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Dear Sarah,

Thank you again for organising my flight and accommodation for my appearance earlier this week at the hearing on the Inquiry into the impacts of harmful pornography. It was great to be able to attend in person.

I am writing with some additional materials for the Committee:

Council of Europe Guidance Note

During the hearing I mentioned a Guidance Note about 'Safeguarding children from the risks of accessing online pornographic content' which I recently wrote for the Council of Europe and said I would share it with the Committee.

The Guidance Note is currently in the layout and design phase, so it is not yet in its final format, but an interim version is available here:



Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF)
THEMATIC GUIDANCE NOTE
Safeguarding children from the risks of accessing online pornographic content

[children@coe.int](#)
www.coe.int/t01/child

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PDF Document · 1.2 MB

School-based 'pornography' education

In response to the various discussions which occurred across the day about school-based education to address pornography's influence, I have attached an article I co-authored with Professor Michael Flood about a 'good practice' framework for addressing pornography's influence in schools.

In one of the morning sessions, the witnesses were asked at what age they thought education about pornography should commence. Professor Flood and I discuss approaches to this in our article, above, but I thought it might also be helpful to share UNESCO's international technical guidance on sexuality education, which includes multiple references to learning outcomes related to pornography/sexually explicit media (and media in general) starting from curriculum for children aged 9-12 years. See for example, pages 57, 60 and 62.

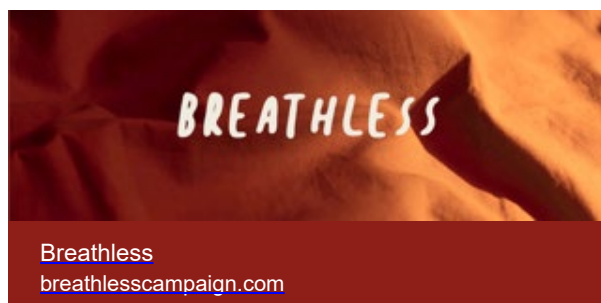
Sexual strangulation

In my conversation after our session with the Chair and the Hon. Susan Carter MP, we discussed the increase in sexual strangulation and pornography's role in this rise and they asked if I could send through some research about this area. There is quite a lot of emerging research on these issues. I have attached some of particular relevance to our discussion:

- A study of 18-35 year old Australians which found that over half have experienced sexual strangulation and pornography was the most common source of information about sexual strangulation.
- A US study discussing pornography's connection to the increase in sexual strangulation.
- Three papers from a US study comparing the brains of women who have never been strangled with those who have been strangled frequently and recently.

I am very happy to forward more on request.

Additional information about sexual strangulation - and excerpts from our interviews on the issues with young people and experts (including the experts who led the US research above) - can also be found on the website for a campaign *It's time we talked* developed in response to the rise in sexual strangulation:



Resources to support efforts to prevent pornography's harms to children and young people

It's time we talked has developed a suite of resources to support the adults in children and young people's lives to prevent pornography's harms to them - including education resource packages and professional learning. For more information, see:



Please let me know if there is anything else I can assist with.

I will also forward you a copy of the receipts from my trip. Is there a form I need to complete for that claim?

Kind regards,
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