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I don't know if my point of view means much to anyone, since I do not live in the U.K. But I have these observations, and they are things you need to consider concerning a ban on media boxes that have fully loaded software.

1. First, if customers only buy an android media box, they can still download the Kodi software for free, since it is open source. More importantly, they can always download any of the software available to Kodi because it is also open source....and where does it come from? Some of the software comes from foreign countries. So...even if you make that software illegal, SOMEONE will have it and someone will make it available to Kodi users.
2. Kodi can be downloaded to a PC, an Apple computer, a tablet, or a smartphone. You will have no power to ban the Kodi software. It will always be available. Anyone can create a blank media box where Kodi can be manually installed.
3. Kodi users can purchase a VPN which will prevent ISPs from knowing where their software is being downloaded. Do you want to make VPNs illegal as well?
4. There are millions, if not billions, of Kodi users all over the world, not just in the UK.
5. Kodi uses software to "scrape" (receive) movies and TV shows that are already on the internet. There are lots of Internet sites not originating in the UK that Kodi users can access as a result. Can you possibly control THEM?
6. The Kodi "Pandora box" has already been let out. There are so many million all over the world there that no government could possibly put a stop to all of the piracy that is going on, and there could be a major backlash if you do. Have you ever tried to rid the Sahara desert of all of its sand? That would be much easier than banning Kodi. It will never be totally extinguished. You can put some controls on some aspects of this problem....but every place that you plug a hole will cause five additional holes to form. Unless you want to use Gestapo-like tactics or Chinese communist style edicts. And as stated previously...you can make "fully loaded" Kodi boxes illegal.....but a user can easily load Kodi with whatever he wants on it. Unless you plan on banning the boxes....In which case users will download it to their computers and they can still connect their computers to their televisions.
7. I would encourage your government to focus on violent crimes, murders, and rapes instead of wasting so much time, energy, and money on something that will go absolutely nowhere.