



# Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004

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### PART 1

#### CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

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After section 275B of the 1995 Act there is inserted—

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##### **275C Expert evidence as to subsequent behaviour of complainer in certain cases**

- (1) This section applies in the case of proceedings in respect of any offence to which section 288C of this Act applies.
- (2) Expert psychological or psychiatric evidence relating to any subsequent behaviour or statement of the complainer is admissible for the purpose of rebutting any inference adverse to the complainer’s credibility or reliability as a witness which might otherwise be drawn from the behaviour or statement.
- (3) In subsection (2) above—
  - “complainer” means the person against whom the offence to which the proceedings relate is alleged to have been committed,
  - “subsequent behaviour or statement” means any behaviour or statement subsequent to, and not forming part of the acts constituting, the offence to which the proceedings relate and which is not otherwise relevant to any fact in issue at the trial.
- (4) This section does not affect the admissibility of any evidence which is admissible otherwise than by virtue of this section.”