

Pornography Quiz		TRUE	FALSE	NOT SURE
1	Everyone watches Porn			
2	It is possible to become addicted to porn			
3	Most common Google search term is 'sex'			
4	The average age to first see pornography is 16 years old			
5	A 15 year old boy buying a pornography magazine in WH Smith is legal			
6	A 16 year old posing for pornographic picture or being filmed is illegal			
7	Gay' porn is more likely to be classed as illegal than 'straight' porn			
8	Owning pornography showing adults engaging in 'extreme' sexual activity is illegal			

Answers:

- 1. Everybody watches Porn: FALSE** Not everyone is watching porn, even if a lot of people say they are. It's OK to not want to watch it. It's definitely not something people have to do or feel pressured to do.
- 2. It is possible to become addicted to porn TRUE** often people become obsessed and can it can then become an addiction, there are support services available
- 3. Most common Google search term is 'sex' TRUE** There are 70 million hits a day for adult related key words, 40 billions page hits per month for popular sites such as 'porn tube' and 'red tube' (Juniper Analyst Research 2009)
- 4. The average age to first see pornography is 16 years old FALSE** The average age to first see pornography is 11-12 years old (YouGov 2008)
- 5. A 15 year old boy buying a pornography magazine in WH Smith is legal TRUE** There is no law around buying pornographic magazines; they do not have classifications on them. WH Smith and other larger retailers may have a policy around not selling them to an under 18 year old but there is no legal requirement for them to do so. There are differences between magazines sold on shop shelves and those in licensed sex shops. Generally the ones in sex shops will be more explicit.
- 6. A 16 year old posing for pornographic picture or being filmed is illegal TRUE** The Sexual Offences Act 2003 raised the age of people to legally be filmed or photographed to 18.
- 7. Gay' porn is more likely to be classed as illegal than 'straight' porn FALSE** The type of pornography should not make a difference to its legality. However, in court cases jury's are sometimes asked to comment on whether they think an image would 'deprave or corrupt' someone and there is a possibility that people would be likely to find gay porn more explicit because they have not seen it before or they find it more offensive. In addition activities such as fisting ARE illegal and this activity is more often (but not solely) portrayed in gay porn.
- 8. Owning pornography showing adults engaging in 'extreme' sexual activity is illegal TRUE** from January 2009. A change has been through the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 which makes it a new offence to possess extreme pornographic images. An extreme act is defined as being one that threatens a person's life, which results or is likely to result in serious injury to a person's anus, breasts or genitals.