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## Ofcom Investigates Suicide Site Exposed by BBC – Probe Launched

### Description

A website is being investigated by UK's online regulator for its harmful content. It is linked to many deaths in the UK and now faces fines or court action.

Vlad Nikolin-Caisley, a 17-year-old from Southampton, died after being influenced to end his life by the website.

The website provides instructions on how to use toxic chemicals for suicide, with several deaths connected to it.

The Online Safety Act gives authorities powers to take action against such harmful websites, but obstacles like anonymity and overseas hosting make enforcement challenging.

Victims' families are advocating for the website to be shut down to prevent further tragedies.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Regulator** /'rɛg.jʊ.leɪ.tər/ (noun): An official body responsible for supervising a particular industry or activity.
2. **Harmful** /'hɑ:rm.fəl/ (adjective): Causing or likely to cause harm.
3. **Influenced** /'ɪn.flu.ənst/ (verb): Affected someone's decision behavior or opinions.
4. **Instructions** /ɪn'strʌk.tʃənz/ (noun): Detailed information on how to do something.
5. **Obstacles** /'ɔ:b.stə.kəlz/ (noun): Things that prevent or hinder progress.
6. **Advocating** /'æd.və.keɪ.tɪŋ/ (verb): Publicly supporting or recommending a particular cause or policy.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Which two authors are credited in the text?

Option: Tony Smith and Angus Crawford

Option: Mark Johnson and Sarah Thompson

Option: Emily White and David Brown

Option: Sophie Wilson and James Miller



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2. What is the main reason for Joe Nihill taking his own life according to the text?

Option: Learning dangerous information on a website

Option: Financial difficulties

Option: Health issues

Option: Family problems

3. Which UK regulator is investigating the harmful website mentioned in the text?

Option: Online Safety Act Authority

Option: Internet Safety Board

Option: UK Online Regulator

Option: Digital Harm Prevention Unit

4. What kind of content is the website being investigated for?

Option: Harmful

Option: Promoting positivity

Option: Educational

Option: Entertainment

5. How did Vlad Nikolin-Caisley tragically pass away?

Option: Being influenced to end his life by the website

Option: Natural causes

Option: Accident

Option: Illness

6. What action do victims' families want to be taken against the website?

Option: Shut it down to prevent more tragedies

Option: Increase its visibility

Option: Promote it further

Option: Provide funding

### True-False

7. The Online Safety Act makes it easy to take action against harmful websites.

8. The website mentioned in the text is only linked to one death.

9. Enforcement against harmful websites is made difficult due to obstacles like anonymity and overseas hosting.



10. Vlad Nikolin-Caisley was from London.
11. The harmful website provides instructions on how to use safe chemicals.
12. Joe Nihill took his life after being influenced by a positive website.

### Gap-Fill

14. The Online Safety Act gives authorities powers to take action against such harmful websites, but obstacles like anonymity and overseas hosting make enforcement \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Vlad Nikolin-Caisley, a \_\_\_\_\_ from Southampton, died after being influenced to end his life by the website.
16. Victims' families are advocating for the website to be shut down to prevent further \_\_\_\_\_.
17. If you need support regarding these issues, visit the BBC Actionline \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Joe Nihill took his own life after learning dangerous information on a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Tony Smith and Angus Crawford 2. Learning dangerous information on a website 3. UK Online Regulator 4. Harmful 5. Being influenced to end his life by the website 6. Shut it down to prevent more tragedies

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 14. challenging 15. 17-year-old 16. tragedies 17. website

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the term used for a person officially charged with a crime?  
Option: Defendant



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- Option: Plaintiff  
Option: Witness  
Option: Judge
2. What is a conclusion reached after considering facts and evidence in a certain matter?  
Option: Chance  
Option: Guess  
Option: Opinion  
Option: Verdict
3. What is a general term for a decline in mental ability?  
Option: Memory  
Option: Concentration  
Option: Intelligence  
Option: Cognition
4. Which term describes a medical condition characterized by excessive body fat?  
Option: Anorexia  
Option: Malnutrition  
Option: Obesity  
Option: Sarcopenia
5. What is the term for a person who exposes misconduct alleged dishonest or illegal activity occurring within an organization?  
Option: Collaborator  
Option: Conspirator  
Option: Whistleblower  
Option: Instigator
6. What is the principle of moral rightness based on ethics rationality law natural law religion fairness and equity?  
Option: Vengeance  
Option: Bribery  
Option: Justice  
Option: Corruption
7. What is the act of finding or learning something for the first time?  
Option: Concealment  
Option: Obscurity  
Option: Discovery  
Option: Secrecy
8. What is the term for claiming or asserting that something is the case typically without providing evidence



or proof?

- Option: Proving
- Option: Admitting
- Option: Alleging
- Option: Confessing

9. What is the term for publicly supporting or recommending a particular cause or policy?

- Option: Deterring
- Option: Advocating
- Option: Obstructing
- Option: Rejecting

10. What is the arrangement of words and phrases to create well-formed sentences in a language?

- Option: Context
- Option: Lexicon
- Option: Grammar
- Option: Syntax

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. In computer science a set of instructions that performs a specific task is called a

\_\_\_\_\_.

12. If a person disagrees with a court decision they may file an \_\_\_\_\_ to have the decision reviewed.

13. Prescribed drugs or substances used for medical treatment are commonly referred to as

\_\_\_\_\_.

14. A government agency or body responsible for controlling and supervising a particular area of activity is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

15. Challenges or hindrances that impede progress or achievement are often called

\_\_\_\_\_.



16. The process of sharing or exchanging information through speech writing or other mediums is known as \_\_\_\_\_ .

17. The evidence presented strongly \_\_\_\_\_ that the suspect was at the scene of the crime.

18. The gradual development or advancement of something over time is often referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ .

19. To inspire motivate or support someone to do something positive is to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

20. Her upbringing greatly \_\_\_\_\_ her beliefs and values as an adult.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The act of secretly obtaining information considered confidential or classified is known as espionage or .
22. He pursued his goals never backing down from a challenge.
23. The therapist focused on improving the patient's functions through various exercises.
24. Sitting for prolonged periods without movement can lead to health issues caused by .
25. Making false and damaging statements about someone's reputation is considered .
26. Her for the environment led her to become an active conservationist.
27. The legal proceeding where the guilt or innocence of a defendant is determined is called a .
28. Exposure to certain chemicals can have effects on the human body.
29. Before using the new device make sure to read the manual carefully.
30. The organization is dedicated to for the rights of marginalized communities.



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## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Defendant 2. Verdict 3. Cognition 4. Obesity 5. Whistleblower 6. Justice 7. Discovery  
8. Alleging 9. Advocating 10. Syntax

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Program 12. Appeal 13. Medications 14. Regulator 15. Obstacles 16. Communicate 17.  
Suggests 18. Evolution 19. Encourage 20. Influenced

**Matching sentence:** 1. Spying 2. Aggressively 3. Cognitive 4. Inactivity 5. Defamation 6. Concerns 7. Trial  
8. Harmful 9. Instructions 10. Advocating

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