

*These notes refer to the Serious Crime Act 2015 (c.9)  
which received Royal Assent on 3rd March 2015*

# **SERIOUS CRIME ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **TERRITORIAL EXTENT**

#### **Part 5: Protection of Children and Others**

#### **Commentary on Sections**

#### ***Section 75: Guidance about female genital mutilation***

311. This section inserts new section 5C into the 2003 Act which confers a power on the Secretary of State to issue, and from time to time revise, guidance about the effect of any provision of that Act or about other matters relating to FGM (new section 5C(1) and (6)). In preparing such guidance, the Secretary of State is required to consult the Welsh Ministers so far as the guidance is to a body exercising devolved Welsh functions, and such other persons as he or she considers appropriate (new section 5C(4) and (5)). Persons exercising public functions to whom the guidance is given would be under a duty to have regard to the guidance when exercising such functions (new section 5C(2)).