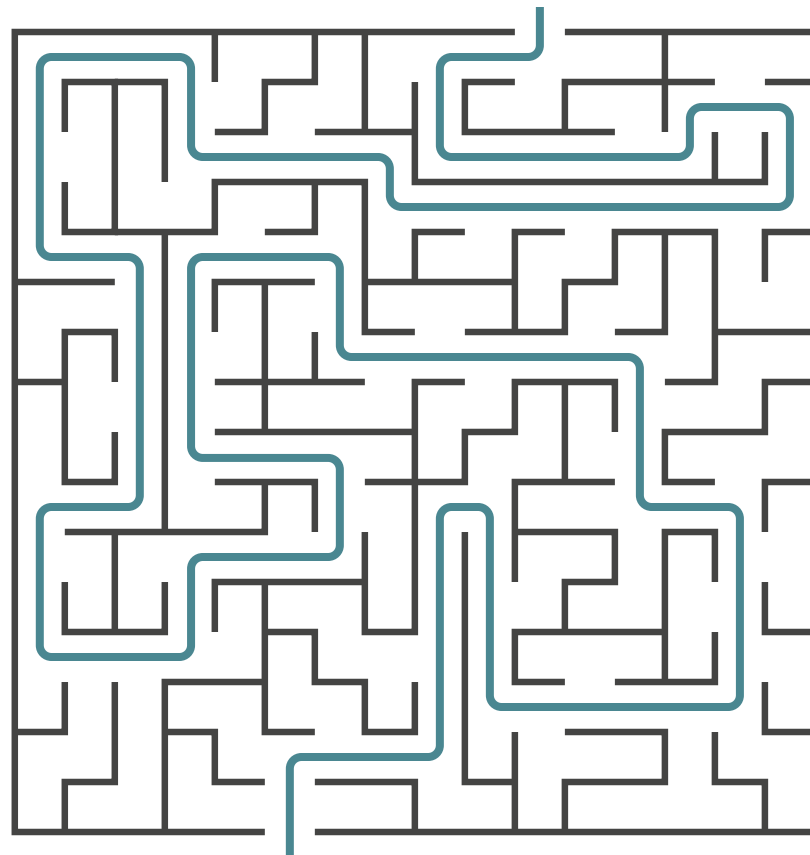


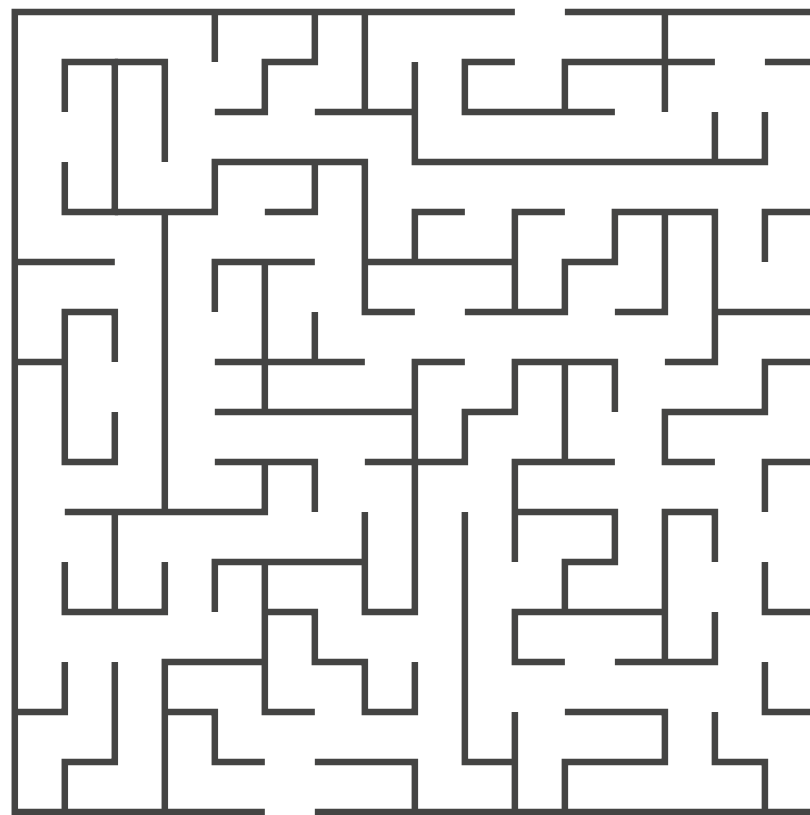
## Disguised websites



Since 2011, we've been monitoring commercial child sexual abuse websites which only display child sexual abuse imagery when accessed by a "digital pathway" of links from other websites. When the pathway is not followed or the website is accessed directly through a browser, legal content is displayed. This means it's more difficult to find and investigate the illegal imagery.

When we first identified this technique, we developed a way of revealing the illegal imagery, meaning we could remove it, and the websites could be investigated. But the criminals continually change how they hide the illegal imagery, so we adapt in response.

• **In 2016, we've uncovered 1,572 websites using this method to hide child sexual abuse imagery, an increase of 112% on the 743 disguised websites identified in 2015.**



Disguised websites are a significant and increasing problem. By sharing our expertise in uncovering these websites with our sister hotlines and law enforcement worldwide, we help disrupt the operation of commercial child sexual abuse websites.

See how we helped our colleagues in the **Cayman Islands** when they discovered disguised websites.