

Cyber Choices

Prevention is the path through cyber

What is Cyber Choices?

- Identifying young people on the cusp of committing cyber crime
 - Education of Computer Misuse Act
 - Diversion to positive pathways
- Management of low level Cyber offenders

Offences under The Computer Misuse Act 1990 include:

Section 1 > Unauthorised access to computer material.

Example: Without them knowing, you watched your friend put their password into their phone. You then used it to gain access to their phone and download their photos.

Max penalty: 2 Years in Prison

Section 2 > Unauthorised access with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences.

Example: Without their permission, you accessed your friend's smartphone, obtaining their bank details, so you could transfer money from their account.

Max penalty: 5 Years in Prison

Section 3 > Unauthorised acts with intent to impair, or with recklessness as to impairing, operation of a computer.

Example: You used a 'booter tool' to knock a friend offline from an online game.

Max penalty: 10 Years in Prison

Section 3ZA > Unauthorised acts causing, or creating risk of, serious damage.

Example: You hacked in to the computer system of a Government Agency and were reckless as to the consequences. National security was undermined.

Max penalty: LIFE in Prison

Section 3A > Making, supplying or obtaining articles for use in another CMA offence.

Example: You download a product to deploy malware to a friend's computer, so you could control it. You don't even get the chance to use it.

Max penalty: 2 Years in Prison

Cyber Choices/ Cyber Prevent REFERRAL FORM

NERSOU Cyber Choices team will accept referrals for Cyber Dependant crime only. Both Cyber Dependant and Cyber Enabled crimes must be recorded in accordance with NCRS, with Cyber Dependant crimes then being referred to NERSOU Cyber Choices.

Once complete email this form to nerccu.preventofficers@durham.police.uk

Please mark the email subject as 'Cyber Prevent Referral'

followed by the name of the referred person.



CYBER-DEPENDENT CRIMES

Crimes that can be committed only through the use of Information and Communications Technology ('ICT') devices, where the devices are both the tool for committing the crime, and the target of the crime (e.g. hacking, preventing the normal function of a computer or network, developing and propagating malware).



CYBER-ENABLED CRIMES

Traditional crimes which can be increased in scale or reach by the use of computers, computer networks or other forms of ICT (such as cyber-enabled fraud, data theft, sharing of indecent images and sexting).

Referred Person Details

Name

Middle Name

Surname

DOB

Contact Details (Referred Person & Guardian if applicable)

Address

Educational Provider

Reason For Referral

(Please List Your Findings Including Any Relevant Intelligence, Identifiers (E.g. Gamer Tags, Email Addresses Etc) And Information That May Assist With Further Research)

Risks Identified

(Mental health, learning difficulties, force warning markers, domestic history, child concerns etc.)

Submit Form

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