



Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 34

1 Anonymity of victims of certain offences

- (1) Where an allegation has been made that an offence to which this Act applies has been committed against a person, neither the name nor address, and no still or moving picture, of that person shall during that person's lifetime—
 - (a) be published in England and Wales in a written publication available to the public; or
 - (b) be included in a relevant programme for reception in England and Wales, if it is likely to lead members of the public to identify that person as the person against whom the offence is alleged to have been committed.
- (2) Where a person is accused of an offence to which this Act applies, no matter likely to lead members of the public to identify a person as the person against whom the offence is alleged to have been committed ("the complainant") shall during the complainant's lifetime—
 - (a) be published in England and Wales in a written publication available to the public; or
 - (b) be included in a relevant programme for reception in England and Wales.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) are subject to any direction given under section 3.
- (4) Nothing in this section prohibits the publication or inclusion in a relevant programme of matter consisting only of a report of criminal proceedings other than proceedings at, or intended to lead to, or on an appeal arising out of, a trial at which the accused is charged with the offence.