

# Manchester man who distributed child pornography jailed for longer

News story

Haitch Macklin has had his sentence increased at the Court of Appeal following intervention by the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.



A man from Manchester who owned and distributed a large number of horrific sexual images of children has had his sentence increased, following intervention by the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP.

Haitch Macklin, 38, was found to be in possession of over 2,000 indecent images of children, after police searched his home in April 2018. After being released under investigation, the offender continued to engage in illegal activity.

He offered to others a streaming service to access child pornographic images, telling undercover police officers that the indecent content was of babies, girls, and boys, all under the age of 10. He was promptly re-arrested.

On 15 April 2020 Macklin was originally sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment for possessing and distributing child pornography at Manchester Crown Court. Following the Solicitor General's intervention under the Unduly Lenient Sentence Scheme, the Court of Appeal today increased his sentence to 4 years' imprisonment.

Speaking after the hearing, the Solicitor General, the Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP said:

"The extent of Haitch Macklin's involvement in this grossly abhorrent distribution of child pornography is sickening. I am pleased that the Court has found his sentence to be unduly lenient and decided to increase it."

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