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The Referral Orders (Amendment of Referral Conditions) Regulations 2003

Amendment of Sentencing Act

- **2.**—(1) In section 17(1) of the Sentencing Act, after "are satisfied in relation to an offence if" there is inserted "the offence is an offence punishable with imprisonment and".
 - (2) After section 17(1) of the Sentencing Act there is inserted—
 - "(1A) For the purposes of section 16(3) above, the discretionary referral conditions are satisfied in relation to an offence if the offence is not an offence punishable with imprisonment but the offender meets the conditions in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) above."
 - (3) In section 17(2) of the Sentencing Act—
 - (a) after "the discretionary referral conditions are" there is inserted "also"; and
 - (b) in paragraph (a), after "connected offences" there is inserted "(whether or not any of them is an offence punishable with imprisonment)".