

# Online Safety Bill

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**After Clause 29**

LORD KNIGHT OF WEYMOUTH

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Duty to promote users’ media literacy and safe use of the service**

- (1) This section sets out the duties to promote media literacy and the safe use of the service which apply in relation to Category 1 services and Category 2A services.
- (2) A duty to put in place measures designed to provide users with an awareness and understanding of—
  - (a) the nature and characteristics of the content that may be encountered on the service,
  - (b) the potential impact that such content may have on persons that encounter it,
  - (c) the design and operation of the service, including how content is selected or recommended to users of the service,
  - (d) the functionality of the service (including how that functionality may reduce or increase the impact referred to in paragraph (b)), and
  - (e) how a user of the service may—
    - (i) establish the reliability and accuracy of content encountered on the service,
    - (ii) locate accurate and impartial information from authoritative sources (on the service or elsewhere),
    - (iii) protect their personal information, and
    - (iv) control what content they receive and share.
- (3) A duty to ensure that the measures mentioned in subsection (2) are promoted to both new and existing users of the service.
- (4) A duty to regularly evaluate the effectiveness of such measures.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would insert a new duty on Category 1 and Category 2A services requiring them to put in place measures to promote the media literacy of users so that they can use the service safely.*

**Clause 36**

LORD KNIGHT OF WEYMOUTH

Page 36, line 42, at end insert –

“(4A) OFCOM must prepare and issue a code of practice for providers of Part 3 services describing measures recommended for the purpose of compliance with duties set out in section (*Duty to promote users’ media literacy and safe use of the service*).”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require Ofcom to produce a code of practice to help platforms comply with the new requirement to promote media literacy to be inserted by the separate amendment to insert a new Duty to promote users’ media literacy and safe use of the service.*

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