network aimed at children, similar to the app Highrise users can communicate with others using a movie star avatar they've created. Features include taking care of pets, designing rooms and art using stickers, playing various games, sharing pictures and joining chat rooms with other users.

There is no age limit for this game however if users are under the age of 13 they are required to submit their parents email address, however there is no age verification in place. This is a new feature where parents are able to restrict what their child can access on the site such as chat rooms.

Users are able to report any unwanted content by clicking on their username, there is also an option to block other users.

Further information including information on parental controls can be found here  
<https://moviestarplanet.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/201435769-MovieStarPlanet>



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### OmeTV

OmeTV is a random video chat app brought out by Omegle the original site which is still active. The app has the same features as the website but now allows users the freedom to use it away from a desktop. The app allows users to be connected with strangers across the globe for random text, voice and video chats.

Children using this app are at risk of being exposed to mature content, the app is not suitable for users under the age of 18 but there is no age verification in process to prevent anyone from joining.

The creators state that there are monitors in place to automatically block any users displaying explicit content. However several public reviews of this app consist of complaints regarding nudity and sexual acts being displayed. These reviews can be seen on any app store.



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ChildLine and the Internet Watch Foundation have come together to provide a service where children can request the removal of sexual images of themselves which have been shared online. As part of that process the child would be asked to provide a link to where the image is stored online, rather than send the image itself.

The child is also required to verify their identity and age and this is done through the YOTI app. YOTI will not store images of the child's ID following the verification process.

Below are a couple of online resources which contain details regarding this service:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting> - There is a section which covers what you can do if you've lost control of a sexual image and refers to the YOTI app.

<https://contentreporting.childline.org.uk> – This is the portal where you can report images and videos for take down and again refers to using the app to verify age.



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Below are a number of resources to help educate adults and young people around the issue of online safety and app security:

**SWGfL** has launched a reporting centre to assist the public in reporting online abuse and harmful content. The service provides up to date information on community standards and direct links to the correct reporting facilities across multiple platforms.

Advice is provided on online issues such as bullying, harassment, threats, impersonation, unwanted sexual advances, violent content, suicide, self-harm and pornographic content. **Report Harmful Content Online** <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

The **UK safer internet centre**; where you can find e-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online. For help and advice contact: 0344 3814772 or [helpline@saferinternet.org.uk](mailto:helpline@saferinternet.org.uk)

The **Revenge porn hotline**; the only organisation providing such a service in the UK, providing support and advice to the victims of the non-consensual sharing of intimate images and cyber-enabled blackmail (known as sextortion).

**POSH (The Professionals Online Safety Helpline)**; The Professionals Online Safety Helpline is a free service for all professionals and volunteers working with children and young people. It provides signposting, advice and mediation to resolve online safety issues staff face about themselves, such as protecting professional identity and online harassment, or problems affecting young people, for example cyber-bullying or sexting issues. Where appropriate we can also provide advice or facilitate in the removal on harmful content. POSH have created good relationships with many of the giant tech companies and are a great place to start if you have any concerns with a particular site or App.

[UK Safer internet centre](#)   [Professionals Online Safety Helpline](#)   [Revenge porn helpline](#)   [Protecting young people from online grooming](#)

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