



News Report

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Airport Peep show body-scanners to peep no more

The decision of Manchester Airport to trial new full-body scanners which essentially create a naked picture of air-travellers has been overturned, and legal advice has been given to executives at Manchester Airport recommending that they discontinue trialling the scanners, particularly with reference to the use of the devices on minors, which could be a breach of child protection legislation. Similar cases were taken in 2005 and 2006 by the group *Action on Rights for Children* which resulted in the banning of the use of body scanners on under 18s.

Speaking from Strasbourg today, Mr Bradbourn said:

“Having just addressed the European Parliament in Strasbourg, I have called upon the European Commission to immediately impose a Europe wide ban and to seek a worldwide ban on these airport peep-shows on the grounds that they are an unnecessary invasion of privacy and individual civil liberties, which must be protected. I will not have my constituents-nor their children- subjected to this degrading and indecent treatment in EU airports.

Now that the whole existence of these machines has been compromised by the legal advice that their use may breach child protection laws, it is now time that the European Commission ruled that the use of these scanners should not be allowed. My constituents travelling anywhere in the EU should not be subject to this treatment and I am also calling on the Commission to seek a worldwide ban on such technology in order to protect all British and other European citizens when they are travelling worldwide.”

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