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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 5

#### RESTRICTIONS ON DISCLOSING INFORMATION

##### *Offence of disclosing information*

- 2 (1) A person commits an offence if the person discloses information to which this Schedule applies.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) is subject to paragraphs 3 to 5.
- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (1) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for not more than 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both), or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for not more than two years or to a fine (or both).
- [<sup>F1</sup>(3A) In the application of this paragraph in England and Wales, the reference in sub-paragraph (3)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to the general limit in a magistrates' court (or to 6 months in relation to an offence committed before 2 May 2022).]
- (4) The reference in sub-paragraph (3)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months—
- <sup>F2</sup>(a) .....
  - (b) in its application to Northern Ireland.
- (5) If section 85(1) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 comes into force on or before the day on which this Act is passed—
- (a) section 85 of that Act (removal of limit on certain fines on conviction by magistrates' court) applies in relation to an offence under sub-paragraph (1) on and after that day as if it were a relevant offence (as defined in section 85(3) of that Act), and
  - (b) regulations described in section 85(11) of that Act may amend, repeal or otherwise modify sub-paragraph (3)(a).

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 5 para. 2(3A) inserted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), **29(2)**
- F2** Sch. 5 para. 2(4)(a) omitted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by virtue of [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), **29(3)**
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#### Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 5 para. 2(1)-(4) in force at 5.12.2014 by [S.I. 2014/3162](#), **art. 3(g)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 25(8A) inserted by [2023 c. 54 Sch. 10 para. 13\(3\)](#)
- s. 35A inserted by [2023 c. 54 Sch. 10 para. 19](#)