

## **Video Games Classification Consultation Response – Public**

I was disgusted at the Odeon cinema having a video game in the foyer (in hull) that was clearly for over 18's. When I complained I was told that 'it is up to parents to stop children playing it. However images could be clearly seen by very young children passing the machine - I would like to see tighter controls on this kind of imagery as a children's centre teacher I understand the impact of these images. Images like this go against the framework of 'every child matters'. ECM should apply across all areas - not just in government settings. I would welcome strict guidance on game classification and heavy penalties for those who break the rules. Also the classification should be raised from 18 to at least 21. I have known many young men (who are still very impressionable at this age) who are parents themselves and do not understand the harm these images can have on young children.