



OMEGLE

Essex Police have been made us aware of a website called OMEGLE.COM which allows users to log in to web cam chats and chat groups without having to register.



Incidents involving young children being coerced into exposing themselves online and children being exposed to adults, engaging in sexual activity, has been reported to the police.

The description given by the website:

Omegle is a free online chat website that allows users to socialize with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the names "You" and "Stranger" or "Stranger 1" and "Stranger 2" in the case of Spy mode.

This means that this website could be accessed by anyone with any intention without personal information needing to be handed over. The website is not based in the UK meaning that any young persons who log on are likely to be talking to persons from all over the world.

This website can be easily accessed by anyone and maybe a trend amongst young persons.

Please be vigilant and ensure that the correct safeguards and precautions are being taken. With the correct safety settings on your home Wi-Fi and parental controls the website can easily be blocked. If you are unsure how to do this then, if find this app on your child's phone as part of your regular checks, we recommend you delete the app to ensure their safety.