

Beyond The Gaze Customer Survey

Project Information & Consent

1. This survey is part of a wider research project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council between the University of Leicester and the University of Strathclyde. The project, Beyond the Gaze (www.beyond-the-gaze.com) explores how the internet has affected the sex industry. Your contribution is most welcome. Your results are anonymous and no identifying features are collected. Do you wish to participate in the survey?

Yes

No

How do you use technology ?

2. Where do you look/search for commercial sexual services online? (tick all that apply)

- Internet escort directories
- Independent sex worker websites
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Blogs
- Client review sites
- Webcamming sites
- Other

2.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

3. Which commercial sexual services do you use/organise via the internet? (tick all that apply)

- In-person services (e.g. escorting, erotic massage, BDSM)
- Webcamming
- Phone chat
- Instant message
- Other

3.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

4. How often do you use the internet to explore commercial sexual services?

- Several times a day
- Once a day
- Several times a week
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Every few months
- Once a year
- Less than once a year

5. Over what period of time have you used the internet for commercial sexual services?

- Less than months
- 1-2 months
- 2-6 months
- 6-12 months
- 1-2 years
- 2-5 years
- 5+ years

6. What devices do you use to access the internet for commercial sexual

services? (tick all that apply)

- Tablet (e.g. Ipad)
- Smartphone
- Desktop
- Laptop
- Other, please specify

7. When you first looked for commercial sex online what search terms did you use?

8. How do you navigate (or filter) the results of your search? (tick all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geographic location | <input type="checkbox"/> Availability | <input type="checkbox"/> Price |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Services on offer | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical characteristics | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustworthiness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discrete location | <input type="checkbox"/> Review write up | <input type="checkbox"/> Random choice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of website | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual health information | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Featured advert on profile | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

8.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

9. Which of the following sites do you use to look for commercial sexual services online? (tick all that apply)

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AdultWork | <input type="checkbox"/> Viva Street | <input type="checkbox"/> UK Adult Zone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepyboy | <input type="checkbox"/> Gaydar | <input type="checkbox"/> RentMen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BirchPlace | <input type="checkbox"/> Locanto | <input type="checkbox"/> Craigslist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gumtree | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpage | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaturbate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My Free Cams | <input type="checkbox"/> Streamate | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

9.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

10. Do you have a preferred site or sites that you use frequently?

- Yes No

10.a. If you answered yes, please specify which one(s)?

11. Which method of communication do you use when you enter into negotiations with a sex worker to make an appointment? (tick all that apply)

- Email
- Phone call
- Text message
- Skype call
- Personal messaging through an app
- Other

11.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

12. Would you buy sex from other sectors (e.g. brothel/street) if you didn't have access to the internet?

- Yes No

13. Do you read client reviews of sex workers?

- Yes No

13.a. If Yes, how useful do you find these?

- Essential, I wouldn't book an escort who hadn't been reviewed
- Very useful

- Somewhat useful
- Not useful

14. Have you ever written a review of an encounter?

- Yes
- No

14.a. If yes, how many reviews have you written?

- 0 - 2
- 3 - 5
- 6 - 10
- 11- 20
- 21 -30
- 31+

14.b. If Yes, what sort of information do you put in reviews?

15. Do you have any particular concerns about reviews or review sites?

- Yes
- No

15.a. If yes, what are your concerns?

16. Are you an active member of customer forums?

Yes

No

16.a. If yes, which ones?

Purchasing sex history

17. Approximately how often do you pay for sexual services?

- I have only paid for sex once/a few times
- A few times a year
- Once or twice a month
- Several times a month
- Every week
- Several times a week

18. Which sexual services do you usually purchase? (tick all that apply)

- Oral
- Masturbation
- Vaginal sex
- Anal sex
- GFE (girlfriend experience) or BFE (boyfriend experience)
- Porn movies
- Webcam service
- Phone chat
- Instant messaging
- Chem sex sessions
- Porn star experience
- BDSM (bondage, discipline, sado-masochism)
- Role play
- Three way
- Group sex
- Financial domination
- Erotic/sensual massage

- Stripping
- Rimming
- Tantric services
- Adult baby
- CBT (Cock and Ball Torture)
- Leather
- Watersports
- PVC/Rubber
- Aggressive sex
- Fetish
- Other

18.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

19. Have you ever purchased sex from places other than the internet? (tick all that apply)

- No, only ever used internet
- Parlours/saunas
- Walk-up flats (London)
- On the street
- In bars and clubs
- Other

19.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

20. Who do you normally buy sexual services from? (tick all that apply)

- Man
- Woman
- Transgender man
- Transgender woman
- Other

20.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

21. On average how much do you spend a month on buying sex?

- £1- 50
- £51-100
- £101-150
- £151-200
- £201-250
- £251-300
- £301-350
- £351-400
- £401-450
- £451-500

£501+

22. How old were you when you first purchased sexual services?

- Under 18
- 18 - 20
- 21 - 25
- 26 - 30
- 31 - 35
- 36 - 40
- 41 - 45
- 46 - 50
- 51 - 55
- 56 - 60
- over 60

23. Where have you purchased sex, including camming services? (tick all that apply)

- UK
- Elsewhere in Europe
- Elsewhere in the world

23.a. If you have purchased sex outside of the UK please list the countries.

24. How long do you think you will continue to buy sexual services?

- I have stopped and do not plan to start again
- I have stopped temporarily
- I will continue to buy for the next few months
- I will continue to buy for the next year
- I will continue to buy for the next few years
- I will continue to buy for the foreseeable future
- I will continue to buy indefinitely
- Don't know

Relationships with sex workers

25. When you pay for sexual services do you see the same person regularly or do you see different people?

- I always go to the same person
- I have one regular sex worker but sometimes I see others
- I try to see the same person but if it doesn't work out I see someone else
- I see different people
- I have only paid for sex a few times

25.a. If you mostly go to the same person, how long have you purchased from one individual for?

- 1-2 months
- 3-4 months
- 5-6 months
- 7-12 months
- Between 1 and 2 years
- Over 2 years but not more than 5 years
- Over 5 years

26. Do you talk to sex workers about your personal life (e.g your work/family/relationships)?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

27. How important to you is it to know about the sex worker's real life and identity?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

28. To what extent do you believe sex workers are acting and performing a role in their interactions with you?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

29. Do you believe that sex workers receive sexual pleasure in their interactions with you?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

Your Identity Online

30. Are you concerned about using your real name in online interactions with sex workers?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

31. Do you have a separate email account for commercial sex purposes?

- Yes
- No

32. Do you use social media to make contact with sex workers?

- Yes
- No

32.a. If yes, then do you create a separate social media profile?

- Yes
- No

33. Have you ever experienced any scams or crimes when using technologies to purchase sexual services?

- Yes
- No

33.a. If yes, please describe.

34. How do you usually pay for services?

- Cash
- Cheque
- Credit card
- Paypal
- Bitcoin
- Other

34.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

35. Do you ever pay a fee to a third party (e.g. escort agency or webcamming platform) for organising the service?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes
- Don't know

36. Do you take any precautions around your financial security when buying commercial sexual services online?

Yes

No

36.a. If yes, what are they?

The Law

37. Are you concerned with the legalities of looking for and arranging sex online?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes
- Not sure

38. Are you concerned with the legalities of purchasing sexual services from a sex worker in person?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes
- Not sure

39. Would you change your behaviour if a law was introduced that made it a crime to pay for sex?

- Definitely
- Probably
- Possibly
- Probably not
- Definitely not
- Not sure

40. Have you ever encountered what you consider conditions of exploitation for sex workers?

- Several times
- A few times
- Rarely
- Once
- Never

40.a. If you have encountered exploitation what was this and what did you do?

41. What do you think the law should be on commercial sexual services?

Web camming

42. Do you ever watch live webcams? If no then skip to section 8

Yes

No

Camming customers

43. Is camming the only type of sexual service you have ever purchased?

- Yes No

44. How much do you spend on camming monthly?

- £1 - £10
 £11- £20
 £21 - £30
 £31 - £40
 £41 - £50
 £50 - £100
 £100 - £200
 £200+
 I only watch free shows

45. Do you consider camming an alternative to watching pornographic movies?

- Yes
 No
 Sometimes
 Not applicable

46. What are you looking for when you decide to buy cam services? (tick all

that apply)

- Sexual act preferences
- Physical appearance
- Fetishes
- Instant availability
- Something new
- A regular model
- Someone I can relax with and puts me at ease
- Someone I can talk to
- Other

46.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

47. Do you prefer to watch public shows or private shows when you can?

- Public
- Private
- I like both

48. If you watch public shows do you tip?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely

- Never
- I don't watch public shows

49. In private shows do you ever go on cam with the model?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
- I don't do private shows

49.a. If you do go on cam do you ever reveal your face?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

50. How often do you choose a cammer who shows their face?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

51. Do you have favourite cam models that you frequently buy services from or do you cam regularly with different models?

- I always cam with the same models
- I usually cam with the same models but occasionally try others
- I have some favourite models but regularly cam with others
- I always cam with different models

52. Can camming be intimate?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

52.a. If you answered yes or sometimes, then please describe how you experience intimacy?

53. Do you masturbate when you watch cam services?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

54. What are your preferred web platforms for camming and why?



About You

55. What is your age?

- 18 - 24
- 25 - 30
- 31- 35
- 35 - 40
- 41 - 45
- 46 - 50
- 51 - 55
- 56 - 60
- 61 - 65
- 66 - 70
- 71+

56. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender female - male
- Transgender male - female
- Non-binary
- Other
- Prefer not to say

57. What is your sexual orientation?

- Heterosexual

- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Other
- Prefer not to say

58. What is your marital status?

- Single
- Married
- Civil partnership
- Co-habiting
- Living apart together?
- Widowed
- Separated
- Divorced
- Prefer not to say

59. What is your ethnicity?

- White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- White Irish
- White Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- White Western European
- White Eastern European
- Any other White background
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African

- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background
- Black/Black British
- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background
- Arab
- Prefer not to say
- Other

59.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

60. What is your highest educational qualification?

- Higher/postgraduate degree, vocational level 5/equivalents
- University/CNAA first degree, vocational level 4/equivalents
- Diploma/professional qualifications
- A levels, vocational level 3 and equivalents
- GCSE/O Level grade A*-C, vocational level 2 and equivalents
- Qualifications at level 1 and below
- Other qualifications: level unknown (including foreign qualifications)

- No qualifications
- Prefer not to say

61. Do you financially support any dependents?

- Yes
- No

62. What is your annual personal income before tax ?

- Less than £5000
- £5000-£10,000
- £11,000- £20,000
- £21,000-30,000
- £31,000-40,000
- £41,000-50,000
- £51,000-60,000
- £61,000-70,000
- over £70,000
- don't know
- rather not say

63. Where do you live?

- Scotland
- Northern Ireland
- Wales

- North East England
- North West England
- Yorkshire and Humber
- South East England
- South West England
- Greater London
- Eastern Region
- West Midlands
- East Midlands
- Other
- Prefer not to say
- Outside the UK

Interested in being interviewed?

64. We are conducting qualitative interviews in order to explore the survey results further. If you are interested in sparing half an hour of your time then please either leave your email address here (it will be confidential and only seen by the team researchers) or contact Professor Teela Sanders on tlms1@leicester.ac.uk

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