

# The Government are passing the buck when it comes to keeping people safe online – Haigh

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**Haigh, Labour's Shadow Minister for the Digital Economy**, commenting on the Government's announcement on a new internet safety strategy, said:

"The Government are passing the buck when it comes to keeping people safe online."

"The Digital Economy Bill – passing through Parliament – didn't make a single mention of online abuse or education; they have failed to live up to their own benchmarks through the UK Council for Child Internet Safety and have failed to introduce their long-promised mandatory codes of practice for social media providers."

"With online bullying on the rise Ministers don't need to hold another summit; they need to take concrete action. That's why Labour has called for statutory online education to be introduced so children can make informed decisions online and ask questions in a safe environment; for the introduction of mandatory codes of practice for social media providers to prevent abuse; and for the Government to stop the neglect of child mental health services."