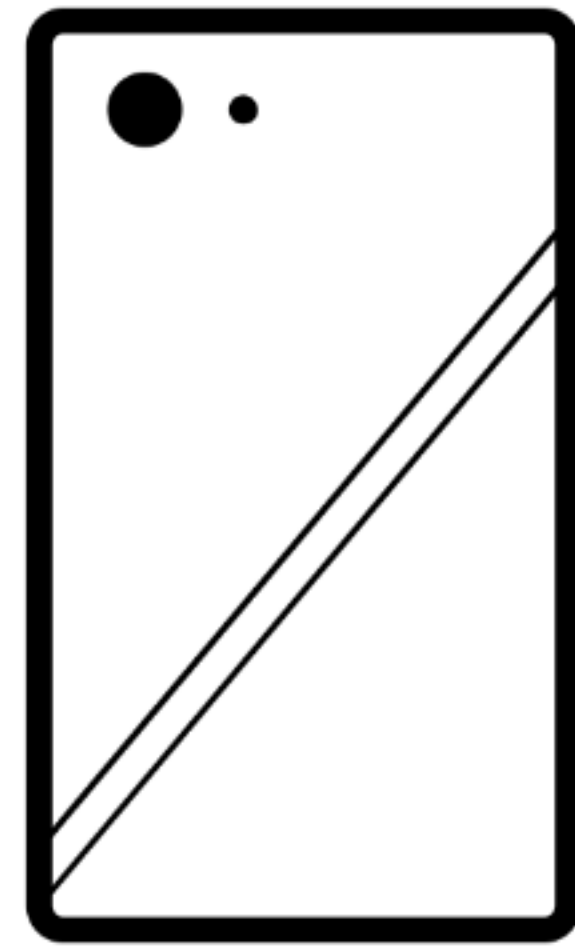




#ChildAbuseInTheDigitalAge

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- 65% of 8 to 11 year olds in the UK own a smartphone
- 91% of UK children live in a household with access to the internet



- 44,112 secondary school pupils have been found to be sexting
- More than 1 in 10 of cases involved a non-school adult



Sexting was the most viewed ChildLine Explore page in 2014/15



A ChildLine survey of 13-18 year olds showed that:

- 60% had received requests to share sexual images or videos of themselves
- 40% had created an image or video of themselves



In 2015, it became illegal in England, Wales and Northern Ireland for an adult to send a sexual message to a child

- It has been an offence to groom a child since 2003
- In 2004, it became illegal to incite a child to engage in sexual activity