

# Information You Should Know Before Sharing or Receiving Personal Photographs...

## Did you know?

If you take, make, share or possess indecent images and pseudo photographs of people under the age of 18, this is **illegal?**

A pseudo photograph is an image made by computer graphics or otherwise which appears to be a photograph. This can include;

- Photos
- Videos
- Data that can be converted to a photograph

## Different terms and what they mean:

**'Indecent'** can include penetrative and non-penetrative sexual activity

**'Making'** can include opening, accessing, downloading and storing online content

**'Sharing'** includes sending on an email, offering on a file sharing platform, uploading to a site that other people have access to, and possessing with a view to distribute

## It is important that you understand the law and know that:

- Looking at indecent images of under 18's is illegal regardless of how they look
- These images are real children and young people and viewing them causes further harm
- If you stumble across indecent images of children under 18 online, then you must report them to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)  
<https://report.iwf.org.uk/en>

## Support available:

If you have been affected by any of these issues, more information and support can be found at:

- **NSPCC** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>
- **Marie Collins** <https://www.mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk>
- **Internet Watch Foundation** <https://www.iwf.org.uk>
- **Samaritans** <http://www.samaritans.org/>