

The UK Online Safety Bill-key features

● **Status** Introduced into UK Parliament March 2022 | Expected to pass 2023 | Then staged implementation

● **Territorial scope**

Providers of 'regulated services' **in UK**

Providers **based outside UK** where relevant service has 'links' with UK

● **Risk based requirements by category of service**

Cat 1: Highest risk User to User

Cat 2A: Search/combined

Cat 2B: Lower risk User to User

- Duties of care
- Risk Assessment requirements
- Duties related to illegal content
- Assess whether service is likely to be accessed by children
- Proportionate systems and process to protect children and remove illegal content
- Use of proactive technologies and role of age assurance and age verification
- Terms of service, transparency, reporting, record keeping and complaints
- Freedom of expression and privacy duties

● **Scope**

User to User services | Search services | Providers of pornographic content

Some services exempt e.g. email

Circa 25,000 organisations

● **Category 1 Services (including major social media platform) additional requirements, including**

- Empower adult internet users with tools so that they can tailor the type of content they see and can avoid potentially harmful content
- Duties related to fraudulent advertising (Category 2A also subject to fraudulent advertising requirements)
- Further freedom of expression and privacy duties and protections for democratic and journalistic content
- Further duties related to terms of service, proactive technologies

● **Regulator - Ofcom**

Enforcement (including fines and certain senior manager liability)

Codes of Practice