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Legal Requirements and Standards for Websites

The content and any applications and software on your site is your **sole** responsibility. The University reserves the right to **remove material** which breaches copyright, is offensive, obscene, defamatory, inaccurate, or otherwise brings the University into disrepute.

The University will take immediate action if problems of this nature are brought to its attention.

The Web Infrastructure team reserve the right to remove any site which may pose a risk to the security of the University's servers or any information held on them.

Your rights and responsibilities when using the University's web publishing services are defined by the following:

- **UK Law:**
 - [Data Protection](#)
 - [Freedom of Information](#)
 - [Accessibility](#)
 - [Defamation, Discrimination, Obscenity and Terrorism](#)
- **University Policy:**
 - [Accessibility and Usability](#)
 - [Server Security](#)
- **JANET/UKERNA Conditions of Use:**
 - [Advertising, Misuse of the National Network](#)

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UK Law applicable to website content.

The following legislation relates to content published on websites:

- The Obscene Publications Acts, as amended by the [Criminal Justice and Public Order Acts 1994](#), under which it is a criminal offence to publish an article whose effect, taken as a whole, would tend to deprave or corrupt those likely to read, see or hear it.
- The Protection of Children Act, as amended by the [Criminal Justice and Public Order Acts 1994](#), particularly in relation to indecent images of a child;
- The Telecommunications Act, as amended by the [Criminal Justice and Public Order Acts 1994](#), particularly in relation to the transmission of grossly obscene or offensive messages and messages designed to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety. Also regarding fraudulent use of a telecommunications system;
- [The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988](#), particularly in copying programmes or data, publishing works of art or performances of music and/or video images;
- The Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and Race Relations Act 1997, in relation to publishing or receiving material which is discriminatory or encourages unlawful discrimination;
- The [Protection from Harassment Act 1997](#), in relation to unlawful harassment, including the use of electronic media such as e-mail;
- The [Terrorism Act 2006](#)
- Laws of Defamation, in relation to any statement, comment or innuendo about another individual or organisation which cannot be justified.

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