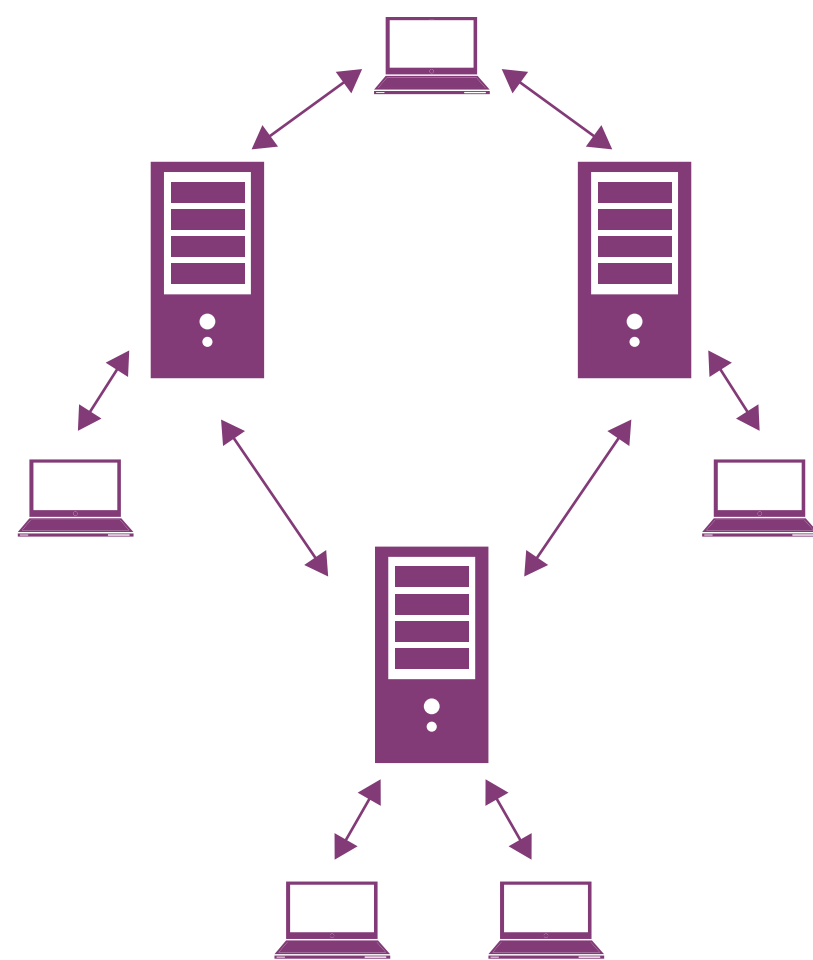
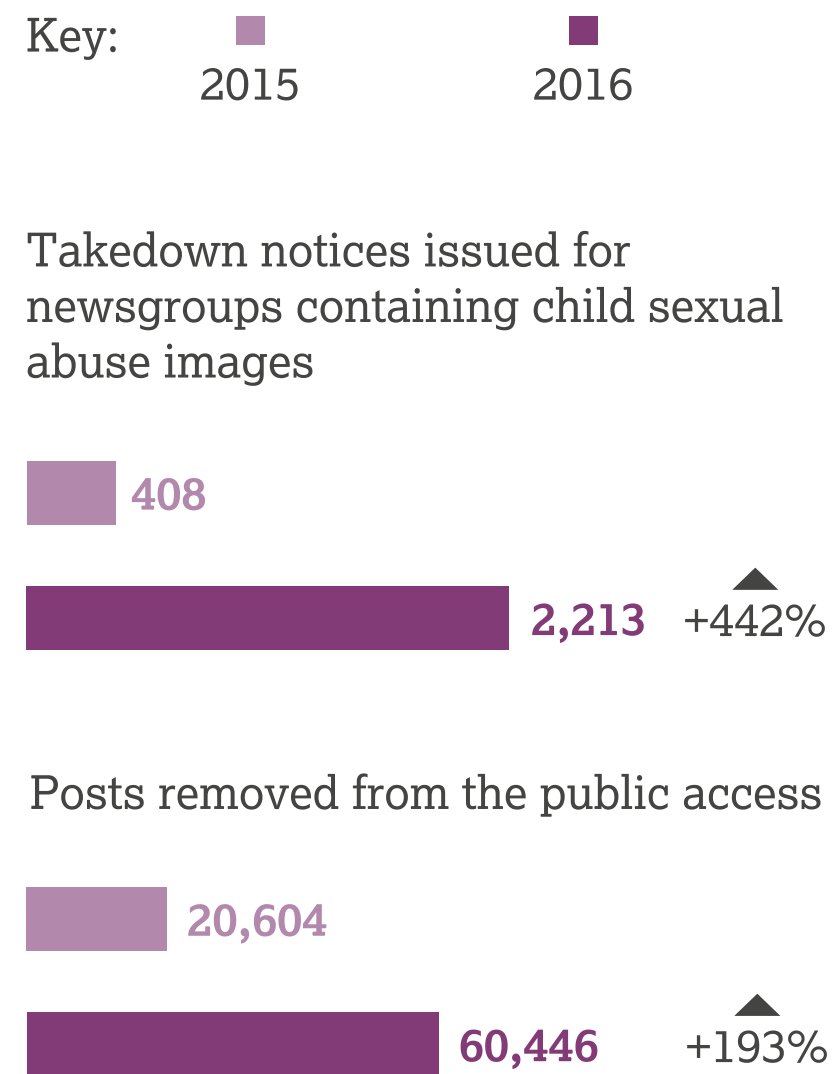


# Newsgroups

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A Newsgroup is an internet discussion group dedicated to a specific subject. Users make posts to a newsgroup and others can see them and comment. Also sometimes called 'Usenet', newsgroups were the original online forums and a precursor to the World Wide Web.

Our Hotline team monitors the content of newsgroups and issues takedown notices for individual postings of child sexual abuse imagery. We also provide a Newsgroup Alert to Members, which is a notification of child sexual abuse content hosted on newsgroup services so they can be removed.

We are one of only a handful of hotlines in the world that processes reports on newsgroups.

We actively search for child sexual abuse images in newsgroups.

Throughout 2016, we monitored and reviewed newsgroups and issued takedown notices.

- **629 reports of child sexual abuse images hosted within newsgroups were made to us.**
- **2,213 takedown notices were issued for newsgroups containing child sexual abuse images (408 in 2015). That is an increase of 442%. One takedown notice can contain details of several newsgroup postings.**
- **60,466 posts were removed from public access. 193% increase on 2015 figure of 20,604.**
- **After monitoring newsgroups, we recommended our Members don't carry 305 newsgroups containing child sexual abuse images and videos.**