



Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 2 **U.K.**

NOTIFICATION AND ORDERS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 2 applied (with modifications) (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), [ss. 352\(2\)\(b\)\(3\)](#), 416(1) (with [ss. 2](#), [398\(1\)](#), [406](#), [Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236](#), [reg. 2](#)
- C2** Pt. 2 applied (with modifications) (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#), [ss. 18\(3\)](#), [45\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with [s. 44](#)); [S.S.I. 2023/51](#), [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- C3** Pt. 2 applied (with modifications) (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#), [ss. 35\(3\)\(4\)](#), [45\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with [s. 44](#)); [S.S.I. 2023/51](#), [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- C4** Pt. 2 applied (with modifications) (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#), [s. 38\(4\)-\(6\)](#), [45\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with [s. 44](#)); [S.S.I. 2023/51](#), [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

Notification requirements

80 **Persons becoming subject to notification requirements** **U.K.**

- (1) A person is subject to the notification requirements of this Part for the period set out in section 82 (“the notification period”) if—
 - (a) he is convicted of an offence listed in Schedule 3;
 - (b) he is found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity;
 - (c) he is found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence; or
 - (d) in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, he is cautioned in respect of such an offence.
- (2) A person for the time being subject to the notification requirements of this Part is referred to in this Part as a “relevant offender”.

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81 Persons formerly subject to Part 1 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 **U.K.**

- (1) A person is, from the commencement of this Part until the end of the notification period, subject to the notification requirements of this Part if, before the commencement of this Part—
 - (a) he was convicted of an offence listed in Schedule 3;
 - (b) he was found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity;
 - (c) he was found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence; or
 - (d) in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, he was cautioned in respect of such an offence.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the notification period ended before the commencement of this Part.
- (3) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to a conviction before 1st September 1997 unless, at the beginning of that day, the person—
 - (a) had not been dealt with in respect of the offence;
 - (b) was serving a sentence of imprisonment^{F1} . . . , or was subject to a community order, in respect of the offence;
 - (c) was subject to supervision, having been released from prison after serving the whole or part of a sentence of imprisonment in respect of the offence; or
 - (d) was detained in a hospital or was subject to a guardianship order, following the conviction.
- (4) Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) do not apply to a finding made before 1st September 1997 unless, at the beginning of that day, the person—
 - (a) had not been dealt with in respect of the finding; or
 - (b) was detained in a hospital, following the finding.
- (5) Subsection (1)(d) does not apply to a caution given before 1st September 1997.
- (6) A person who would have been within subsection (3)(b) or (d) or (4)(b) but for the fact that at the beginning of 1st September 1997 he was unlawfully at large or absent without leave, on temporary release or leave of absence, or on bail pending an appeal, is to be treated as being within that provision.
- (7) Where, immediately before the commencement of this Part, an order under a provision within subsection (8) was in force in respect of a person, the person is subject to the notification requirements of this Part from that commencement until the order is discharged or otherwise ceases to have effect.
- (8) The provisions are—
 - (a) section 5A of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51) (restraining orders);
 - (b) section 2 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37) (sex offender orders made in England and Wales);
 - (c) section 2A of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (interim orders made in England and Wales);
 - (d) section 20 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (sex offender orders and interim orders made in Scotland);
 - (e) Article 6 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2839 (N.I. 20)) (sex offender orders made in Northern Ireland);

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- (f) Article 6A of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (interim orders made in Northern Ireland).

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 81(3)(b) repealed (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378, 383(2), Sch. 16 para. 206, [Sch. 17](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)

82 The notification period **U.K.**

- (1) The notification period for a person within section 80(1) or 81(1) is the period in the second column of the following Table opposite the description that applies to him.

TABLE

<i>Description of relevant offender</i>	<i>Notification period</i>
A person who, in respect of the offence, is or has been sentenced to imprisonment for life ^{F2} , to imprisonment for public protection under section 225 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 ^{F3} , to an indeterminate custodial sentence under Article 13(4) (a) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008] or to imprisonment for] a term of 30 months or more	An indefinite period beginning with the relevant date
A person who, in respect of the offence, has been made the subject of an order under section 210F(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (order for lifelong restriction)	An indefinite period beginning with that date
A person who, in respect of the offence or finding, is or has been admitted to a hospital subject to a restriction order	An indefinite period beginning with that date
A person who, in respect of the offence, is or has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term of more than 6 months but less than 30 months	10 years beginning with that date
A person who, in respect of the offence, is or has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term of 6 months or less	7 years beginning with that date
A person who, in respect of the offence or finding, is or has been admitted to a hospital without being subject to a restriction order	7 years beginning with that date
A person within section 80(1)(d)	2 years beginning with that date

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A person in whose case an order for conditional discharge or, in Scotland, [^{F4} a community payback order imposing an offender supervision requirement], is made in respect of the offence	The period of conditional discharge or, in Scotland, [^{F5} the specified period for the offender supervision requirement]
A person of any other description	5 years beginning with the relevant date

- (2) Where a person is under 18 on the relevant date, subsection (1) has effect as if for any reference to a period of 10 years, 7 years, 5 years or 2 years there were substituted a reference to one-half of that period.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies where a relevant offender within section 80(1)(a) or 81(1)(a) is or has been sentenced, in respect of two or more offences listed in Schedule 3—
- to consecutive terms of imprisonment; or
 - to terms of imprisonment which are partly concurrent.
- (4) Where this subsection applies, subsection (1) has effect as if the relevant offender were or had been sentenced, in respect of each of the offences, to a term of imprisonment which—
- in the case of consecutive terms, is equal to the aggregate of those terms;
 - in the case of partly concurrent terms (X and Y, which overlap for a period Z), is equal to X plus Y minus Z.
- (5) Where a relevant offender the subject of a finding within section 80(1)(c) or 81(1)(c) is subsequently tried for the offence, the notification period relating to the finding ends at the conclusion of the trial.
- (6) In this Part, “relevant date” means—
- in the case of a person within section 80(1)(a) or 81(1)(a), the date of the conviction;
 - in the case of a person within section 80(1)(b) or (c) or 81(1)(b) or (c), the date of the finding;
 - in the case of a person within section 80(1)(d) or 81(1)(d), the date of the caution;
 - in the case of a person within section 81(7), the date which, for the purposes of Part 1 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51), was the relevant date in relation to that person.

[^{F6}(7) Schedule 3A (which provides for the review and discharge of indefinite notification requirements) has effect.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in table in s. 82(1) substituted (S.) (8.12.2005) by [Management of Offenders etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(asp 14\), ss. 17, 24\(1\)](#); and those same words substituted (E.W.N.I.) (12.2.2007) by [Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 \(c. 38\), ss. 57, 66\(2\)](#); S.I. 2007/74, [art. 2](#)
- F3** S. 82(1) table: words inserted (N.I.) (15.5.2008) by [The Criminal Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I. 1\)\), art. 1, Sch. 5 para. 10\(1\)](#); S.R. 2008/217, [art. 2](#), Sch. para. 18(e) (subject to [art. 3](#))
- F4** Words in table in s. 82(1) substituted (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/25\), arts. 1, 2, Sch. para. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))

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- F5** Words in table in s. 82(1) substituted (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/25\)](#), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. para. 2(2)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F6** S. 82(7) inserted (N.I.) (1.3.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 1(2), 15(2)(a)**; S.R. 2014/53, art. 2(a)

83 Notification requirements: initial notification **E+W+N.I.**

- (1) A relevant offender must, within the period of 3 days beginning with the relevant date (or, if later, the commencement of this Part), notify to the police the information set out in subsection (5).
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a relevant offender in respect of a conviction, finding or caution within section 80(1) if—
 - (a) immediately before the conviction, finding or caution, he was subject to the notification requirements of this Part as a result of another conviction, finding or caution or an order of a court (“the earlier event”),
 - (b) at that time, he had made a notification under subsection (1) in respect of the earlier event, and
 - (c) throughout the period referred to in subsection (1), he remains subject to the notification requirements as a result of the earlier event.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a relevant offender in respect of a conviction, finding or caution within section 81(1) or an order within section 81(7) if the offender complied with section 2(1) of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 in respect of the conviction, finding, caution or order.
- (4) Where a notification order is made in respect of a conviction, finding or caution, subsection (1) does not apply to the relevant offender in respect of the conviction, finding or caution if—
 - (a) immediately before the order was made, he was subject to the notification requirements of this Part as a result of another conviction, finding or caution or an order of a court (“the earlier event”),
 - (b) at that time, he had made a notification under subsection (1) in respect of the earlier event, and
 - (c) throughout the period referred to in subsection (1), he remains subject to the notification requirements as a result of the earlier event.
- (5) The information is—
 - (a) the relevant offender’s date of birth;
 - (b) his national insurance number;
 - (c) his name on the relevant date and, where he used one or more other names on that date, each of those names;
 - (d) his home address on the relevant date;
 - (e) his name on the date on which notification is given and, where he uses one or more other names on that date, each of those names;
 - (f) his home address on the date on which notification is given;
 - (g) the address of any other premises in the United Kingdom at which, at the time the notification is given, he regularly resides or stays;
 - ^[F7](h) any prescribed information.]

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[^{F8}(5A) In subsection (5)(h) “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.]

- (6) When determining the period for the purpose of subsection (1), there is to be disregarded any time when the relevant offender is—
- (a) remanded in or committed to custody by an order of a court [^{F9}or kept in service custody];
 - (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention;
 - (c) detained in a hospital; or
 - (d) outside the United Kingdom.
- (7) In this Part, “home address” means, in relation to any person—
- (a) the address of his sole or main residence in the United Kingdom, or
 - (b) where he has no such residence, the address or location of a place in the United Kingdom where he can regularly be found and, if there is more than one such place, such one of those places as the person may select.

Extent Information

- E1** This version of this provision extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F7** S. 83(5)(h) inserted "at the end of subsection (5)" (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by virtue of [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), ss. 73, 142\(1\)\(a\), 153\(7\); S.I. 2008/1586, art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 45](#) (subject to [Sch. 2](#))
- F8** S. 83(5A) inserted "after [subsection (5)]" (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by virtue of [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), ss. 73, 142\(1\)\(b\), 153\(7\); S.I. 2008/1586, art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 45](#) (subject to [Sch. 2](#))
- F9** Words in s. 83(6)(a) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (31.10.2009) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), ss. 148\(1\), 153\(7\), Sch. 26 para. 54; S.I. 2009/2606, art. 3\(i\)](#)

83 Notification requirements: initial notification **S**

- (1) A relevant offender must, within the period of 3 days beginning with the relevant date (or, if later, the commencement of this Part), notify to the police the information set out in subsection (5).
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a relevant offender in respect of a conviction, finding or caution within section 80(1) if—
- (a) immediately before the conviction, finding or caution, he was subject to the notification requirements of this Part as a result of another conviction, finding or caution or an order of a court (“the earlier event”),
 - (b) at that time, he had made a notification under subsection (1) in respect of the earlier event, and
 - (c) throughout the period referred to in subsection (1), he remains subject to the notification requirements as a result of the earlier event.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a relevant offender in respect of a conviction, finding or caution within section 81(1) or an order within section 81(7) if the offender

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complied with section 2(1) of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 in respect of the conviction, finding, caution or order.

(4) Where a notification order is made in respect of a conviction, finding or caution, subsection (1) does not apply to the relevant offender in respect of the conviction, finding or caution if—

- (a) immediately before the order was made, he was subject to the notification requirements of this Part as a result of another conviction, finding or caution or an order of a court (“the earlier event”),
- (b) at that time, he had made a notification under subsection (1) in respect of the earlier event, and
- (c) throughout the period referred to in subsection (1), he remains subject to the notification requirements as a result of the earlier event.

(5) The information is—

- (a) the relevant offender’s date of birth;
- (b) his national insurance number;
- (c) his name on the relevant date and, where he used one or more other names on that date, each of those names;
- (d) his home address on the relevant date;
- (e) his name on the date on which notification is given and, where he uses one or more other names on that date, each of those names;
- (f) his home address on the date on which notification is given;
- (g) the address of any other premises in the United Kingdom at which, at the time the notification is given, he regularly resides or stays;
- [^{F400}(h) whether he has any passports and, in relation to each passport he has, the details set out in subsection (5A);
- (i) such other information, about him or his personal affairs, as the Scottish Ministers may prescribe in regulations.

(5A) The details are—

- (a) the issuing authority;
- (b) the number;
- (c) the dates of issue and expiry;
- (d) the name and date of birth given as being those of the passport holder.]

(6) When determining the period for the purpose of subsection (1), there is to be disregarded any time when the relevant offender is—

- (a) remanded in or committed to custody by an order of a court;
- (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention;
- (c) detained in a hospital; or
- (d) outside the United Kingdom.

(7) In this Part, “home address” means, in relation to any person—

- (a) the address of his sole or main residence in the United Kingdom, or
- (b) where he has no such residence, the address or location of a place in the United Kingdom where he can regularly be found and, if there is more than one such place, such one of those places as the person may select.

[^{F401}(8) In this section, “passport” means—

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- (a) a United Kingdom passport within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77);
- (b) a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country outside the United Kingdom, or by or on behalf of an international organisation;
- (c) a document that can be used (in some or all circumstances) instead of a passport.]

Extent Information

E6 This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales and Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

F400 S. 83(5)(h)(i)(5A) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 78\(2\)](#), 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

F401 S. 83(8) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 78\(3\)](#), 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

84 Notification requirements: changes **E+W+N.I.**

- (1) A relevant offender must, within the period of 3 days beginning with—
 - (a) his using a name which has not been notified to the police under section 83(1), this subsection, or section 2 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51),
 - (b) any change of his home address,
 - (c) his having resided or stayed, for a qualifying period, at any premises in the United Kingdom the address of which has not been notified to the police under section 83(1), this subsection, or section 2 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997,
 - ^{F10}(ca) any prescribed change of circumstances, or]
 - (d) his release from custody pursuant to an order of a court or from imprisonment, service detention or detention in a hospital,

notify to the police that name, the new home address, the address of those premises ^{F11}, the prescribed details] or (as the case may be) the fact that he has been released, and (in addition) the information set out in section 83(5).
- (2) A notification under subsection (1) may be given before the name is used, the change of home address ^{F12}or the prescribed change of circumstances] occurs or the qualifying period ends, but in that case the relevant offender must also specify the date when the event is expected to occur.
- (3) If a notification is given in accordance with subsection (2) and the event to which it relates occurs more than 2 days before the date specified, the notification does not affect the duty imposed by subsection (1).
- (4) If a notification is given in accordance with subsection (2) and the event to which it relates has not occurred by the end of the period of 3 days beginning with the date specified—
 - (a) the notification does not affect the duty imposed by subsection (1), and
 - (b) the relevant offender must, within the period of 6 days beginning with the date specified, notify to the police the fact that the event did not occur within the period of 3 days beginning with the date specified.

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- (5) Section 83(6) applies to the determination of the period of 3 days mentioned in subsection (1) and the period of 6 days mentioned in subsection (4)(b), as it applies to the determination of the period mentioned in section 83(1).

[^{F13}(5A) In this section—

- (a) “prescribed change of circumstances” means any change—
- (i) occurring in relation to any matter in respect of which information is required to be notified by virtue of section 83(5)(h), and
 - (ii) of a description prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;
- (b) “the prescribed details”, in relation to a prescribed change of circumstances, means such details of the change as may be so prescribed.]

(6) In this section, “qualifying period” means—

- (a) a period of 7 days, or
- (b) two or more periods, in any period of 12 months, which taken together amount to 7 days.

Extent Information

- E2** This version of this provision extends to England, Wales and Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F10** S. 84(1)(ca) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 73, [142\(3\)\(a\)](#), 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, [art. 2](#), Sch. 1 para. 45 (subject to Sch. 2)
- F11** Words in s. 84(1) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 73, [142\(3\)\(b\)](#), 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, [art. 2](#), Sch. 1 para. 45 (subject to Sch. 2)
- F12** Words in s. 84(2) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 73, [142\(4\)](#), 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, [art. 2](#), Sch. 1 para. 45 (subject to Sch. 2)
- F13** S. 84(5A) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 73, [142\(5\)](#), 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, [art. 2](#), Sch. 1 para. 45 (subject to Sch. 2)

84 Notification requirements: changes **S**

(1) A relevant offender must, within the period of 3 days beginning with—

- (a) his using a name which has not been notified to the police under section 83(1), this subsection, or section 2 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51),
- (b) any change of his home address,
- (c) his having resided or stayed, for a qualifying period, at any premises in the United Kingdom the address of which has not been notified to the police under section 83(1), this subsection, or section 2 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997,
^{F402} . . .
- (d) his release from custody pursuant to an order of a court or from imprisonment, service detention or detention in a hospital,

[^{F403}(e) his losing or ceasing to have a passport notified to the police under section 83(1) or this subsection,

- (f) his receiving a passport which has not been notified to the police under section 83(1) or this subsection, or

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- (g) the occurrence, in relation to information required to be notified by virtue of regulations made under section 83(5)(i), of an event prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in regulations,]

notify to the police that name, the new home address, the address of those premises or [^{F404}the fact that he has been released, the fact that he has lost or ceased to have the passport, the details set out in section 83(5A) in relation to the passport or (as the case may be) such information as the Scottish Ministers prescribe in regulations], and (in addition) the information set out in section 83(5).

[^{F405}(1A) In subsection (1), “passport” has the same meaning as in section 83.]

- (2) A notification under subsection (1) may be given before the name is used, the change of home address occurs or the qualifying period ends, but in that case the relevant offender must also specify the date when the event is expected to occur.
- (3) If a notification is given in accordance with subsection (2) and the event to which it relates occurs more than 2 days before the date specified, the notification does not affect the duty imposed by subsection (1).
- (4) If a notification is given in accordance with subsection (2) and the event to which it relates has not occurred by the end of the period of 3 days beginning with the date specified—
- (a) the notification does not affect the duty imposed by subsection (1), and
 - (b) the relevant offender must, within the period of 6 days beginning with the date specified, notify to the police the fact that the event did not occur within the period of 3 days beginning with the date specified.
- (5) Section 83(6) applies to the determination of the period of 3 days mentioned in subsection (1) and the period of 6 days mentioned in subsection (4)(b), as it applies to the determination of the period mentioned in section 83(1).
- (6) In this section, “qualifying period” means—
- (a) a period of 7 days, or
 - (b) two or more periods, in any period of 12 months, which taken together amount to 7 days.

Extent Information

- E7** This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England, Wales and Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

- F402** Word in s. 84(1) repealed (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 78\(5\)\(a\)](#), 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F403** S. 84(1)(e)-(g) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 78\(5\)\(b\)](#), 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F404** Words in s. 84(1) substituted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 78\(5\)\(c\)](#), 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F405** S. 84(1A) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 78\(6\)](#), 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

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85 Notification requirements: periodic notification **U.K.**

^{F14}(1) A relevant offender must, within [^{F15}the applicable period] after each event within subsection (2), notify to the police the information set out in section 83(5), unless within that period he has given a notification under section 84(1).

(2) The events are—

- (a) the commencement of this Part (but only in the case of a person who is a relevant offender from that commencement);
- (b) any notification given by the relevant offender under section 83(1) or 84(1); and
- (c) any notification given by him under subsection (1).

^{F16}(3) Where [^{F17}the applicable period] would (apart from this subsection) end whilst subsection (4) applies to the relevant offender, that period is to be treated as continuing until the end of the period of 3 days beginning when subsection (4) first ceases to apply to him.

(4) This subsection applies to the relevant offender if he is—

- (a) remanded in or committed to custody by an order of a court [^{F18}or kept in service custody],
- (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention,
- (c) detained in a hospital, or
- (d) outside the United Kingdom.

^{F19}(5) In this section, the “applicable period” means—

- (a) in any case where subsection (6) applies to the relevant offender, such period not exceeding one year as the Scottish Ministers may prescribe in regulations, and
- (b) in any other case, the period of one year.

(6) This subsection applies to the relevant offender if the last home address notified by the offender under section 83(1) or 84(1) or subsection (1) was the address or location of such a place as is mentioned in section 83(7)(b).]

^{F20}(5) In this section, “the applicable period” means—

- (a) in any case where subsection (6) applies to the relevant offender, such period as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State, and
- (b) in any other case, the period of one year.

(6) This subsection applies to the relevant offender if the last home address notified by him under section 83(1) or 84(1) or subsection (1) was the address or location of such a place as is mentioned in section 83(7)(b).]

Textual Amendments

F14 Words in s. 85(1) substituted (28.3.2011 for specified purposes, 8.7.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), **ss. 102(2)(a)**, 206(1); [S.S.I. 2011/178](#), **art. 2**, *sch.*; [S.S.I. 2013/214](#), **art. 2** (with **art. 3**)

F15 Words in s. 85(1) substituted (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 73**, **142(7)**, **153(7)**; [S.I. 2008/1586](#), **art. 2**, *Sch. 1 para. 45* (subject to *Sch. 2*) and said words substituted (S.) (28.3.2011 for certain purposes, 8.7.2013 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of

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- Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), ss. **102(2)(a)**, 206(1); S.S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, **Sch.**; S.S.I. 2013/214, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F16** Words in s. 85(3) substituted (28.3.2011 for specified purposes, 8.7.2013 in so far as not already in force) by Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), ss. **102(2)(b)**, 206(1); S.S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, sch.; S.S.I. 2013/214, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F17** Words in s. 85(3) substituted (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), ss. 73, **142(8)**, 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, art. 2, **Sch. 1** para. 45 (subject to **Sch. 2**) and said words substituted (S.) (28.3.2011 for certain purposes, 8.7.2013 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), ss. **102(2)(b)**, 206(1); S.S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, **Sch.**; S.S.I. 2013/214, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F18** Words in s. 85(4)(a) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (31.10.2009) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), ss. 148(1), 153(7), **Sch. 26** para. 55; S.I. 2009/2606, art. 3(i)
- F19** S. 85(5)(6) inserted (S.) (28.3.2011 for specified purposes, 8.7.2013 in so far as not already in force) by Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13), ss. **102(2)(c)**, 206(1); S.S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, sch.; S.S.I. 2013/214, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F20** S. 85(5)(6) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), ss. 73, **142(9)**, 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, art. 2, **Sch. 1** para. 45 (subject to **Sch. 2**)

[^{F21}85A Notification requirements: absence from notified residence **N.I.**

- (1) This section applies to a relevant offender at any time if the last home address notified by him under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1) was an address in Northern Ireland such as is mentioned in section 83(7)(a) (sole or main residence).
- (2) If the relevant offender intends to be absent from that home address for a period of more than 3 days (“the relevant period”), the relevant offender must, not less than 12 hours before leaving that home address, notify to the police the information set out in subsection (3).
- (3) The information is—
 - (a) the date on which the relevant offender will leave that home address;
 - (b) such details as the relevant offender holds about—
 - (i) his travel arrangements during the relevant period;
 - (ii) his accommodation arrangements during that period;
 - (iii) his date of return to that home address.
- (4) In this section—

“travel arrangements” include, in particular, details of the means of transport to be used and the dates of travel,

“accommodation arrangements” include, in particular, the address of any accommodation at which the relevant offender will spend the night during the relevant period and the nature of that accommodation.
- (5) Where—
 - (a) a relevant offender has given a notification under subsection (2), and
 - (b) at any time before that mentioned in that subsection, the information notified becomes inaccurate or incomplete,

the relevant offender must give a further notification under subsection (2).
- (6) Where a relevant offender—
 - (a) has notified a date of return to his home address, but
 - (b) returns to his home address on a date other than that notified,

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the relevant offender must notify the date of his actual return to the police within 3 days of his actual return.

- (7) Nothing in this section requires an offender to notify any information which falls to be notified in accordance with a requirement imposed by regulations under section 86.
- (8) In calculating the relevant period for the purposes of this section there is to be disregarded—
- (a) any period or periods which the relevant offender intends to spend at, or travelling directly to or from, an address of the kind mentioned in section 83(5) (g) notified to the police under section 83 or 85;
 - (b) any period or periods which the relevant offender intends to spend at, or travelling directly to or from, any premises, if his stay at those premises would give rise to a requirement to notify the address of those premises under section 84(1)(c).
- (9) This section applies in relation to any relevant period which begins on or after the day after the coming into operation of section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2013.]

Textual Amendments

F21 S. 85A inserted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\), ss. 2\(2\), 15\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(a)

86 Notification requirements: travel outside the United Kingdom **U.K.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision requiring relevant offenders who leave the United Kingdom, or any description of such offenders—
- (a) to give in accordance with the regulations, before they leave, a notification under subsection (2);
 - (b) if they subsequently return to the United Kingdom, to give in accordance with the regulations a notification under subsection (3).
- (2) A notification under this subsection must disclose—
- (a) the date on which the offender will leave the United Kingdom;
 - (b) the country (or, if there is more than one, the first country) to which he will travel and his point of arrival (determined in accordance with the regulations) in that country;
 - (c) any other information prescribed by the regulations which the offender holds about his departure from or return to the United Kingdom or his movements while outside the United Kingdom.
- (3) A notification under this subsection must disclose any information prescribed by the regulations about the offender's return to the United Kingdom.

^{F22}(4) ^{F23}

Textual Amendments

F22 S. 86(4) repealed (S.) (28.3.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\), ss. 102\(3\), 206\(1\)](#); S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, **Sch.**

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F23 S. 86(4) repealed (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), ss. 73, 149, 153\(7\), Sch. 28 Pt. 4; S.I. 2008/1586, art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 50\(4\)\(d\)](#) (subject to [Sch. 2](#))

87 Method of notification and related matters **E+W**

- (1) A person gives a notification under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1) by—
 - [^{F24}(a) attending at the police station in the person’s local police area that is for the time being specified in a document published for that local police area under this section or, if there is more than one such police station, at any one of them, and]
 - (b) giving an oral notification to any police officer, or to any person authorised for the purpose by the officer in charge of the station.

- (2) A person giving a notification under section 84(1)—
 - (a) in relation to a prospective change of home address, or
 - (b) in relation to premises referred to in subsection (1)(c) of that section,
 may give the notification at a police station that would fall within subsection (1) above if the change in home address had already occurred or (as the case may be) if the address of those premises were his home address.

[^{F25}(2A) The chief officer of police for each police area must publish, in such manner as the chief officer thinks fit, a document containing the name and address of each police station in that area at which a person may give a notification under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1).

(2B) A chief officer of police must keep under review a document published by the chief officer under this section and may from time to time publish a revised version of the document in such manner as the chief officer thinks fit.]

(3) Any notification under this section must be acknowledged; and an acknowledgment under this subsection must be in writing, and in such form as the Secretary of State may direct.

- (4) Where a notification is given under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1), the relevant offender must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person referred to in subsection (1) (b), allow the officer or person to—
 - (a) take his fingerprints,
 - (b) photograph any part of him, or
 - (c) do both these things.

(5) The power in subsection (4) is exercisable for the purpose of verifying the identity of the relevant offender.

^{F26}(6)

Extent Information

E3 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Scotland and Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

F24 S. 87(1)(a) substituted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\), ss. 168\(2\), 208\(1\); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3\(a\)](#)

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- F25** S. 87(2A)(2B) inserted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 168\(3\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, [reg. 3\(a\)](#)
- F26** S. 87(6) repealed (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 73](#), 149, 153(7), [Sch. 28 Pt. 4](#); S.I. 2008/1586, [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 para. 50\(4\)\(d\)](#) (subject to [Sch. 2](#))

87 Method of notification and related matters **S**

- (1) A person gives a notification under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1) by—
- (a) attending at such police station ^{F406}... as the Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe or, if there is more than one, at any of them, and
 - (b) giving an oral notification to any police officer, or to any person authorised for the purpose by the officer in charge of the station.
- (2) A person giving a notification under section 84(1)—
- (a) in relation to a prospective change of home address, or
 - (b) in relation to premises referred to in subsection (1)(c) of that section,
- may give the notification at a police station that would fall within subsection (1) above if the change in home address had already occurred or (as the case may be) if the address of those premises were his home address.
- (3) Any notification under this section must be acknowledged; and an acknowledgment under this subsection must be in writing, and in such form as the Secretary of State may direct.

[^{F407}(5A) Where a notification is given in Scotland under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1), the relevant offender must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person referred to in subsection (1)(b), do one or more of the following—

- (a) allow the officer or person to photograph any part of the offender,
- (b) allow the officer or person to take from the offender, or provide to the officer or person, such relevant physical data as the officer or person considers appropriate,
- (c) allow the officer or person to take from the offender any sample mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (6) of section 18 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 by the means specified in that paragraph in relation to that sample,
- (d) allow the officer or person to take from the offender any sample mentioned in subsection (6A) of that section by the means specified in that subsection.]

[^{F408}(5B) Where a notification is given in Scotland under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1), the relevant offender must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person referred to in subsection (1)(b), produce each passport he has to that officer or person, for inspection by that officer or person.

(5C) In subsection (5B), “passport” has the same meaning as in section 83.]

^{F409}(6)

Extent Information

- E8** This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England, Wales and Northern Ireland only

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Textual Amendments

- F406** Words in s. 87(1)(a) omitted (S.) (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, **sch. 1 para. 20(2)**
- F407** S. 87(5A) substituted for s. 87(4)(5) (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), {ss. 77(7)}, 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, **art. 2(d)**
- F408** S. 87(5B)(5C) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), {ss. 78(7)}, 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, **art. 2(d)**
- F409** S. 87(6) repealed (S.) (28.3.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), **ss. 102(4), 206(1)**; S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, **Sch.**

87 Method of notification and related matters **N.I.**

- (1) A person gives a notification under section 83(1), 84(1) [^{F410}, 85(1) or 85A(2) or (6)] by—
- attending at such police station in his local police area as the Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe or, if there is more than one, at any of them, and
 - giving an oral notification to any police officer, or to any person authorised for the purpose by the officer in charge of the station.
- (2) A person giving a notification under section 84(1)—
- in relation to a prospective change of home address, or
 - in relation to premises referred to in subsection (1)(c) of that section,
- may give the notification at a police station that would fall within subsection (1) above if the change in home address had already occurred or (as the case may be) if the address of those premises were his home address.
- (3) Any notification under this section must be acknowledged; and an acknowledgment under this subsection must be in writing, and in such form as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (4) Where a notification is given under section 83(1), 84(1) [^{F411}, 85(1) or 85A(2) or (6)], the relevant offender must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person referred to in subsection (1)(b), allow the officer or person to—
- take his fingerprints,
 - photograph any part of him, or
 - do both these things.
- (5) The power in subsection (4) is exercisable for the purpose of verifying the identity of the relevant offender.

^{F412}(6)

Extent Information

- E9** This version of this provision extends to Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales and Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F410** Words in s. 87(1) substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 2(3), 15(2)(b)**; S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(a)

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F411 Words in s. 87(4) substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\), ss. 2\(3\), 15\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(a)

F412 S. 87(6) repealed (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), ss. 73, 149, 153\(7\), Sch. 28 Pt. 4](#); S.I. 2008/1586, art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 50(4)(d) (subject to Sch. 2)

88 Section 87: interpretation **U.K.**

(1) ^[F27]Subsections (2) to (4) ^[F27]Subsections (2) and (2A)] apply for the purposes of section 87.

(2) “Photograph” includes any process by means of which an image may be produced.

^[F28](2A) “Relevant physical data” has the meaning given by section 18(7A) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.]

^[F29](3) “Local police area” means, in relation to a person—

- (a) the police area in which his home address is situated;
- (b) in the absence of a home address, the police area in which the home address last notified is situated;
- (c) in the absence of a home address and of any such notification, the police area in which the court which last dealt with the person in a way mentioned in subsection (4) is situated.]

(4) ^[F30]The ways are—

- (a) dealing with a person in respect of an offence listed in Schedule 3 or a finding in relation to such an offence;
- (b) dealing with a person in respect of an offence under section 128 or a finding in relation to such an offence;
- (c) making, in respect of a person, a notification order, interim notification order, ^[F31]sexual harm prevention order, interim sexual harm prevention order, sexual offences prevention order or interim sexual offences prevention order ^[F32], or an order under Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the Sentencing Code (sexual harm prevention orders on conviction);
- (d) making, in respect of a person, an order under section 2, 2A or 20 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37) (sex offender orders and interim orders made in England and Wales or Scotland) or Article 6 or 6A of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2839 (N.I. 20)) (sex offender orders and interim orders made in Northern Ireland);

and in paragraphs (a) and (b), “finding” in relation to an offence means a finding of not guilty of the offence by reason of insanity or a finding that the person was under a disability and did the act or omission charged against him in respect of the offence.]

(5) ^[F30]Subsection (3) applies as if Northern Ireland were a police area.]

Textual Amendments

F27 Words in s. 88(1) substituted (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\), s. 45\(2\)\(3\), sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, reg. 2 (with reg. 3)

F28 S. 88(2A) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\), ss. 77\(8\), 104](#); S.S.I. 2006/432, art. 2(d)

F29 S. 88(3) omitted (S.) (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\), art. 1, Sch. 1 para. 20\(3\)](#)

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- F30** S. 88(4)(5) repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), s. 45(2)(3), **sch. 2 para. 3(2)(b)** (with s. 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, reg. 2 (with reg. 3)
- F31** Words in s. 88(4)(c) inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 56** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F32** Words in s. 88(4)(c) inserted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020](#) (c. 17), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 205** (with Sch. 27); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2

[^{F33}^{F34} **88R Review of indefinite notification requirements: applicable persons** **S**

- (1) Sections 88B to 88H apply to—
- (a) a person who, on or after 28th January 2011, becomes subject to the notification requirements of this Part for an indefinite period by virtue of section 80(1) or a notification order made under section 97(5); and
 - (b) a person who immediately before that date was subject to the notification requirements of this Part for an indefinite period by virtue of—
 - (i) section 80(1);
 - (ii) section 81(1); or
 - (iii) a notification order made under section 97(5).
- (2) A person who falls within subsection (1)(a) or (b) is referred to in sections 88B to 88G as a “relevant sex offender”.]

Textual Amendments

- F33** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010](#) (S.S.I. 2010/370), arts. 1(1), **3** (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011](#) (S.S.I. 2011/45))
- F34** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011](#) (S.S.I. 2011/45), arts. 1(1), **3** (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010](#) (S.S.I. 2010/370), see art. 5)

[^{F35} **88B Review of indefinite notification requirements: date of discharge and further date of discharge** **S**

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, the date of discharge is—
- (a) where the relevant sex offender was aged 18 or over on the relevant date, the date falling 15 years after that date;
 - (b) where the relevant sex offender was aged under 18 on the relevant date, the date falling 8 years after that date.
- (2) In determining the date of discharge under subsection (1), there is to be disregarded any time when the relevant sex offender was—
- (a) remanded in or committed to custody by order of a court;
 - (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention;
 - (c) detained in hospital; or
 - (d) outside the United Kingdom,
- before the relevant sex offender first notified information to the police under section 2(1) of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 or section 83(1) of this Part.

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- (3) Subsection (4) applies where—
- (a) the relevant sex offender is subject to the notification requirements of this Part;
 - (b) after the relevant sex offender first notified information to the police under section 2(1) of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 or section 83(1) of this Part, the relevant sex offender was sentenced to a period of imprisonment or a term of service detention in respect of the offence (or offences) to which the notification requirements relate; and
 - (c) the date of discharge would, apart from subsection (4), fall on or after 28th January 2011.
- (4) In determining the date of discharge under subsection (1), there is also to be disregarded any time when the relevant sex offender was serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention in respect of that offence (or those offences).
- (5) Where a notification continuation order made under this Part has effect in respect of the relevant sex offender, for the purposes of this Part the further date of discharge is the date of expiry of the fixed period specified in that order.
- (6) In this section and section 88D “relevant date”—
- (a) in relation to a relevant sex offender who is subject to the notification requirements of this Part for an indefinite period by virtue of section 80(1) or 81(1), has the meaning applicable to that offender specified in section 82(6) (a) to (c);
 - (b) in relation to a relevant sex offender who is subject to the notification requirements of this Part for an indefinite period by virtue of a notification order made under section 97(5), has the meaning applicable to that offender specified in section 98(2).]

Textual Amendments

- F33** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F35** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)

[^{F36}88C Review of the indefinite notification requirements: procedure and grounds **S**

- (1) The relevant chief constable must no later than the date of discharge—
- (a) make a notification continuation order in respect of the relevant sex offender;
or
 - (b) notify the relevant sex offender that the offender ceases to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part on the date of discharge.
- (2) A notification continuation order is an order making the relevant sex offender subject to the notification requirements of this Part for a fixed period of not more than 15 years from the date which would, but for the order, have been the date of discharge.

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- (3) The relevant chief constable may make a notification continuation order only if satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the relevant sex offender poses a risk of sexual harm to the public, or any particular members of the public, in the United Kingdom.
- (4) In deciding whether to make a notification continuation order, the relevant chief constable must take into account—
- (a) the seriousness of the offence (or offences)—
 - (i) of which the relevant sex offender was convicted;
 - (ii) of which the relevant sex offender was found not guilty by reason of insanity;
 - (iii) in respect of which the relevant sex offender was found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged; or
 - (iv) in respect of which the relevant sex offender was cautioned in England and Wales or Northern Ireland,
 which made the relevant sex offender subject to the notification requirements of this Part for an indefinite period;
 - (b) the period of time which has elapsed since the relevant sex offender committed the offence (or offences);
 - (c) where the relevant sex offender falls within section 88A(1)(b)(ii), whether the relevant sex offender committed any offence under section 3 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997;
 - (d) whether the relevant sex offender has committed any offence under section 91 of this Act;
 - (e) the age of the relevant sex offender at the time of the decision;
 - (f) the age of the relevant sex offender at the time the offence (or offences) referred to in paragraph (a) was (or were) committed;
 - (g) the age of any person who was a victim of any such offence (where applicable) and the difference in age between the victim and the relevant sex offender at the time the offence was committed;
 - (h) any convictions or findings made by a court in respect of the relevant sex offender for any other offence listed in Schedule 3;
 - (i) any caution which the relevant sex offender has received for an offence in England and Wales or Northern Ireland which is listed in Schedule 3;
 - (j) whether any criminal proceedings for any offences listed in Schedule 3 have been instituted against the relevant sex offender but have not concluded;
 - (k) any assessment of the risk posed by the relevant sex offender which has been made by the responsible authorities under the joint arrangements for managing and assessing risk established under section 10 of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005;
 - (l) any other submission or evidence of the risk of sexual harm posed by the relevant sex offender to the public, or any particular members of the public, in the United Kingdom;
 - (m) any submission or evidence presented by or on behalf of the relevant sex offender which demonstrates that the relevant sex offender does not pose a risk of sexual harm to the public, or any particular members of the public, in the United Kingdom; and
 - (n) any other matter which the relevant chief constable considers to be appropriate.

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- (5) A notification continuation order must state—
- (a) the reasons why the order was made; and
 - (b) the reasons for the determination of the fixed period in the order.
- (6) A notification continuation order must be notified to the relevant sex offender by—
- (a) the relevant chief constable sending a copy of the order to the relevant sex offender by registered post or by the recorded delivery service (an acknowledgement or certificate of delivery of a copy so sent, issued by the Post Office, being sufficient evidence of the delivery of the copy on the day specified in the acknowledgement or certificate); or
 - (b) a constable serving a copy of the order on the relevant sex offender.
- (7) In this section—
- “sexual harm” means physical or psychological harm caused by the relevant sex offender doing anything which would constitute an offence listed in Schedule 3 if done in any part of the United Kingdom; and
- “responsible authorities” has the meaning given by section 10(7) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005.
- (8) In this section and sections 88D to 88G, “relevant chief constable” means the chief constable of the [^{F37}Police Service of Scotland].]

Textual Amendments

- F33** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F36** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)
- F37** Words in s. 88C(8) substituted (S.) (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20(4)**

[^{F38}88D Review of indefinite notification requirement: transitional cases **S**

- (1) This section applies to a case where—
- (a) the conditions in subsection (2) are satisfied in relation to a relevant sex offender falling within section 88A(1)(b)(ii); and
 - (b) the relevant chief constable was, under this section as it had effect before the coming into force of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Remedial) (Scotland) Order 2011, under the duty in subsection (4).
- (2) The conditions referred to in subsection (1)(a) are that the person—
- (a) was aged under 18 on the relevant date; and
 - (b) after disregarding any time referred to in subsection (3), had been subject to the notification requirements of Part 1 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 and this Part for a total period of at least 8 years on 25th October 2010.
- (3) That time is any time during which the relevant sex offender was—
- (a) remanded in or committed to custody by order of the court;

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- (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention;
 - (c) detained in hospital; or
 - (d) outside the United Kingdom,
- before the relevant sex offender first notified information to the police under section 2(1) of the Sex Offenders Act 1997.
- (4) The duty referred to in subsection (1)(b) is a duty, no later than the applicable date, to—
- (a) make a notification continuation order in respect of the relevant sex offender; or
 - (b) notify the relevant sex offender that the offender ceases to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part on the applicable date.
- (5) In this section the “applicable date” is 25th January 2011.]

Textual Amendments

- F33** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F38** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)

[^{F39}88E **Review of indefinite notification requirements: further review** **S**

- (1) Where a notification continuation order has been made, the relevant chief constable must no later than the further date of discharge—
- (a) make another notification continuation order in respect of the relevant sex offender; or
 - (b) notify the relevant sex offender that the offender ceases to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part on the further date of discharge.
- (2) Section 88C(2) to (8) applies in relation to this section, but a reference to the date of discharge is to be read as a reference to the further date of discharge.]

Textual Amendments

- F33** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F39** Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)

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88F Review of the indefinite notification requirements: application to a sheriff S

- (1) Where a relevant chief constable fails to comply with section 88C(1), 88D(3) or 88E(1), the relevant sex offender may make an application to a sheriff for an order that the offender is no longer subject to the notification requirements of this Part.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) is to be made by summary application to the sheriff in whose sheriffdom the relevant sex offender resides.
- (3) On an application under subsection (1), the sheriff may—
 - (a) make the order sought in the application; or
 - (b) make a notification continuation order in respect of the relevant sex offender.
- (4) Section 88C(2) to (5) and (7) applies in relation to the making of a notification continuation order under this section, but—
 - (a) a reference to the relevant chief constable is to be read as a reference to the sheriff;
 - (b) if an application under subsection (1) is made in relation to the failure of the relevant chief constable to comply with section 88D(3), the reference to the date of discharge in section 88C(2) is to be read as a reference to the applicable date; and
 - (c) if an application under subsection (1) is made in relation to the failure of the relevant chief constable to comply with section 88E(1), the reference to the date of discharge in section 88C(2) is to be read as a reference to the further date of discharge.
- (5) The relevant chief constable and the relevant sex offender may appear or be represented at any hearing in respect of the application.
- (6) Where an application under subsection (1) is determined, the sheriff clerk must send a copy of the interlocutor, and where made a copy of the notification continuation order, to the relevant sex offender and the relevant chief constable.
- (7) The copy of the interlocutor, and where made the copy of the notification continuation order, is sent in accordance with subsection (6) if—
 - (a) sent by registered post or by the recorded delivery service (an acknowledgement or certificate of delivery of a copy so sent, issued by the Post Office, being sufficient evidence of the delivery of the copy on the day specified in the acknowledgement or certificate); or
 - (b) personally served on the relevant sex offender and the relevant chief constable.
- (8) The relevant sex offender remains subject to the notification requirements of this Part until the matter is finally determined as mentioned in section 88G(10).

Textual Amendments

F33 Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))

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88G Review of indefinite notification requirements: appeals **S**

- (1) The decision of the relevant chief constable—
 - (a) to make a notification continuation order; and
 - (b) setting the fixed period of the notification continuation order,may be appealed by the relevant sex offender within 21 days after the date specified in subsection (3).
- (2) An appeal under subsection (1) is to be made by summary application to the sheriff in whose sheriffdom the relevant sex offender resides.
- (3) The date is—
 - (a) where the appeal is brought against the decision of the relevant chief constable made under section 88C(1), the date of discharge;
 - (b) where the appeal is brought against the decision of the relevant chief constable made under section 88D(1), the applicable date; or
 - (c) where the appeal is brought against the decision of the relevant chief constable made under section 88E(1), the further date of discharge.
- (4) The decision of a sheriff—
 - (a) on an application made under section 88F(1);
 - (b) on appeal made under subsection (1); and
 - (c) in relation to the fixed period of the notification continuation order,may be appealed by the relevant sex offender or the relevant chief constable to the sheriff principal within 21 days of the date of that decision.
- (5) On an appeal under this section, the sheriff or the sheriff principal may—
 - (a) uphold or quash the decision of the relevant chief constable or, as the case may be, the sheriff;
 - (b) make a notification continuation order; or
 - (c) vary the fixed period in that order.
- (6) Section 88C(3) to (5) apply in relation to the making of a notification continuation order under this section but a reference to the relevant chief constable is to be read as a reference to the sheriff or, as the case may be, sheriff principal.
- (7) Where an appeal under this section is finally determined, the sheriff clerk must send a copy of the interlocutor, and where made a copy of the notification continuation order, to the relevant sex offender and the relevant chief constable.
- (8) The copy of the interlocutor, and where made the copy of the notification continuation order, shall be sent in accordance with subsection (7) if—
 - (a) sent by registered post or by the recorded delivery service (an acknowledgement or certificate of delivery of a copy so sent, issued by the Post Office, being sufficient evidence of the delivery of the copy on the day specified in the acknowledgement or certificate); or
 - (b) personally served on the relevant sex offender and relevant chief constable.
- (9) The relevant sex offender remains subject to the existing notification requirements of this Part until the matter is finally determined as mentioned in subsection (10).
- (10) The matter is finally determined—

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- (a) where it is decided that a relevant sex offender should cease to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part, or the decision to make a notification continuation order is quashed, on the expiry of the period of 21 days referred to in subsection (4) without an appeal being taken;
- (b) where a notification continuation order is made, or a decision to make such an order is upheld on appeal, on the expiry of the period of 21 days referred to in subsection (1) or (4) without an appeal being taken; or
- (c) where an appeal is taken—
 - (i) on the disposal of the appeal; or
 - (ii) on its being abandoned.

Textual Amendments

F33 Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))

88H Review of indefinite notification requirements: power to amend periods **S**

The Secretary of State may by order amend—

- (a) the periods specified in sections 88B(1)(a) and (b); and
- (b) the fixed period specified in section 88C(2).

Textual Amendments

F33 Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))

88I Discharge from indefinite notification requirements: England, Wales and Northern Ireland **S**

- (1) A relevant offender who is, under the relevant legislation, discharged from the notification requirements of this Part by a court, person or body in England and Wales or Northern Ireland is, by virtue of the discharge, also discharged from the notification requirements of this Part as it applies to Scotland.
- (2) In subsection (1) “relevant legislation” means legislation which makes provision equivalent to that made by sections 88A to 88H and this section for a relevant offender who is subject to the notification requirements of this Part as it applies to England and Wales or, as the case may be, Northern Ireland for an indefinite period to be discharged from those notification requirements.]

Textual Amendments

F33 Ss. 88A-88I inserted (S.) (25.10.2010 at 17.00 hours) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3 (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with

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modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))

89 Young offenders: parental directions **U.K.**

- (1) Where a person within the first column of the following Table (“the young offender”) is under 18 (or, in Scotland, 16) when he is before the court referred to in the second column of the Table opposite the description that applies to him, that court may direct that subsection (2) applies in respect of an individual (“the parent”) having parental responsibility for (or, in Scotland, parental responsibilities in relation to) the young offender.

TABLE

<i>Description of person</i>	<i>Court which may make the direction</i>
A relevant offender within section 80(1) (a) to (c) or 81(1)(a) to (c)	The court which deals with the offender in respect of the offence or finding
A relevant offender within section 129(1)(a) to (c)	The court which deals with the offender in respect of the offence or finding
A person who is the subject of a notification order, interim notification order, [^{F40} sexual harm prevention order, interim sexual harm prevention order,] sexual offences prevention order or interim sexual offences prevention order [^{F41} , or an order under Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the Sentencing Code (sexual harm prevention orders on conviction)]	The court which makes the order
A relevant offender who is the defendant to an application under subsection (4) (or, in Scotland, the subject of an application under subsection (5))	The court which hears the application

[^{F42}(1A) In the Table—

- (a) the reference to a sexual harm prevention order includes an order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016,
- (b) the reference to an interim sexual harm prevention order includes an order made under section 21 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016.]

(2) Where this subsection applies—

- (a) the obligations that would (apart from this subsection) be imposed by or under sections 83 to 86 on the young offender are to be treated instead as obligations on the parent, and
- (b) the parent must ensure that the young offender attends at the police station with him, when a notification is being given.

(3) A direction under subsection (1) takes immediate effect and applies—

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- (a) until the young offender attains the age of 18 (or, where a court in Scotland gives the direction, 16); or
 - (b) for such shorter period as the court may, at the time the direction is given, direct.
- (4) A chief officer of police may, by complaint to any magistrates' court whose commission area includes any part of his police area, apply for a direction under subsection (1) in respect of a relevant offender (“the defendant”)—
- (a) who resides in his police area, or who the chief officer believes is in or is intending to come to his police area, and
 - (b) who the chief officer believes is under 18.
- (5) In Scotland, [^{F43}the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland] may, by summary application to any sheriff ^{F44}..., apply for a direction under subsection (1) in respect of a relevant offender (“the subject”)—
- (a) who resides in that area, or who the chief constable believes is in or is intending to come to that area, and
 - (b) who the chief constable believes is under 16.

Textual Amendments

- F40** Words in s. 89(1) inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 57](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F41** Words in s. 89(1) inserted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), [Sch. 24 para. 206](#) (with [Sch. 27](#)); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2
- F42** [S. 89\(1A\)](#) inserted (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#), s. 45(2)(3), [sch. 2 para. 3\(3\)](#) (with s. 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, reg. 2 (with reg. 3)
- F43** Words in s. 89(5) substituted (S.) (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 20\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- F44** Words in s. 89(5) omitted (S.) (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 20\(5\)\(b\)](#)

90 Parental directions: variations, renewals and discharges **U.K.**

- (1) A person within subsection (2) may apply to the appropriate court for an order varying, renewing or discharging a direction under section 89(1).
- (2) The persons are—
- (a) the young offender;
 - (b) the parent;
 - (c) the chief officer of police for the area in which the young offender resides;
 - (d) a chief officer of police who believes that the young offender is in, or is intending to come to, his police area;
 - ^{F45}(e) in Scotland—
 - (i) where the appropriate court is a civil court, the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland; and
 - (ii) in any other case, the prosecutor;]
 - (f) where the direction was made on an application under section 89(4), the chief officer of police who made the application;

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- (g) where the direction was made on an application under section 89(5), the chief constable who made the application.
- (3) An application under subsection (1) may be made—
 - (a) where the appropriate court is the Crown Court (or in Scotland a criminal court), in accordance with rules of court;
 - (b) in any other case, by complaint (or, in Scotland, by summary application).
- (4) On the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (2), may make any order, varying, renewing or discharging the direction, that the court considers appropriate.
- (5) In this section, the “appropriate court” means—
 - (a) where the Court of Appeal made the order, the Crown Court;
 - (b) in any other case, the court that made the direction under section 89(1).

Textual Amendments

F45 S. 90(2)(e) substituted (S.) (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012](#) (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2013 (S.S.I. 2013/119), art. 1, [Sch. 1 para. 20\(6\)](#)

91 Offences relating to notification **E+W+N.I.**

- (1) A person commits an offence if he—
 - (a) fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 83(1), 84(1), 84(4)(b), 85(1)^{F46}, 85A(2) or (6), 87(4) ^{F47} or 89(2)(b)]^{F47}, 89(2)(b) or 96ZB(3)(b)] or any requirement imposed by regulations made under section 86(1); or
 - (b) notifies to the police, in purported compliance with section 83(1), 84(1) ^{F48} or 85(1)]^{F48}, 85(1) or 85A(2) or (6)] or any requirement imposed by regulations made under section 86(1), any information which he knows to be false.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.
- (3) A person commits an offence under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) on the day on which he first fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 83(1), 84(1) ^{F49} or 85(1)]^{F49}, 85(1) or 85A(2) or (6)] or a requirement imposed by regulations made under section 86(1), and continues to commit it throughout any period during which the failure continues; but a person must not be prosecuted under subsection (1) more than once in respect of the same failure.
- (4) Proceedings for an offence under this section may be commenced in any court having jurisdiction in any place where the person charged with the offence resides or is found.

Extent Information

E4 This version of this provision extends to England, Wales and Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

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Textual Amendments

- F46** Words in s. 91(1)(a) inserted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\), ss. 2\(4\)\(a\), 15\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(a)
- F47** Words in s. 91(1)(a) substituted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\), ss. 169\(3\), 208\(1\)](#); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)
- F48** Words in s. 91(1)(b) substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\), ss. 2\(4\)\(b\), 15\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(a)
- F49** Words in s. 91(3) substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\), ss. 2\(4\)\(c\), 15\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(a)

91 Offences relating to notification **S**

- (1) A person commits an offence if he—
- fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 83(1), 84(1), 84(4)(b), 85(1), ^[F413]87(5A) ^[F414]or (5B) or 89(2)(b) or any requirement imposed by regulations made under section 86(1); or
 - notifies to the police, in purported compliance with section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1) or any requirement imposed by regulations made under section 86(1), any information which he knows to be false.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
- on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
 - on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.
- (3) A person commits an offence under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) on the day on which he first fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1) or a requirement imposed by regulations made under section 86(1), and continues to commit it throughout any period during which the failure continues; but a person must not be prosecuted under subsection (1) more than once in respect of the same failure.
- ^[F415](4) Proceedings for an offence under this section may be commenced in any court—
- having jurisdiction in any place where the accused—
 - resides;
 - is last known to have resided; or
 - is found;
 - which has convicted the accused of an offence if the accused is subject to the notification requirements of this Part by virtue of that conviction; or
 - which has made an order under section 104(1)(b) in respect of the accused if the accused is subject to those requirements by virtue of that order.]

Extent Information

- E10** This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England, Wales and Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

- F413** Words in s. 91(1)(a) substituted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\), ss. 77\(9\), 104](#); S.S.I. 2006/432, art. 2(d)

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F414 Words in s. 91(1)(a) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 78(8)**, 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, **art. 2(d)**

F415 S. 91(4) substituted (S.) (8.2.2006) by [Management of Offenders etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(asp 14\)](#), **ss. 18, 24(2)**; S.S.I. 2006/48, **art. 3(1)**, Sch. Pt. 1 (subject to art. 3(3))

[^{F50}91A Review of indefinite notification requirements: qualifying relevant offender **E**

+W

- (1) A qualifying relevant offender may apply to the relevant chief officer of police for a determination that the qualifying relevant offender is no longer subject to the indefinite notification requirements (“an application for review”).
- (2) A qualifying relevant offender means a relevant offender who, on the date on which he makes an application for review, is—
 - (a) subject to the indefinite notification requirements; and
 - (b) not subject to [^{F51}a sexual harm prevention order under section 103A, an interim sexual harm prevention order under section 103F,] a sexual offences prevention order under section 104(1) or an interim sexual offences prevention order under section 109(3) [^{F52}, or an order under Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the Sentencing Code (sexual harm prevention orders on conviction)].
- (3) The “indefinite notification requirements” mean the notification requirements of this Part for an indefinite period by virtue of—
 - (a) section 80(1);
 - (b) section 81(1); or
 - [^{F53}(c) a notice given under section 96ZA.]
- (4) In this Part, the “relevant chief officer of police” means, subject to subsection (5), the chief officer of police for the police area in which a qualifying relevant offender is recorded as residing or staying in the most recent notification given by him under section 84(1) or 85(1).
- (5) Subsection (6) applies if a qualifying relevant offender is recorded as residing or staying at more than one address in the most recent notification given by him under section 84(1) or 85(1).
- (6) If this subsection applies, the “relevant chief officer of police” means the chief officer of police for the police area in which, during the relevant period, the qualifying relevant offender has resided or stayed on a number of days which equals or exceeds the number of days on which he has resided or stayed in any other police area.
- (7) In subsection (6), “the relevant period” means the period of 12 months ending on the day on which the qualifying relevant offender makes an application for review.

Textual Amendments

F50 Ss. 91A-91F inserted (E.W.) (31.7.2012) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1883\)](#), **arts. 1(1), 3**

F51 Words in s. 91A(2)(b) inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 58** (with **ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93**); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

F52 Words in s. 91A(2)(b) inserted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 207** (with **Sch. 27**); S.I. 2020/1236, **reg. 2**

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F53 S. 91A(3)(c) substituted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 169\(4\), 208\(1\)](#) (with [s. 169\(7\)\(8\)](#)); [S.I. 2022/1227](#), [reg. 3\(b\)](#)

91B Review of indefinite notification requirements: application for review and qualifying dates **E+W**

- (1) An application for review must be in writing and may be made on or after the qualifying date or, as the case may be, the further qualifying date.
- (2) Subject to subsection (7), the qualifying date is—
 - (a) where the qualifying relevant offender was 18 or over on the relevant date, the day after the end of the 15 year period beginning with the day on which the qualifying relevant offender gives the relevant notification; or
 - (b) where the qualifying relevant offender was under 18 on the relevant date, the day after the end of the 8 year period beginning with the day on which the qualifying relevant offender gives the relevant notification.
- (3) Subject to subsections (4) to (6), the further qualifying date is the day after the end of the 8 year period beginning with the day on which the relevant chief officer of police makes a determination under section 91C to require a qualifying relevant offender to remain subject to the indefinite notification requirements.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if the relevant chief officer of police, when making a determination under section 91C to require a qualifying relevant offender to remain subject to the indefinite notification requirements, considers that the risk of sexual harm posed by a qualifying relevant offender is sufficient to justify a continuation of those requirements after the end of the 8 year period beginning with the day on which the determination is made.
- (5) If this subsection applies, the relevant chief officer of police may make a determination to require a qualifying relevant offender to remain subject to the indefinite notification requirements for a period which may be no longer than the 15 year period beginning with the day on which the determination is made.
- (6) If subsection (5) applies, the further qualifying date is the day after the end of the period determined under that subsection.
- (7) The qualifying date must not be earlier than the expiry of the fixed period specified in a notification continuation order made in relation to a qualifying relevant offender in accordance with sections 88A to 88I.
- (8) The relevant chief officer of police within 14 days of receipt of an application for review—
 - (a) must give an acknowledgment of receipt of the application to the qualifying relevant offender, and
 - (b) may notify a responsible body that the application has been made.
- (9) Where a responsible body is notified of the application for review under subsection (8) (b) and holds information which it considers to be relevant to the application, the responsible body must give such information to the relevant chief officer of police within 28 days of receipt of the notification.
- (10) In this section “the relevant notification” means the first notification which the relevant offender gives under section 83, 84 or 85 when he is first released after—

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- (a) being remanded in or committed to custody by an order of a court in relation to the conviction for the offence giving rise to the indefinite notification requirements;
 - (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention in relation to that conviction;
 - (c) being detained in hospital in relation to that conviction.
- (11) For the purposes of this Part—
- (a) “responsible body” means—
 - (i) the probation trust for any area that includes any part of the police area concerned,
 - (ii) in relation to any part of the police area concerned for which there is no probation trust, each provider of probation services which has been identified as a relevant provider of probation services for the purposes of section 325 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 by arrangements under section 3 of the Offender Management Act 2007,
 - (iii) the Minister of the Crown exercising functions in relation to prisons (and for this purpose “prison” has the same meaning as in the Prison Act 1952), and
 - (iv) each body mentioned in section 325(6) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003, but as if the references in that subsection to the relevant area were references to the police area concerned;
 - (b) “risk of sexual harm” means a risk of physical or psychological harm to the public in the United Kingdom or any particular members of the public caused by the qualifying relevant offender committing one or more of the offences listed in Schedule 3.

Textual Amendments

F50 Ss. 91A-91F inserted (E.W.) (31.7.2012) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) Order 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/1883), arts. 1(1), 3

91C **Review of indefinite notification requirements: determination of application for review** **E+W**

- (1) The relevant chief officer of police must, within 6 weeks of the latest date on which any body to which a notification has been given under section 91B(8)(b) may give information under section 91B(9)—
 - (a) determine the application for review, and
 - (b) give notice of the determination to the qualifying relevant offender.
- (2) For the purposes of the determination of an application for review under this section, a qualifying relevant offender must satisfy the relevant chief officer of police that it is not necessary for the purpose of protecting the public or any particular members of the public from sexual harm for the qualifying relevant offender to remain subject to the indefinite notification requirements.
- (3) If the relevant chief officer of police determines under this section that the qualifying relevant offender should remain subject to the indefinite notification requirements, the notice of the determination must—
 - (a) contain a statement of reasons for the determination, and

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- (b) inform the qualifying relevant offender that he may appeal the determination in accordance with section 91E.
- (4) If the relevant chief officer of police determines under this section that a qualifying relevant offender should not remain subject to the indefinite notification requirements, the qualifying relevant offender ceases to be subject to the indefinite notification requirements on the date of receipt of the notice of determination.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order amend the period in subsection (1).

Textual Amendments

F50 Ss. 91A-91F inserted (E.W.) (31.7.2012) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1883\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3

91D **Review of indefinite notification requirements: factors applying to determination under section 91C** **E+W**

- (1) In determining an application for review under section 91C, the relevant chief officer of police must—
 - (a) have regard to information (if any) received from a responsible body;
 - (b) consider the risk of sexual harm posed by the qualifying relevant offender and the effect of a continuation of the indefinite notification requirements on the offender; and
 - (c) take into account the matters listed in subsection (2).
- (2) The matters are—
 - (a) the seriousness of the offence in relation to which the qualifying relevant offender became subject to the indefinite notification requirements;
 - (b) the period of time which has elapsed since the qualifying relevant offender committed the offence (or other offences);
 - (c) where the qualifying relevant offender falls within section 81(1), whether the qualifying relevant offender committed any offence under section 3 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997;
 - (d) whether the qualifying relevant offender has committed any offence under section 91;
 - (e) the age of the qualifying relevant offender at the qualifying date or further qualifying date;
 - (f) the age of the qualifying relevant offender at the time the offence referred to in paragraph (a) was committed;
 - (g) the age of any person who was a victim of any such offence (where applicable) and the difference in age between the victim and the qualifying relevant offender at the time the offence was committed;
 - (h) any assessment of the risk posed by the qualifying relevant offender which has been made by a responsible body under the arrangements for managing and assessing risk established under section 325 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003;
 - (i) any submission or evidence from a victim of the offence giving rise to the indefinite notification requirements;
 - (j) any convictions or findings made by a court (including by a court in Scotland, Northern Ireland or countries outside the United Kingdom) in respect of the

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- qualifying relevant offender for any offence listed in Schedule 3 other than the one referred to in paragraph (a);
- (k) any caution which the qualifying relevant offender has received for an offence (including for an offence in Northern Ireland or countries outside the United Kingdom) which is listed in Schedule 3;
 - (l) any convictions or findings made by a court in Scotland, Northern Ireland or countries outside the United Kingdom in respect of the qualifying relevant offender for any offence listed in Schedule 5 where the behaviour of the qualifying relevant offender since the date of such conviction or finding indicates a risk of sexual harm;
 - (m) any other submission or evidence of the risk of sexual harm posed by the qualifying relevant offender;
 - (n) any evidence presented by or on behalf of the qualifying relevant offender which demonstrates that the qualifying relevant offender does not pose a risk of sexual harm; and
 - (o) any other matter which the relevant chief officer of police considers to be appropriate.
- (3) In this section, a reference to a conviction, finding or caution for an offence committed in a country outside the United Kingdom means a conviction, finding or caution for an act which—
- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence listed in Schedule 3 or Schedule 5 if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

F50 Ss. 91A-91F inserted (E.W.) (31.7.2012) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1883\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3

91E **Review of indefinite notification requirements: appeals** **E+W**

- (1) A qualifying relevant offender may appeal against a determination of the relevant chief officer of police under section 91C.
- (2) An appeal under this section may be made by complaint to a magistrates' court within the period of 21 days beginning with the day of receipt of the notice of determination.
- (3) A qualifying relevant offender may appeal under this section to any magistrates' court in a local justice area which includes any part of the police area for which the chief officer is the relevant chief officer of police.
- (4) If the court makes an order that a qualifying relevant offender should not remain subject to the indefinite notification requirements, the qualifying relevant offender ceases to be subject to the indefinite notification requirements on the date of the order.

Textual Amendments

F50 Ss. 91A-91F inserted (E.W.) (31.7.2012) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1883\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3

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91F **Review of indefinite notification requirements: guidance** **E+W**

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance to relevant chief officers of police in relation to the determination by them of applications made under section 91B.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, from time to time, revise the guidance issued under subsection (1).
- (3) The Secretary of State must arrange for any guidance issued or revised under this section to be published in such manner as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

F50 Ss. 91A-91F inserted (E.W.) (31.7.2012) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1883\)](#), arts. 1(1), 3

92 **Certificates for purposes of Part 2** **U.K.**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where on any date a person is—
 - (a) convicted of an offence listed in Schedule 3;
 - (b) found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity; or
 - (c) found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence.
- (2) If the court by or before which the person is so convicted or found—
 - (a) states in open court—
 - (i) that on that date he has been convicted, found not guilty by reason of insanity or found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him, and
 - (ii) that the offence in question is an offence listed in Schedule 3, and
 - (b) certifies those facts, whether at the time or subsequently,the certificate is, for the purposes of this Part, evidence (or, in Scotland, sufficient evidence) of those facts.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies where on any date a person is, in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, cautioned in respect of an offence listed in Schedule 3.
- (4) If the constable—
 - (a) informs the person that he has been cautioned on that date and that the offence in question is an offence listed in Schedule 3, and
 - (b) certifies those facts, whether at the time or subsequently, in such form as the Secretary of State may by order prescribe,the certificate is, for the purposes of this Part, evidence (or, in Scotland, sufficient evidence) of those facts.

93 **[^{F54}Abolished homosexual offences][^{F54}Acts which are no longer offences]** **E+W** **+N.I.**

Schedule 4 (procedure for ending notification requirements for [^{F55}abolished homosexual offences][^{F55}acts which are no longer offences]) has effect.

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Textual Amendments

- F54** S. 93 heading substituted (N.I.) (26.4.2013) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\), ss. 3\(2\)\(a\), 15\(1\)](#)
- F55** Words in s. 93 substituted (N.I.) (26.4.2013) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\), ss. 3\(2\)\(b\), 15\(1\)](#)

Information for verification

94 Part 2: supply of information to Secretary of State etc. for verification **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies to information notified to the police under—
- (a) section 83, 84 or 85, or
 - (b) section 2(1) to (3) of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51).
- (2) A person within subsection (3) may, for the purposes of the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of offences under this Part, supply information to which this section applies to—
- (a) the Secretary of State,
 - ^{F56}(aa)
 - (b) a Northern Ireland Department, or
 - (c) a person providing services to the Secretary of State ^{F57}... or a Northern Ireland Department in connection with a relevant function,
- for use for the purpose of verifying the information.
- (3) The persons are—
- (a) a chief officer of police (in Scotland, [^{F58}the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland]),
 - [^{F59}(b) the Director General of the National Crime Agency.]
- (4) In relation to information supplied under subsection (2) to any person, the reference to verifying the information is a reference to—
- (a) checking its accuracy by comparing it with information held—
 - (i) where the person is the Secretary of State ^{F60}... or a Northern Ireland Department, by him or it in connection with the exercise of a relevant function, or
 - (ii) where the person is within subsection (2)(c), by that person in connection with the provision of services referred to there, and
 - (b) compiling a report of that comparison.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), the supply of information under this section is to be taken not to breach any restriction on the disclosure of information (however arising or imposed).
- (6) This section does not authorise the doing of anything that contravenes [^{F61}the data protection legislation].
- (7) This section does not affect any power existing apart from this section to supply information.
- (8) In this section—

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[^{F62}“ the data protection legislation ” has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act);]

“Northern Ireland Department” means the Department for Employment and Learning, the Department of the Environment or the Department for Social Development;

“relevant function” means—

- (a) a function relating to social security, child support, employment or training,
- (aa) ^{F63}
- (b) a function relating to passports,
- (c) a function under Part 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52) or Part 2 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)).

Textual Amendments

- F56** S. 94(2)(aa) omitted (1.8.2012) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 68(a)**
- F57** Words in s. 94(2)(c) omitted (1.8.2012) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 68(b)**
- F58** Words in s. 94(3)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 43**
- F59** S. 94(3)(b) substituted for s. 94(3)(b)(c) (7.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013](#) (c. 22), s. 61(2), **Sch. 8 para. 154**; S.I. 2013/1682, art. 3(v)
- F60** Words in s. 94(4)(a)(i) omitted (1.8.2012) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 68(c)**
- F61** Words in s. 94(6) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018](#) (c. 12), s. 212(1), **Sch. 19 para. 94(2)** (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)
- F62** Words in s. 94(8) inserted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018](#) (c. 12), s. 212(1), **Sch. 19 para. 94(3)** (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)
- F63** S. 94(8) definition of “relevant function” para. (aa) omitted (1.8.2012) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 68(d)**

95 Part 2: supply of information by Secretary of State etc. **U.K.**

(1) A report compiled under section 94 may be supplied by—

- (a) the Secretary of State,
- ^{F64}(aa)
- (b) a Northern Ireland Department, or
- (c) a person within section 94(2)(c),
to a person within subsection (2).

(2) The persons are—

- (a) a chief officer of police (in Scotland, [^{F65}the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland]),
- [^{F66}(b) the Serious Organised Crime Agency.]

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- (3) Such a report may contain any information held—
- (a) by the Secretary of State ^{F67}... or a Northern Ireland Department in connection with the exercise of a relevant function, or
 - (b) by a person within section 94(2)(c) in connection with the provision of services referred to there.
- (4) Where such a report contains information within subsection (3), the person within subsection (2) to whom it is supplied—
- (a) may retain the information, whether or not used for the purposes of the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of an offence under this Part, and
 - (b) may use the information for any purpose related to the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of offences (whether or not under this Part), but for no other purpose.
- (5) Subsections (5) to (8) of section 94 apply in relation to this section as they apply in relation to section 94.

Textual Amendments

- F64** S. 95(1)(aa) omitted (1.8.2012) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 69(a)**
- F65** Words in s. 95(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 43**
- F66** S. 95(2)(b) substituted for s. 95(b)(c) (1.4.2006) by [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 59, 178, **Sch. 4 para. 195**; [S.I. 2006/378](#), **art. 4(1)**, Sch. para. 10 (subject to art. 4(2)-(7))
- F67** Words in s. 95(3)(a) omitted (1.8.2012) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 69(b)**

Information about release or transfer

96 **Information about release or transfer** **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies to a relevant offender who is serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention, or is detained in a hospital.
 - (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision requiring notice to be given by the person who is responsible for that offender to persons prescribed by the regulations, of any occasion when the offender is released or a different person becomes responsible for him.
- [^{F68}(2A) The regulations may make provision requiring the person who is responsible for an offender, in giving notice under the regulations, to provide—
- (a) any information about the offender, or
 - (b) a photograph of any part of the offender.
- (2B) In subsection (2A), “photograph” is to be construed in accordance with section 88(2).]
- (3) The regulations may make provision for determining who is to be treated for the purposes of this section as responsible for an offender.

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Textual Amendments

- F68** S. 96(2A)(2B) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), **ss. 79(2)**, 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, **art. 2(d)**
- F69** S. 96(4) repealed (S.) (28.3.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), **ss. 102(5)**, 206(1); S.I. 2011/178, **art. 2, Sch.**

^{F70} *Offences committed in a country outside the United Kingdom*

Textual Amendments

- F70** Ss. 96A, 96AA inserted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 4(2)**, 15(2)(c); S.R. 2014/179, **art. 2(b)**

96A Offences committed in a country outside the United Kingdom **N.I.**

- (1) This section applies to a person (“P”) if the following 3 conditions are met with respect to P.
- (2) The first condition is that under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom—
 - (a) P has been convicted of a relevant offence (whether or not P has been punished for it),
 - (b) a court exercising jurisdiction under that law has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that P is not guilty by reason of insanity,
 - (c) such a court has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that P is under a disability and did the act charged against P in respect of the offence, or
 - (d) P has been cautioned in respect of a relevant offence.
- (3) The second condition is that—
 - (a) the first condition is met because of a conviction, finding or caution which occurred on or after 1st September 1997,
 - (b) the first condition is met because of a conviction or finding which occurred before that date, but P was dealt with in respect of the offence or finding on or after that date, or has yet to be dealt with in respect of it, or
 - (c) the first condition is met because of a conviction or finding which occurred before that date, but on that date P was, in respect of the offence or finding, subject under the law in force in the country concerned to detention, supervision or any other disposal equivalent to any of those mentioned in section 81(3) (read with sections 81(6) and 131).
- (4) The third condition is that the period set out in section 82 (as modified by subsections (6) and (7) below) in respect of the relevant offence has not expired.

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- (5) Where this section applies to P, P is subject to the notification requirements of this Part for the notification period set out in section 82; but the application of this Part to P in respect of the conviction, finding or caution is subject—
- (a) in all cases, to the modifications set out below; and
 - (b) in a case where the first condition mentioned in subsection (2) is met by reason of a conviction, finding or caution in a country which is not a member of the Council of Europe, to the further provisions in section 96AA.
- (6) The “relevant date” means—
- (a) in the case where P is within subsection (2)(a), the date of the conviction;
 - (b) in the case where P is within subsection (2)(b) or (c), the date of the finding;
 - (c) in the case where P is within subsection (2)(d), the date of the caution.
- (7) In section 82—
- (a) references, except in the Table, to a person (or relevant offender) within any provision of section 80 are to be read as references to P;
 - (b) the reference in the Table to section 80(1)(d) is to be read as a reference to subsection (2)(d);
 - (c) references to an order of any description are to be read as references to any corresponding disposal made in relation to P in respect of an offence or finding by reference to which this section applies to P;
 - (d) the reference to offences listed in Schedule 3 is to be read as a reference to relevant offences.
- (8) In sections 83 and 85 references to the commencement of this Part are to be read as references to the commencement of section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2013.
- (9) Section 83 has effect as if after subsection (1) there were inserted—
- “(1A) In the case of a person who is not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, in calculating the period of 3 days mentioned in subsection (1) there is to be disregarded a period of 7 days (or two or more periods in any period of 12 months taken together which amount to 7 days) after that person's entry into Northern Ireland.”.
- (10) Section 83(4) has effect as if—
- (a) for the words “Where a notification order is made” there were substituted “Where a relevant offender is subject to the notification requirements of this Part by virtue of section 96A ”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (a) for the words “the order was made” there were substituted “he became a person to whom section 96A applies ”.
- (11) In this section “relevant offence” means an act which—
- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence listed in Schedule 3 (other than at paragraph 60) if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom;
- and for the purposes of this subsection an act punishable under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom constitutes an offence under that law however it is described in that law.

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96AA Convictions, etc. in a country which is not a member of the Council of Europe **N.I.**

- (1) The further provisions referred to in section 96A(5)(b) are as follows.
- (2) Where P is charged with an offence under section 91(1)(a), it is a defence for P to prove that the relevant conviction, finding or caution falls within subsection (4).
- (3) P shall cease to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part by virtue of section 96A if the High Court, on an application made by P in accordance with rules of court, so orders; but the High Court shall not make such an order unless it is satisfied that the relevant conviction, finding or caution falls within subsection (4).
- (4) A conviction, finding or caution falls within this subsection if the relevant court is satisfied—
 - (a) that any investigations or proceedings leading to it were conducted in a way which contravened any of the Convention rights which P would have had if those investigations or proceedings had taken place in the United Kingdom; and
 - (b) that contravention was such that, in the opinion of the court, the conviction, finding or caution cannot safely be relied on for the purposes of meeting the condition in section 96A(2).
- (5) In this section—

“the relevant conviction, finding or caution” means the conviction, finding or caution by reason of which P is subject, by virtue of section 96A, to the notification requirements of this Part;

“the relevant court” means—

 - (a) in a case to which subsection (2) applies, the court before which P is charged;
 - (b) in a case to which subsection (3) applies, the High Court.]

[^{F71}Offences outside the United Kingdom: notification requirements

Textual Amendments

F71 Ss. 96ZA-96ZD and cross-heading inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 169\(2\), 208\(1\)](#); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)

96ZA Offences outside the United Kingdom: notification requirements **U.K.**

- (1) Where this section applies to a person (“P”), P is subject to the notification requirements of this Part for the notification period set out in section 82.

This is subject to sections 96ZB (young offenders: parental notices) and 96ZC (modifications of notification requirements).
- (2) This section applies to P if P has been given a notice under subsection (3) and that notice has not been cancelled.
- (3) A constable may give a notice to P if—
 - (a) the conditions in subsections (6), (7) and (8) are met in respect of P, and

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- (b) an officer of at least the rank of inspector has authorised the giving of the notice to P.
- (4) A notice given to P under subsection (3) must be given to P in person and must contain details of—
- (a) the notifications that P is required to give under this Part,
 - (b) when those notifications must be given, and
 - (c) where those notifications may be given.
- (5) A notice given under subsection (3) may be cancelled by a constable giving notice in writing to P in person but such a cancellation must be authorised by an officer of at least the rank of inspector.
- (6) The first condition is that under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom—
- (a) P has been convicted of a relevant offence (whether or not P has been punished for it),
 - (b) a court exercising jurisdiction under that law has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that P is not guilty by reason of insanity,
 - (c) such a court has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that P is under a disability and did the act charged against P in respect of the offence, or
 - (d) P has been cautioned in respect of a relevant offence.
- (7) The second condition is that—
- (a) the first condition is met because of a conviction, finding or caution which occurred on or after 1 September 1997,
 - (b) the first condition is met because of a conviction or finding which occurred before that date, but P was dealt with in respect of the offence or finding on or after that date, or has yet to be dealt with in respect of it, or
 - (c) the first condition is met because of a conviction or finding which occurred before that date, but on that date P was, in respect of the offence or finding, subject under the law in force in the country concerned to detention, supervision or any other disposal equivalent to any of those mentioned in section 81(3) (read with sections 81(6) and 131).
- (8) The third condition is that the period set out in section 82 (as it would have effect as modified by section 96ZC(2) and (3) if this section applied to P) in respect of the relevant offence has not expired.
- (9) In this section and section 96ZC “relevant offence” means an act which—
- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence listed in Schedule 3 (other than at paragraph 60) if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (10) For the purposes of subsection (9)(a), an act punishable under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom constitutes an offence under that law however it is described in that law.

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96ZB Young offenders: parental notices U.K.

- (1) Where the person (“P”) given a notice under section 96ZA is under 18 a constable may also give a notice (a “parental notice”) to a person (“the parent”) with parental responsibility for P.
- (2) Subsections (3)(b) to (5) of section 96ZA apply to the giving of a parental notice as if references to P were references to the parent.
- (3) If a parental notice has been given to the parent and has not been cancelled or ceased to have effect—
 - (a) the obligations that would (apart from this subsection) be imposed by virtue of section 96ZA on P are to be treated instead as obligations on the parent, and
 - (b) the parent must ensure that P attends with them at the police station when a notification under this Part is being given.
- (4) The parental notice ceases to have effect when P reaches the age of 18.
- (5) If a parental notice is to be given, section 96ZA(4)(a) has effect in relation to the notice given to P as if the reference to the notifications that P is required to give under this Part were a reference to—
 - (a) the notifications that the parent is required to give under this Part, and
 - (b) the notifications (if any) that P is required to give under this Part once the parental notice ceases to have effect.

96ZC Modifications of notification requirements U.K.

- (1) The application of this Part to a person (“P”) to whom section 96ZA applies in respect of a conviction, finding or caution is subject to the modifications set out in this section.
- (2) References to the “relevant date”—
 - (a) in a case where P is within section 96ZA(6)(a), are to the date of the conviction,
 - (b) in a case where P is within section 96ZA(6)(b) or (c), are to the date of the finding, and
 - (c) in a case where P is within section 96ZA(6)(d), are to the date of the caution.
- (3) In section 82—
 - (a) references, except in the Table, to a person (or relevant offender) within any provision of section 80 are to be read as references to P;
 - (b) the reference in the Table to section 80(1)(d) is to be read as a reference to section 96ZA(6)(d);
 - (c) references to an order of any description are to be read as references to any corresponding disposal made in relation to P in respect of an offence or finding by reference to which a notice has been given to P under section 96ZA;
 - (d) the reference to offences listed in Schedule 3 is to be read as a reference to relevant offences (see section 96ZA(9)).
- (4) Section 83 has effect as if after subsection (1) there were inserted—

“(1A) In the case of a relevant offender who is subject to the notification requirements of this Part by virtue of a notice being given to the relevant offender under section 96ZA, the reference in subsection (1) to the period of 3 days beginning with the relevant date (or if later the commencement of this

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Part) is to be read as a reference to the period of 3 days beginning with the day on which the notice was given to the relevant offender.”

- (5) Section 83(4) has effect as if—
- (a) for the words “Where a notification order is made” there were substituted “Where a relevant offender is subject to the notification requirements of this Part by virtue of a notice given under section 96ZA”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (a) for the words “the order was made” there were substituted “the notice was given to the relevant offender”.

96ZD Appeal against the issue of a notice under section 96ZA or 96ZB U.K.

- (1) A person (“P”) may appeal to a magistrates’ court against the decision to give them a notice under section 96ZA.
- (2) The grounds for bringing an appeal under subsection (1) include—
 - (a) that one or more of the conditions for the giving of the notice were not met in respect of P at the time the notice was given;
 - (b) that the conviction, finding or caution by reason of which P was given the notice falls within subsection (3).
- (3) A conviction, finding or caution falls within this subsection if—
 - (a) any investigations or proceedings leading to it were conducted in a way which contravened any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998) which P would have had if those investigations or proceedings had taken place in the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) that contravention was such that the conviction, finding or caution cannot be safely relied on for the purposes of meeting the condition in section 96ZA(6).
- (4) A person (“the parent”) may appeal to a magistrates’ court against the decision to give them a parental notice under section 96ZB.
- (5) The grounds for bringing an appeal under subsection (4) include—
 - (a) that one or more of the conditions for the giving of a notice under section 96ZA to the person (“P”) for whom the parent has parental responsibility were not met in respect of P at the time the notice under section 96ZA was given;
 - (b) that the conviction, finding or caution by reason of which P was given a notice under section 96ZA falls within subsection (3);
 - (c) that one or more of the requirements for giving the parent a parental notice under section 96ZB were not met at the time the parental notice was given.
- (6) On an appeal under subsection (1) or (4) a magistrates’ court may cancel or confirm the notice which is the subject of the appeal.]

f⁷²Entry and examination of home address

Textual Amendments

F72 S. 96A inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), [ss. 80, 104](#); [S.S.I. 2006/432](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

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96A Police powers of entry to and examination of relevant offender's home address **S**

- (1) A sheriff may, if satisfied on the application of a senior police officer ^{F73}... as to the matters mentioned in subsection (2), grant a warrant authorising any constable of the [^{F74}Police Service of Scotland] to enter premises in the sheriffdom (if necessary using reasonable force) and to examine and search them, and the things in them, for the purpose mentioned in subsection (3).
- (2) Those matters are—
 - (a) that the premises are either—
 - (i) premises whose address has been notified by a relevant offender as his home address in his most recent notification of a home address under this Part; or
 - (ii) premises whose address has been notified by a relevant offender as the address of any other premises at which he regularly resides or stays, in his most recent notification under section 83(1) or 85(1) or in any notification under section 84(1) given by him since that notification;
 - (b) that the offender is not one to whom subsection (4) applies;
 - (c) that it would assist the carrying out of the purpose mentioned in subsection (3), for a constable of the relevant force to examine and search the premises and the things in them; and
 - (d) that on more than one occasion, a constable of the [^{F75}Police Service of Scotland] has attempted to examine and search the premises and the things in them for the purpose mentioned in subsection (3) and has been unable (whether by not being able to search and examine the premises and the things in them, or by not being able to obtain entry to the premises) to do so.
- (3) That purpose is assessing the risk of the offender committing a sexual offence.
- (4) This subsection applies to the relevant offender if he is—
 - (a) remanded in or committed to custody by an order of a court;
 - (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention;
 - (c) detained in a hospital; or
 - (d) outside the United Kingdom.
- (5) A sheriff is to determine an application for a warrant under subsection (1) without hearing from the relevant offender or any other person who has an interest in the premises.
- (6) A warrant under subsection (1) does not confer power to seize anything in the premises to which it relates.
- (7) A warrant under subsection (1) must be executed at a reasonable hour.
- (8) A warrant under subsection (1) continues in force until the expiry of the period of one month beginning with the date of the warrant's grant.
- (9) A warrant under subsection (1) authorises entry on one occasion only.
- (10) This section does not prejudice any other power of entry, examination, search or seizure.
- (11) In this section—

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“senior police officer” means a constable [^{F77}of the Police Service of Scotland] of the rank of superintendent or above; and

“sexual offence” means—

- (a) an offence within any of paragraphs 36 to 59C of Schedule 3; or
- (b) any other offence in circumstances in which it would be likely that a determination such as is mentioned in paragraph 60 of that Schedule would be made in relation to the offence.]

Textual Amendments

- F73** Words in s. 96A(1) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20(7)(a)(i)**
- F74** Words in s. 96A(1) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20(7)(a)(ii)**
- F75** Words in s. 96A(2)(d) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20(7)(b)**
- F76** S. 96A(11) definition of “the relevant force” omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20(7)(c)(i)**
- F77** Words in s. 96A(11) definition of “senior police officer” inserted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20(7)(c)(ii)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** S. 96A(2)(d) modified (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Supplementary, Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/121\)](#), arts. 1(1), **14**

[^{F78}Entry and search of home address

Textual Amendments

- F78** S. 96B and cross-heading inserted (E.W.N.I.) (31.5.2007) by [Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 \(c. 38\)](#), **ss. 58(1), 66(2)**; [S.I. 2007/858](#), **art. 3(f)**

96B Power of entry and search of relevant offender's home address **E+W+N.I.**

- (1) If on an application made by a senior police officer of the relevant force a justice of the peace is satisfied that the requirements in subsection (2) are met in relation to any premises, he may issue a warrant authorising a constable of that force—
 - (a) to enter the premises for the purpose of assessing the risks posed by the relevant offender to which the warrant relates; and
 - (b) to search the premises for that purpose.
- (2) The requirements are—
 - (a) that the address of each set of premises specified in the application is an address falling within subsection (3);
 - (b) that the relevant offender is not one to whom subsection (4) applies;

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- (c) that it is necessary for a constable to enter and search the premises for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1)(a); and
 - (d) that on at least two occasions a constable has sought entry to the premises in order to search them for that purpose and has been unable to obtain entry for that purpose.
- (3) An address falls within this subsection if—
- (a) it is the address which was last notified in accordance with this Part by a relevant offender to the police as his home address; or
 - (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that a relevant offender resides there or may regularly be found there.
- (4) This subsection applies to a relevant offender if he is—
- (a) remanded in or committed to custody by order of a court;
 - (b) serving a sentence of imprisonment or a term of service detention;
 - (c) detained in a hospital; or
 - (d) outside the United Kingdom.
- (5) A warrant issued under this section must specify the one or more sets of premises to which it relates.
- (6) The warrant may authorise the constable executing it to use reasonable force if necessary to enter and search the premises.
- (7) The warrant may authorise entry to and search of premises on more than one occasion if, on the application, the justice of the peace is satisfied that it is necessary to authorise multiple entries in order to achieve the purpose mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (8) Where a warrant issued under this section authorises multiple entries, the number of entries authorised may be unlimited or limited to a maximum.
- (9) In this section a reference to the relevant offender to whom the warrant relates is a reference to the relevant offender—
- (a) who has in accordance with this Part notified the police that the premises specified in the warrant are his home address; or
 - (b) in respect of whom there are reasonable grounds to believe that he resides there or may regularly be found there.
- (10) In this section—
- “the relevant force” means the police force maintained for the police area in which the premises in respect of which the application is made or the warrant is issued are situated;
 - “senior police officer” means a constable of the rank of superintendent or above.]

Notification orders

[^{F79}97 **Notification orders: applications and grounds** U.K.]

- [^{F80}(1) [^{F81}The chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland (“the chief constable”) may by application to any sheriff], apply for an order under this section (a “notification order”) in respect of a person ^{F82}... if—

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- (a) it appears to [^{F83}the chief constable] that the following three conditions are met with respect to the [^{F84}person], and
 - (b) the [^{F85}person] resides in [^{F86}Scotland] or the [^{F87}chief constable] believes that the [^{F85}person] is in, or is intending to come to, [^{F86}Scotland].
- (2) The first condition is that under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom—
- (a) [^{F88}the person] has been convicted of a relevant offence (whether or not [^{F88}the person] has been punished for it),
 - (b) a court exercising jurisdiction under that law has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that [^{F88}the person] is not guilty by reason of insanity,
 - (c) such a court has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that [^{F88}the person] is under a disability and did the act charged against [^{F89}the person] in respect of the offence, or
 - (d) [^{F88}the person] has been cautioned in respect of a relevant offence.
- (3) The second condition is that—
- (a) the first condition is met because of a conviction, finding or caution which occurred on or after 1st September 1997,
 - (b) the first condition is met because of a conviction or finding which occurred before that date, but the person was dealt with in respect of the offence or finding on or after that date, or has yet to be dealt with in respect of it, or
 - (c) the first condition is met because of a conviction or finding which occurred before that date, but on that date the person was, in respect of the offence or finding, subject under the law in force in the country concerned to detention, supervision or any other disposal equivalent to any of those mentioned in section 81(3) (read with sections 81(6) and 131).
- (4) The third condition is that the period set out in section 82 (as modified by subsections (2) and (3) of section 98) in respect of the relevant offence has not expired.
- (5) If on the application it is proved that the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) are met, the [^{F90}sheriff] must make a notification order.
- [^{F91}(5A) A record of evidence must be kept on any application for an order under this section.
- (5B) The clerk of the court by which a notification order under this section is made must cause a copy of the order as so made to be—
- (a) given to the person named in the order,
 - (b) sent to the person by registered post, or
 - (c) sent to the person by the recorded delivery service,
- and where a copy of the order is so sent to the person, an acknowledgement or certificate of delivery issued by the Post Office is sufficient evidence of the delivery of the copy on the day specified in the acknowledgement or certificate.]
- (6) In this section and section 98, “relevant offence” has the meaning given by section 99.]]

Textual Amendments

F79 Ss. 97-101 repealed (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. 4(3), 15(2)(c)(e), **Sch. 4 Pt. 1** (with s. 4(4)); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(b)

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- F80** Ss. 97-103 omitted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 169(5)**, 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)
- F81** Words in s. 97(1) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(a)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F82** Words in s. 97(1) omitted (S.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(a)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F83** Words in s. 97(1)(a) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(b)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F84** Word in s. 97(1)(a) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(b)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F85** Word in s. 97(1)(b) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(c)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F86** Word in s. 97(1)(b) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(c)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F87** Words in s. 97(1)(b) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(c)(iii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F88** Words in s. 97(2) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(d)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F89** Words in s. 97(2)(c) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(d)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F90** Word in s. 97(5) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(e)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F91** S. 97(5A)(5B) inserted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(2)(f)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)

[F79]98 Notification orders: effect U.K.

- [F80]**(1) Where a notification order is made—
- (a) the application of this Part to the **[F92]**person in respect of whom the order has effect] in respect of the conviction, finding or caution to which the order relates is subject to the modifications set out below, and
 - (b) subject to those modifications, the **[F93]**person] becomes or (as the case may be) remains subject to the notification requirements of this Part for the notification period set out in section 82.
- (2) The “relevant date” means—
- (a) in the case of a person within section 97(2)(a), the date of the conviction;
 - (b) in the case of a person within section 97(2)(b) or (c), the date of the finding;
 - (c) in the case of a person within section 97(2)(d), the date of the caution.
- (3) In section 82—
- (a) references, except in the Table, to a person (or relevant offender) within any provision of section 80 are to be read as references to the **[F94]**person in respect of whom the order has effect];
 - (b) the reference in the Table to section 80(1)(d) is to be read as a reference to section 97(2)(d);
 - (c) references to an order of any description are to be read as references to any corresponding disposal made in relation to the **[F95]**person in respect of whom the order has effect] in respect of an offence or finding by reference to which the notification order was made;

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- (d) the reference to offences listed in Schedule 3 is to be read as a reference to relevant offences.
- (4) In sections 83 and 85, references to the commencement of this Part are to be read as references to the date of service of the notification order.]]

Textual Amendments

- F79** Ss. 97-101 repealed (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. 4(3), 15(2)(c)(e), [Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#) (with s. 4(4)); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(b)
- F80** Ss. 97-103 omitted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 169\(5\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)
- F92** Words in s. 98(1)(a) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 170\(3\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F93** Word in s. 98(1)(b) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 170\(3\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F94** Words in s. 98(3)(a) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 170\(3\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F95** Words in s. 98(3)(c) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 170\(3\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)

[^{F79}99 Sections 97 and 98: relevant offences **U.K.**

- [^{F80}(1) “Relevant offence” in sections 97 and 98 means an act which—
- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence listed in Schedule 3 (other than at paragraph 60) if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (2) An act punishable under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom constitutes an offence under that law for the purposes of subsection (1) however it is described in that law.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), on an application for a notification order the condition in subsection (1)(b) is to be taken as met unless, not later than rules of court may provide, the [^{F96}person in respect of whom the order is sought] serves on the applicant a notice—
- (a) stating that, on the facts as alleged with respect to the act concerned, the condition is not in his opinion met,
 - (b) showing his grounds for that opinion, and
 - (c) requiring the applicant to prove that the condition is met.
- (4) The court, if it thinks fit, may permit the [^{F97}person in respect of whom the order is sought] to require the applicant to prove that the condition is met without service of a notice under subsection (3).]]

Textual Amendments

- F79** Ss. 97-101 repealed (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. 4(3), 15(2)(c)(e), [Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#) (with s. 4(4)); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(b)
- F80** Ss. 97-103 omitted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 169\(5\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)
- F96** Words in s. 99(3) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 170\(4\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)

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F97 Words in s. 99(4) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 170\(4\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)

^{F79}100 Interim notification orders **U.K.**

- ^{F80}(1) This section applies where an application for a notification order (“the main application”) has not been determined.
- (2) An application for an order under this section (“an interim notification order”)—
- may be made in ^{F98}... the main application, or
 - if the main application has been made, may be made by the person who has made that application, [^{F99}by further application to the sheriff to whom the main application has been made].
- (3) The court may, if it considers it just to do so, make an interim notification order.
- (4) Such an order—
- has effect only for a fixed period, specified in the order;
 - ceases to have effect, if it has not already done so, on the determination of the main application.
- (5) While such an order has effect—
- the [^{F100}person in respect of whom the order has effect] is subject to the notification requirements of this Part;
 - this Part applies to the [^{F101}person], subject to the modification set out in subsection (6).
- (6) The “relevant date” means the date of service of the order.
- (7) The applicant or the [^{F102}person in respect of whom the order has effect] may by [^{F103}application] apply to the court that made the interim notification order for the order to be varied, renewed or discharged.]]
- ^{F104}(7A) A record of evidence must be kept on any application for an order under this section.
- (7B) The clerk of the court by which an interim notification order is made, varied, renewed or discharged under this section must cause a copy of, as the case may be—
- the order as so made, varied or renewed, or
 - the interlocutor by which discharge is effected,
- to be given to the person named in the order or to be sent to the person in accordance with subsection (7C).
- (7C) A copy of the order may be sent to the person named in the order—
- by registered post, or
 - by the recorded delivery service,
- and where a copy of the order is so sent to the person, an acknowledgement or certificate of delivery issued by the Post Office is sufficient evidence of the delivery of the copy on the day specified in the acknowledgement or certificate.]

Textual Amendments

F79 Ss. 97-101 repealed (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013](#) (c. 7), [ss. 4\(3\)](#), 15(2)(c)(e), [Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#) (with s. 4(4)); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(b)

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- F80** Ss. 97-103 omitted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 169(5)**, 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)
- F98** Words in s. 100(2)(a) omitted (S.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(5)(a)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F99** Words in s. 100(2)(b) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(5)(a)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F100** Words in s. 100(5)(a) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(5)(b)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F101** Word in s. 100(5)(b) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(5)(b)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F102** Words in s. 100(7) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(5)(c)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F103** Word in s. 100(7) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(5)(c)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F104** S. 100(7A)-(7C) inserted (S.) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(5)(d)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)

F105F80F106 **Notification orders and interim notification orders: appeals** **U.K.**

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- Textual Amendments**
- F80** Ss. 97-103 omitted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 169(5)**, 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)
 - F105** Ss. 97-101 repealed (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c. 7), ss. 4(3), 15(2)(c)(e), **Sch. 4 Pt. 1** (with s. 4(4)); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(b)
 - F106** S. 101 omitted (S.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 170(6)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)

102 **Appeals in relation to notification orders and interim notification orders: Scotland** **U.K.**

- [^{F80}In Scotland—
- (a) an interlocutor granting or refusing a notification order or interim notification order is an appealable interlocutor; and
 - (b) where an appeal is taken against an interlocutor so granting such an order the order shall, without prejudice to any power of the court to vary or recall it, continue to have effect pending the disposal of the appeal.]

- Textual Amendments**
- F80** Ss. 97-103 omitted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 169(5)**, 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)

F80F107 **Sections 97 to 100: Scotland** **U.K.**

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Textual Amendments

F80 Ss. 97-103 omitted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), **ss. 169(5)**, 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)

F107 S. 103 omitted (S.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), **ss. 170(6)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)

^{F108}Sexual harm prevention orders (England and Wales)

Textual Amendments

F108 Ss. 103A-103K and cross-heading inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 5 para. 2** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93, 114(1)(3)-(6)); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(e)

103A Sexual harm prevention orders: applications and grounds **E+W**

- (1) A court may make an order under this section (a “sexual harm prevention order”) in respect of a person (“the defendant”) where subsection (2) or (3) applies to the defendant.
- (2) This subsection applies to the defendant where—
 - (a) the court deals with the defendant in respect of—
 - ^{F109}(i)
 - (ii) a finding that the defendant is not guilty of an offence listed in Schedule 3 or 5 by reason of insanity, or
 - (iii) a finding that the defendant is under a disability and has done the act charged against the defendant in respect of an offence listed in Schedule 3 or 5,
 - and
 - (b) the court is satisfied that it is necessary to make a sexual harm prevention order, for the purpose of—
 - (i) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from sexual harm from the defendant, or
 - (ii) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (3) This subsection applies to the defendant where—
 - (a) an application under subsection (4) has been made in respect of the defendant and it is proved on the application that the defendant is a qualifying offender,
^{F110}...
 - ^{F111}(b) the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that since the appropriate date the defendant has acted in one or more of the ways alleged by the person making the application, and
 - (c) the court is satisfied that the defendant having acted in such a way makes it necessary to make a sexual harm prevention order, for the purpose of—
 - (i) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from sexual harm from the defendant, or

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- (ii) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.]

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and
F112(3A) Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether a sexual harm prevention order is necessary for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) in particular, whether a prohibition on foreign travel (see section 103D) is necessary for that purpose.]

(4) [F113 A person mentioned in subsection (4A) (“the applicant”) may by complaint to a magistrates’ court apply for a sexual harm prevention order in respect of a person if it appears to the applicant that—]

- (a) the person is a qualifying offender, and
- (b) the person has since the appropriate date acted in such a way as to give reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary for such an order to be made.

[Those persons are—

- F114(4A)
- (a) a chief officer of police;
 - (b) the Director General of the National Crime Agency (“the Director General”);
 - (c) the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force;
 - (d) the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police.]

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and
F115(4B) Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, a person mentioned in subsection (4A) must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether a person has since the appropriate date acted in such a way as to give reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary for a sexual harm prevention order to be made for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from that person outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) whether to apply for a prohibition on foreign travel (see section 103D) to be included in any such order for that purpose.]

(5) A chief officer of police may make an application under subsection (4) only in respect of a person—

- (a) who resides in the chief officer's police area, or
- (b) who the chief officer believes is in that area or is intending to come to it.

(6) An application under subsection (4) may be made to any magistrates' court acting for a local justice area that includes—

- (a) any part of a relevant police area, or
- (b) any place where it is alleged that the person acted in a way mentioned in subsection (4)(b).

[F116(7) If the Director General, the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force or the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police makes an application under subsection (4), that person must as soon as practicable notify the chief officer of police for a relevant police area of that application.]

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- (8) Where the defendant is a child, a reference in this section to a magistrates' court is to be taken as referring to a youth court (subject to any rules of court made under section 103K(1)).
- (9) In this section “relevant police area” means—
- (a) where the applicant is a chief officer of police, the officer's police area;
 - (b) where the applicant is the Director General ^{F117}, the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force or the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police]—
 - (i) the police area where the person in question resides, or
 - (ii) a police area which the ^{F118}applicant] believes the person is in or is intending to come to.

Textual Amendments

- F109** S. 103A(2)(a)(i) repealed (1.12.2020) by Sentencing Act 2020 (c. 17), s. 416(1), Sch. 28 (with ss. 413(4)(5), 416(7), Sch. 27); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2
- F110** Word in s. 103A(3)(a) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 174(2)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(g)
- F111** S. 103A(3)(b)(c) substituted for s. 103A(3)(b) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 174(2)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(g)
- F112** S. 103A(3A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(4)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F113** Words in s. 103A(4) substituted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(3), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)
- F114** S. 103A(4A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(4), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)
- F115** S. 103A(4B) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(4)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F116** S. 103A(7) substituted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(5), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)
- F117** Words in s. 103A(9)(b) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(6)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)
- F118** Word in s. 103A(9)(b)(ii) substituted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(6)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)

103B Section 103A: supplemental **E+W**

- (1) In section 103A—
- “appropriate date”, in relation to a qualifying offender, means the date or (as the case may be) the first date on which the offender was convicted, found or cautioned as mentioned in subsection (2) or (3) below;
 - “child” means a person under 18;
 - “the public” means the public in the United Kingdom;
 - “sexual harm” from a person means physical or psychological harm caused—
 - (a) by the person committing one or more offences listed in Schedule 3, or
 - (b) (in the context of harm outside the United Kingdom) by the person doing, outside the United Kingdom, anything which would constitute an offence listed in Schedule 3 if done in any part of the United Kingdom;

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“qualifying offender” means a person within subsection (2) or (3) below;

“vulnerable adult” means a person aged 18 or over whose ability to protect himself or herself from physical or psychological harm is significantly impaired through physical or mental disability or illness, through old age or otherwise.

- (2) A person is within this subsection if, whether before or after the commencement of this Part, the person—
- (a) has been convicted of an offence listed in Schedule 3 (other than at paragraph 60) or in Schedule 5,
 - (b) has been found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity,
 - (c) has been found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence, or
 - (d) has been cautioned in respect of such an offence.
- (3) A person is within this subsection if, under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom and whether before or after the commencement of this Part—
- (a) the person has been convicted of a relevant offence (whether or not the person has been punished for it),
 - (b) a court exercising jurisdiction under that law has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that the person is not guilty by reason of insanity,
 - (c) such a court has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that the person is under a disability and did the act charged against the person in respect of the offence, or
 - (d) the person has been cautioned in respect of a relevant offence.
- (4) In subsection (3), “relevant offence” means an act which—
- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence listed in Schedule 3 (other than at paragraph 60) or in Schedule 5 if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- For this purpose an act punishable under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom constitutes an offence under that law, however it is described in that law.
- (5) For the purposes of section 103A, acts, behaviour, convictions and findings include those occurring before the commencement of this Part.
- (6) Subject to subsection (7), on an application under section 103A(4) the condition in subsection (4)(b) above (where relevant) is to be taken as met unless, not later than rules of court may provide, the defendant serves on the applicant a notice—
- (a) stating that, on the facts as alleged with respect to the act concerned, the condition is not in the defendant's opinion met,
 - (b) showing the grounds for that opinion, and
 - (c) requiring the applicant to prove that the condition is met.
- (7) The court, if it thinks fit, may permit the defendant to require the applicant to prove that the condition is met without service of a notice under subsection (6).
- (8) Subsection (9) applies for the purposes of section 103A and this section.

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- (9) In construing any reference to an offence listed in Schedule 3, any condition subject to which an offence is so listed that relates—
- (a) to the way in which the defendant is dealt with in respect of an offence so listed or a relevant finding (as defined by section 132(9)), or
 - (b) to the age of any person,
- is to be disregarded.

103C SHPOs: effect **E+W**

- [^{F119}(1) A sexual harm prevention order may—
- (a) prohibit the defendant from doing anything described in the order;
 - (b) require the defendant to do anything described in the order.]
- (2) Subject to section 103D(1), a prohibition [^{F120}or requirement] contained in a sexual harm prevention order has effect—
- (a) for a fixed period, specified in the order, of at least 5 years, or
 - (b) until further order.
- (3) A sexual harm prevention order—
- (a) may specify that some of its prohibitions [^{F121}or requirements] have effect until further order and some for a fixed period;
 - (b) may specify different periods for different prohibitions [^{F121}or requirements].
- (4) The only prohibitions [^{F122}or requirements] that may be included in a sexual harm prevention order are those necessary for the purpose of—
- (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from sexual harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- [The prohibitions or requirements which are imposed on the defendant by a sexual
- ^{F123}(4A) harm prevention order must, so far as practicable, be such as to avoid—
- (a) any conflict with the defendant’s religious beliefs,
 - (b) any interference with the times, if any, at which the defendant normally works or attends any educational establishment, and
 - (c) any conflict with any other court order or injunction to which the defendant may be subject (but see subsection (6)).]
- (5) In subsection (4) “the public”, “sexual harm”, “child” and “vulnerable adult” each has the meaning given in section 103B(1).
- (6) Where a court makes a sexual harm prevention order in relation to a person who is already subject to such an order (whether made by that court or another), [^{F124} or an order under Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the Sentencing Code (sexual harm prevention orders on conviction),] the earlier order ceases to have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F119** S. 103C(1) substituted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 175\(9\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, [reg. 3\(h\)](#)

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- F120** Words in s. 103C(2) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 175(9)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)
- F121** Words in s. 103C(3) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 175(9)(c), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)
- F122** Words in s. 103C(4) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 175(9)(d), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)
- F123** S. 103C(4A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 175(9)(e), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)
- F124** Words in s. 103C(6) inserted (1.12.2020) by Sentencing Act 2020 (c. 17), s. 416(1), Sch. 24 para. 208 (with Sch. 27); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2

SHPOs: requirements included in order etc. E+W

103CA

(1) A sexual harm prevention order that imposes a requirement to do something on a defendant must specify a person who is to be responsible for supervising compliance with the requirement.

The person may be an individual or an organisation.

(2) Before including such a requirement in a sexual harm prevention order, the court must receive evidence about its suitability and enforceability from—

- (a) the individual to be specified under subsection (1), if an individual is to be specified;
- (b) an individual representing the organisation to be specified under subsection (1), if an organisation is to be specified.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in relation to electronic monitoring requirements (see instead section 103FA(5) and (6)).

(4) It is the duty of a person specified under subsection (1)—

- (a) to make any necessary arrangements in connection with the requirements for which the person has responsibility (“the relevant requirements”);
- (b) to promote the defendant’s compliance with the relevant requirements;
- (c) if the person considers that—
 - (i) the defendant has complied with all the relevant requirements, or
 - (ii) the defendant has failed to comply with a relevant requirement,
 to inform the appropriate chief officer of police.

(5) In subsection (4)(c) the “appropriate chief officer of police means—

- (a) the chief officer of police for the police area in which it appears to the person specified under subsection (1) that the defendant resides, or
- (b) if it appears to that person that the defendant resides in more than one police area, whichever of the chief officers of police of those areas the person thinks it is most appropriate to inform.

(6) A defendant subject to a requirement imposed by a sexual harm prevention order must—

- (a) keep in touch with the person specified under subsection (1) in relation to that requirement, in accordance with any instructions given by that person from time to time, and
- (b) notify that person of any change of the defendant’s home address.

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These obligations have effect as requirements of the order.]

Textual Amendments

F125 S. 103CA inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), ss. 175(10), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)

103D SHPOs: prohibitions on foreign travel **E+W**

- (1) A prohibition on foreign travel contained in a sexual harm prevention order must be for a fixed period of not more than 5 years.
- (2) A “prohibition on foreign travel” means—
 - (a) a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom named or described in the order,
 - (b) a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom other than a country named or described in the order, or
 - (c) a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not prevent a prohibition on foreign travel from being extended for a further period (of no more than 5 years each time) under section 103E.
- (4) A sexual harm prevention order that contains a prohibition within subsection (2)(c) must require the defendant to surrender all of the defendant's passports at a police station specified in the order—
 - (a) on or before the date when the prohibition takes effect, or
 - (b) within a period specified in the order.
- (5) Any passports surrendered must be returned as soon as reasonably practicable after the person ceases to be subject to a sexual harm prevention order containing a prohibition within subsection (2)(c) (unless the person is subject to an equivalent prohibition under another order).
- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply in relation to—
 - (a) a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country outside the United Kingdom if the passport has been returned to those authorities;
 - (b) a passport issued by or on behalf of an international organisation if the passport has been returned to that organisation.
- (7) In this section “passport” means—
 - (a) a United Kingdom passport within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971;
 - (b) a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country outside the United Kingdom, or by or on behalf of an international organisation;
 - (c) a document that can be used (in some or all circumstances) instead of a passport.

103E SHPOs: variations, renewals and discharges **E+W**

- (1) A person within subsection (2) may apply to the appropriate court for an order varying, renewing or discharging a sexual harm prevention order.
- (2) The persons are—

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- (a) the defendant;
- (b) the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides;
- (c) a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, that officer's police area;
- (d) where the order was made on an application by a chief officer of police under section 103A(4), that officer.

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and
F126(2A) Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn, a person mentioned in subsection (2) (b) to (d) must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether to apply for an order varying or renewing a sexual harm prevention order for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) in particular, whether to apply for an order imposing, varying or renewing a prohibition on foreign travel for that purpose.]

(3) An application under subsection (1) may be made—

- (a) where the appropriate court is the Crown Court, in accordance with rules of court;
- (b) in any other case, by complaint.

(4) Subject to subsections (5) and (7), on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (2), may make any order, varying, renewing or discharging the sexual harm prevention order, that the court considers appropriate.

(5) An order may be renewed, or varied so as to impose additional prohibitions [F127 or requirements] on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of—

- (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from sexual harm from the defendant, or
- (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.

Any renewed or varied order may contain only such prohibitions [F128 and requirements] as are necessary for this purpose.

[Any additional prohibitions or requirements that are imposed on the defendant must,
F129(5A) so far as practicable, be such as to avoid—

- (a) any conflict with the defendant's religious beliefs,
- (b) any interference with the times, if any, at which the defendant normally works or attends any educational establishment, and
- (c) any conflict with any other court order or injunction to which the defendant may be subject.]

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and
F130(5B) Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether any order varying or renewing the sexual harm prevention order is necessary for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular

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- children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) in particular, whether an order imposing, varying or renewing a prohibition on foreign travel is necessary for that purpose.]
- (6) In ^{F131}subsections (2A), (5) and (5B)] “the public”, “sexual harm”, “child” and “vulnerable adult” each has the meaning given in section 103B(1).
- (7) The court must not discharge an order before the end of 5 years beginning with the day on which the order was made, without the consent of the defendant and—
- (a) where the application is made by a chief officer of police, that chief officer, or
- (b) in any other case, the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides.
- (8) Subsection (7) does not apply to an order containing a prohibition on foreign travel and no other prohibitions ^{F132}or requirements].
- (9) In this section “the appropriate court” means—
- (a) where the Crown Court or the Court of Appeal made the sexual harm prevention order, the Crown Court;
- (b) where an adult magistrates' court made the order, that court, an adult magistrates' court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any adult magistrates' court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer's police area;
- (c) where a youth court made the order and the defendant is under the age of 18, that court, a youth court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any youth court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer's police area;
- (d) where a youth court made the order and the defendant is aged 18 or over, an adult magistrates' court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any adult magistrates' court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer's police area.

In this subsection “adult magistrates' court” means a magistrates' court that is not a youth court.

Textual Amendments

- F126** S. 103E(2A) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 173(5)(a)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F127** Words in s. 103E(5) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 175(11)(a)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)
- F128** Words in s. 103E(5) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 175(11)(a)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)
- F129** S. 103E(5A) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 175(11)(b)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)
- F130** S. 103E(5B) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 173(5)(b)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F131** Words in s. 103E(6) substituted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 173(5)(c)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)

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F132 Words in s. 103E(8) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 175\(11\)\(c\), 208\(1\)](#); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)

103F Interim SHPOs **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where an application under section 103A(4) (“the main application”) has not been determined.
- (2) An application for an order under this section (“an interim sexual harm prevention order”)—
 - (a) may be made by the complaint by which the main application is made, or
 - (b) if the main application has been made, may be made by the person who has made that application, by complaint to the court to which that application has been made.

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and
^{F133}(2A) Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn, a person who has made, or is considering making, an application under section 103A(4) must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether to apply for an interim sexual harm prevention order for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) in particular, whether to apply for a prohibition on foreign travel to be included in any such order for that purpose.]

- (3) The court may, if it considers it just to do so, make an interim sexual harm prevention order^{F134}—
 - (a) prohibiting the defendant from doing anything described in the order;
 - (b) requiring the defendant to do anything described in the order.]

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and
^{F135}(3A) Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether to make an interim sexual harm prevention order for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) in particular, whether to include in any such order a prohibition on foreign travel for that purpose.]

- (4) Such an order—
 - (a) has effect only for a fixed period, specified in the order;
 - (b) ceases to have effect, if it has not already done so, on the determination of the main application.

- (5) The applicant or the defendant may by complaint apply to the court that made the interim sexual harm prevention order for the order to be varied, renewed or discharged.

[^{F136}(6) Subsections (2A) and (3A) apply in relation to an application for the variation or renewal of an interim sexual harm prevention order as they apply in relation to an application for such an order.]

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- [^{F137}(7) If the Director General of the National Crime Agency, the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force or the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police makes an application under this section, that person must as soon as practicable notify the chief officer of police for a relevant police area of that application.
- (8) In subsection (7), “relevant police area” has the same meaning as in section 103A (sexual harm prevention orders: applications and grounds) (see section 103A(9)).]

Textual Amendments

- F133** S. 103F(2A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(6)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F134** S. 103F(3)(a)(b) substituted for words (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 175(12), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)
- F135** S. 103F(3A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(6)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F136** S. 103F(6) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(6)(c), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F137** S. 103F(7)(8) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(7), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)

103G SHPOs and interim SHPOs: notification requirements **E+W**

- (1) Where—
- (a) a sexual harm prevention order is made in respect of a defendant who was a relevant offender immediately before the making of the order, and
 - (b) the defendant would (apart from this subsection) cease to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part while the order (as renewed from time to time) has effect,
- the defendant remains subject to the notification requirements.
- (2) Where a sexual harm prevention order is made in respect of a defendant who was not a relevant offender immediately before the making of the order—
- (a) the order causes the defendant to become subject to the notification requirements of this Part from the making of the order until the order (as renewed from time to time) ceases to have effect, and
 - (b) this Part applies to the defendant, subject to the modification set out in subsection (3).
- (3) The “relevant date” is the date of service of the order.
- (4) Subsections (1) to (3) apply to an interim sexual harm prevention order as if references to a sexual harm prevention order were references to an interim sexual harm prevention order, and with the omission of “(as renewed from time to time)” in both places.
- (5) Where—
- (a) a sexual harm prevention order is in effect in relation to a relevant sex offender (within the meaning of section 88A), and
 - (b) by virtue of section 88F or 88G the relevant sex offender ceases to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part,
- the sexual harm prevention order ceases to have effect.

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F138(6)

F139(7)

Textual Amendments

F138 S. 103G(6) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 169\(5\), 208\(1\)](#) (with [s. 169\(7\)\(8\)](#)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)

F139 S. 103G(7) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 169\(5\), 208\(1\)](#) (with [s. 169\(7\)\(8\)](#)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)

103H SHPOs and interim SHPOs: appeals **E+W**

- (1) A defendant may appeal against the making of a sexual harm prevention order—
- F140(a)
- (b) where the order was made by virtue of section 103A(2)(a)(ii) or (iii), as if the defendant had been convicted of the offence and the order were a sentence passed on the defendant for that offence;
- (c) where the order was made on an application under section 103A(4), to the Crown Court.
- (2) A defendant may appeal to the Crown Court against the making of an interim sexual harm prevention order.
- (3) A defendant may appeal against the making of an order under section 103E, or the refusal to make such an order—
- (a) where the application for such an order was made to the Crown Court, to the Court of Appeal;
- (b) in any other case, to the Crown Court.
- (4) On an appeal under subsection (1)(c), (2) or (3)(b), the Crown Court may make such orders as may be necessary to give effect to its determination of the appeal, and may also make such incidental or consequential orders as appear to it to be just.
- (5) Any order made by the Crown Court on an appeal under subsection (1)(c) or (2) (other than an order directing that an application be re-heard by a magistrates' court) is for the purposes of section 103E(9) or 103F(5) (respectively) to be treated as if it were an order of the court from which the appeal was brought (and not an order of the Crown Court).

Textual Amendments

F140 S. 103H(1)(a) repealed (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), [s. 416\(1\)](#), [Sch. 28](#) (with [ss. 413\(4\)\(5\), 416\(7\)](#), [Sch. 27](#)); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2

103I Offence: breach of SHPO or interim SHPO etc **E+W**

- [A person who, without reasonable excuse—
- F141(A1) (a) does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a sexual harm prevention order or an interim sexual harm prevention order, or

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(b) fails to do something that the person is required to do by a sexual harm prevention order or an interim sexual harm prevention order,
commits an offence.]

(1) A person who, without reasonable excuse, does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by—

^{F142}(a)

^{F143}(b)

- (c) a sexual offences prevention order,
- (d) an interim sexual offences prevention order, or
- (e) a foreign travel order,

commits an offence.

^{F144}(1A) [A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to do something that the person is required to do by a sexual offences prevention order or an interim sexual offences prevention order commits an offence.

(1B) A person who, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a relevant Scottish order, or
- (b) fails to do something that the person is required to do by a relevant Scottish order,

commits an offence.

(1C) In subsection (1B) “relevant Scottish order” means—

- (a) a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22), or
- (b) an interim sexual harm prevention order made under section 21 of that Act.]

^{F145}(2)

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.

(4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section, it is not open to the court by or before which the person is convicted to make, in respect of the offence, an order for conditional discharge.

Textual Amendments

F141 S. 103I(A1) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 175(13)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)

F142 S. 103I(1)(a) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 175(13)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)

F143 S. 103I(1)(b) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 175(13)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(h)

F144 S. 103I(1A)-(1C) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 180(2), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c)

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F145 S. 103I(2) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 175\(13\)\(c\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, [reg. 3\(h\)](#)

103J SHPOs and interim SHPOs: guidance **E+W**

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance to [^{F146}chief officers of police, the Director General of the National Crime Agency, the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force and the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police] in relation to the exercise by them of their powers with regard to sexual harm prevention orders and interim sexual harm prevention orders.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, from time to time, revise the guidance issued under subsection (1).
- (3) The Secretary of State must arrange for any guidance issued or revised under this section to be published in such manner as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

F146 Words in s. 103J(1) substituted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 171\(8\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, [reg. 3\(d\)](#)

103K SHPOs and interim SHPOs: supplementary **E+W**

- (1) Rules of court—
 - (a) may provide for a youth court to give permission for an application under section 103A(4) against a person aged 18 or over to be made to the youth court if—
 - (i) an application to the youth court has been made, or is to be made, under that section against a person aged under 18, and
 - (ii) the youth court thinks that it would be in the interests of justice for the applications to be heard together;
 - (b) may, in relation to a person attaining the age of 18 after proceedings against that person by virtue of section 103A, 103E, 103F or 103G(6) or (7) have begun—
 - (i) prescribe circumstances in which the proceedings may or must remain in the youth court;
 - (ii) make provision for the transfer of the proceedings from the youth court to a magistrates' court that is not a youth court (including provision applying section 103F with modifications).
- (2) A person's age is treated for the purposes of sections 103A to 103J and this section as being that which it appears to the court to be after considering any available evidence.]

[^{F147}Sexual offences prevention orders [^{F148}(Scotland and Northern Ireland)]

Textual Amendments

F147 Ss. 104-122 repealed (E.W.) (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 5 para. 3](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(e)

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F148 Words in s. 104 cross-heading inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 59](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

[^{F149}**104 Sexual offences prevention orders: applications and grounds** **S+N.I.**]

- (1) A court may make an order under this section in respect of a person (“the defendant”) where any of subsections (2) to (4) applies to the defendant and—
 - (a) where subsection (4) applies, it is satisfied that the defendant’s behaviour since the appropriate date makes it necessary to make such an order, for the purpose of protecting the public or any particular members of the public from serious sexual harm from the defendant;
 - (b) in any other case, it is satisfied that it is necessary to make such an order, for the purpose of protecting the public or any particular members of the public from serious sexual harm from the defendant.
- (2) This subsection applies to the defendant where the court deals with him in respect of an offence listed in Schedule 3 or 5.
- (3) This subsection applies to the defendant where the court deals with him in respect of a finding—
 - (a) that he is not guilty of an offence listed in Schedule 3 or 5 by reason of insanity, or
 - (b) that he is under a disability and has done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence.
- (4) This subsection applies to the defendant where—
 - (a) an application under subsection (5) has been made to the court in respect of him, and
 - (b) on the application, it is proved that he is a qualifying offender.
- (5) A chief officer of police may by complaint to a magistrates' court apply for an order under this section in respect of a person who resides in his police area or who the chief officer believes is in, or is intending to come to, his police area if it appears to the chief officer that—
 - (a) the person is a qualifying offender, and
 - (b) the person has since the appropriate date acted in such a way as to give reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary for such an order to be made.
- (6) An application under subsection (5) may be made to any magistrates' court whose commission area includes—
 - (a) any part of the applicant’s police area, or
 - (b) any place where it is alleged that the person acted in a way mentioned in subsection (5)(b).]

Textual Amendments

F149 Ss. 104-109 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), ss. 39(1)(a), 45(2)(3) (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

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^{F149}**105 SOPOs: further provision as respects Scotland** **S+N.I.**

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Textual Amendments

F149 Ss. 104-109 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), **ss. 39(1)(a), 45(2)(3)** (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, **reg. 2** (with reg. 3)

^{F149}**106 Section 104: supplemental** **S+N.I.**

- (1) In this Part, “sexual offences prevention order” means an order under section 104 or 105.
- (2) Subsections (3) to (8) apply for the purposes of section 104.
- (3) “Protecting the public or any particular members of the public from serious sexual harm from the defendant” means protecting the public in the United Kingdom or any particular members of that public from serious physical or psychological harm, caused by the defendant committing one or more offences listed in Schedule 3.
- (4) Acts, behaviour, convictions and findings include those occurring before the commencement of this Part.
- (5) “Qualifying offender” means a person within subsection (6) or (7).
- (6) A person is within this subsection if, whether before or after the commencement of this Part, he—
 - (a) has been convicted of an offence listed in Schedule 3 (other than at paragraph 60) or in Schedule 5,
 - (b) has been found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity,
 - (c) has been found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence, or
 - (d) in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, has been cautioned in respect of such an offence.
- (7) A person is within this subsection if, under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom and whether before or after the commencement of this Part—
 - (a) he has been convicted of a relevant offence (whether or not he has been punished for it),
 - (b) a court exercising jurisdiction under that law has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that he is not guilty by reason of insanity,
 - (c) such a court has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that he is under a disability and did the act charged against him in respect of the offence, or
 - (d) he has been cautioned in respect of a relevant offence.
- (8) “Appropriate date”, in relation to a qualifying offender, means the date or (as the case may be) the first date on which he was convicted, found or cautioned as mentioned in subsection (6) or (7).
- (9) In subsection (7), “relevant offence” means an act which—

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- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence listed in Schedule 3 (other than at paragraph 60) or in Schedule 5 if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (10) An act punishable under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom constitutes an offence under that law for the purposes of subsection (9), however it is described in that law.
- (11) Subject to subsection (12), on an application under section 104(5) the condition in subsection (9)(b) (where relevant) is to be taken as met unless, not later than rules of court may provide, the defendant serves on the applicant a notice—
- (a) stating that, on the facts as alleged with respect to the act concerned, the condition is not in his opinion met,
 - (b) showing his grounds for that opinion, and
 - (c) requiring the applicant to prove that the condition is met.
- (12) The court, if it thinks fit, may permit the defendant to require the applicant to prove that the condition is met without service of a notice under subsection (11).
- [^{F150}(13) Subsection (14) applies for the purposes of section 104 and this section [^{F151}in their application in relation to England and Wales or Northern Ireland].
- (14) In construing any reference to an offence listed in Schedule 3, any condition subject to which an offence is so listed that relates—
- (a) to the way in which the defendant is dealt with in respect of an offence so listed or a relevant finding (as defined by section 132(9)), or
 - (b) to the age of any person,
- is to be disregarded.]]

Textual Amendments

- F149** Ss. 104-109 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), [ss. 39\(1\)\(a\), 45\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with [ss. 40\(2\)-\(4\), 44](#)); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F150** S. 106(13)(14) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008](#) (c. 4), [ss. 141\(1\), 153\(7\)](#); S.I. 2008/1586, [art. 2](#), Sch. 1 para. 44 (subject to Sch. 2)
- F151** Words in s. 106(13) repealed (S.) (1.11.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#) (asp 13), [ss. 100\(2\)\(a\), 206\(1\)](#); S.S.I. 2011/354, [art. 2](#), sch.

[^{F149}107 SOPOs: effect **S+N.I.**

- (1) A sexual offences prevention order—
- (a) prohibits the defendant from doing anything described in the order [^{F152}or requires the defendant to do anything described in the order (or both)], and
 - (b) has effect for a fixed period (not less than 5 years) specified in the order or until further order.
- (2) The only prohibitions [^{F153}or requirements] that may be included in the order are those necessary for the purpose of protecting the public or any particular members of the public from serious sexual harm from the defendant.
- (3) Where—

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- (a) an order is made in respect of a defendant who was a relevant offender immediately before the making of the order, and
 - (b) the defendant would (apart from this subsection [F154 and sections 88F and 88G]) cease to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part while the order (as renewed from time to time) has effect,
- the defendant remains subject to the notification requirements.

[F155(3A) Where—

- (a) a sexual offences prevention order is in effect in relation to a relevant sex offender (within the meaning of section 88A); and
 - (b) by virtue of section 88F or 88G the relevant sex offender ceases to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part,
- the sexual offences prevention order ceases to have effect.

(3B) Subsection (3A) applies to the orders mentioned in section 108(8)(b) and (c) as it applies to sexual offences prevention orders.]

(4) Where an order is made in respect of a defendant who was not a relevant offender immediately before the making of the order—

- (a) the order causes the defendant to become subject to the notification requirements of this Part from the making of the order until the order (as renewed from time to time) ceases to have effect, and
- (b) this Part applies to the defendant, subject to the modification set out in subsection (5).

(5) The “relevant date” is the date of service of the order.

(6) Where a court makes a sexual offences prevention order in relation to a person already subject to such an order (whether made by that court or another), the earlier order ceases to have effect.

(7) Section 106(3) applies for the purposes of this section and section 108.]

Textual Amendments

F149 Ss. 104-109 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), [ss. 39\(1\)\(a\)](#), 45(2)(3) (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with reg. 3)

F152 Words in s. 107(1)(a) inserted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013](#) (c. 7), [ss. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#), 15(2)(c); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(c)

F153 Words in s. 107(2) inserted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013](#) (c. 7), [ss. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#), 15(2)(c); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(c)

F154 Words in s. 107(3)(b) inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011](#) (S.S.I. 2011/45), arts. 1(1), [4\(1\)\(a\)](#)

F155 S. 107(3A) inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011](#) (S.S.I. 2011/45), arts. 1(1), [4\(1\)\(b\)](#)

[F149] **108 SOPOs: variations, renewals and discharges** **S+N.I.**

- (1) A person within subsection (2) may apply to the appropriate court for an order varying, renewing or discharging a sexual offences prevention order.
- (2) The persons are—

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- (a) the defendant;
 - (b) the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides;
 - (c) a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, his police area;
 - (d) where the order was made on an application under section 104(5), the chief officer of police who made the application.
- (3) An application under subsection (1) may be made—
 - (a) where the appropriate court is the Crown Court, in accordance with rules of court;
 - (b) in any other case, by complaint.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (2), may make any order, varying, renewing or discharging the sexual offences prevention order, that the court considers appropriate.
- (5) An order may be renewed, or varied so as to impose additional prohibitions [^{F156}or requirements] on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting the public or any particular members of the public from serious sexual harm from the defendant (and any renewed or varied order may contain only such prohibitions [^{F156}or requirements] as are necessary for this purpose).
- (6) The court must not discharge an order before the end of 5 years beginning with the day on which the order was made, without the consent of the defendant and—
 - (a) where the application is made by a chief officer of police, that chief officer, or
 - (b) in any other case, the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides.
- (7) In this section “the appropriate court” means—
 - (a) where the Crown Court or the Court of Appeal made the sexual offences prevention order, the Crown Court;
 - (b) where a magistrates' court made the order, that court, a magistrates' court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any magistrates' court whose commission area includes any part of the chief officer's police area;
 - (c) where a youth court made the order, that court, a youth court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any youth court whose commission area includes any part of the chief officer's police area.
- (8) This section applies to orders under—
 - (a) section 5A of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51) (restraining orders),
 - (b) section ^{F157}... 20 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37) (sex offender orders made in ^{F157}... Scotland), and
 - (c) Article 6 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2839 (N.I. 20)) (sex offender orders made in Northern Ireland),as it applies to sexual offences prevention orders.]

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Textual Amendments

- F149** Ss. 104-109 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), [ss. 39\(1\)\(a\)](#), 45(2)(3) (with [ss. 40\(2\)-\(4\)](#), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F156** Words in s. 108(5) inserted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013](#) (c. 7), [ss. 5\(3\)](#), 15(2)(c); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(c)
- F157** Words in s. 108(8)(b) omitted (8.3.2015) by virtue of [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 60](#) (with [ss. 21](#), 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

^{F149}109 Interim SOPOs **S+N.I.**

- (1) This section applies where an application under section 104(5) or 105(1) (“the main application”) has not been determined.
- (2) An application for an order under this section (“an interim sexual offences prevention order”)—
 - (a) may be made by the complaint by which the main application is made, or
 - (b) if the main application has been made, may be made by the person who has made that application, by complaint to the court to which that application has been made.
- (3) The court may, if it considers it just to do so, make an interim sexual offences prevention order, prohibiting the defendant from doing anything described in the order ^{F158}or requiring the defendant to do anything described in the order (or both).
- (4) Such an order—
 - (a) has effect only for a fixed period, specified in the order;
 - (b) ceases to have effect, if it has not already done so, on the determination of the main application.
- (5) ^{F159}Section ^{F160}[107(3)]^{F160}[107(2)]^{F159}Section 107(2)] to (5) apply to an interim sexual offences prevention order as if references to an order were references to such an order, and with the omission of “as renewed from time to time” in both places.
- (6) The applicant or the defendant may by complaint apply to the court that made the interim sexual offences prevention order for the order to be varied, renewed or discharged.
- (7) Subsection (6) applies to orders under—
 - (a) section ^{F161}... 20(4)(a) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37) (interim orders made in ^{F161}... Scotland), and
 - (b) Article 6A of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2839 (N.I. 20)) (interim orders made in Northern Ireland),
 as it applies to interim sexual offences prevention orders.]

Textual Amendments

- F149** Ss. 104-109 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), [ss. 39\(1\)\(a\)](#), 45(2)(3) (with [ss. 40\(2\)-\(4\)](#), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F158** Words in s. 109(3) inserted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013](#) (c. 7), [ss. 5\(4\)\(a\)](#), 15(2)(c); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(c)

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- F159** Words in s. 109(5) substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013](#) (c. 7), **ss. 5(4)(b), 15(2)(c)**; S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(c)
- F160** Word in s. 109(5) substituted (S.) (1.11.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#) (asp 13), **ss. 100(2)(b), 206(1)**; S.S.I. 2011/354, art. 2, Sch.
- F161** Words in s. 109(7)(a) omitted (8.3.2015) by virtue of [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 61** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

F163 **110** [^{F162}**Appeals in relation to SOPOs and interim SOPOs: Northern Ireland**] **N.I.**

- (1) A defendant may appeal against the making of a sexual offences prevention order—
- where section 104(2) applied to him, as if the order were a sentence passed on him for the offence;
 - where section 104(3) (but not section 104(2)) applied to him, as if he had been convicted of the offence and the order were a sentence passed on him for that offence;
 - where the order was made on an application under section 104(5), to [^{F164}a county court].
- (2) A defendant may appeal to [^{F165}a county court] against the making of an interim sexual offences prevention order.
- (3) A defendant may appeal against the making of an order under section 108, or the refusal to make such an order—
- where the application for such an order was made to the Crown Court, to the Court of Appeal;
 - in any other case, to [^{F166}a county court].
- (4) On an appeal under subsection (1)(c), (2) or (3)(b), [^{F167}the county court] may make such orders as may be necessary to give effect to its determination of the appeal, and may also make such incidental or consequential orders as appear to it to be just.
- [^{F168}(5) Any order made by a county court on an appeal under subsection (1)(c) or (2) (other than an order directing that an application be re-heard by a court of summary jurisdiction) is for the purposes of section 108(7) or 109(6) (respectively) to be treated as if it were an order of the court from which the appeal was brought (and not an order of the county court).]

Textual Amendments

- F162** S. 110 heading substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 62(2)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F163** S. 110: by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), **ss. 39(1)(b), 45(2)(3)** (with s. 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, **reg. 2** (with reg. 3), it is provided (S.) (31.3.2023) that s. 110 is repealed. [Editorial note: the purported repeal cannot be applied because the affected provision extends to Northern Ireland only since 8.3.2015 and no longer extends to Scotland.]
- F164** Words in s. 110(1)(c) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 62(3)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F165** Words in s. 110(2) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 62(3)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F166** Words in s. 110(3)(b) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 62(3)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

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- F167** Words in s. 110(4) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 62(4)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F168** S. 110(5) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 62(5)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

^{F169}111 Appeals in relation to SOPOs and interim SOPOs: Scotland S+N.I.

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Textual Amendments

- F169** S. 111 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), **ss. 39(1)(b), 45(2)(3)** (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, **reg. 2** (with reg. 3)

^{F170}111ASOPO and interim SOPO requirements: Scotland S

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Textual Amendments

- F170** S. 111A repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), **ss. 39(1)(b), 45(2)(3)** (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, **reg. 2** (with reg. 3)

^{F171}112 Sections 104 and 106 to 109: Scotland S+N.I.

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Textual Amendments

- F171** S. 112 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), **ss. 39(1)(b), 45(2)(3)** (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, **reg. 2** (with reg. 3)

^{F173}113 Offence: breach of SOPO or interim SOPO [^{F172}etc] S+N.I.

- (1) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, he does anything which he is prohibited from doing by—
- (a) a sexual offences prevention order;
 - (b) an interim sexual offences prevention order;
 - (c) an order under section 5A of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51) (restraining orders);
 - (d) an order under section ^{F174}... 20 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37) (sex offender orders and interim orders made ^{F174}... in Scotland);
 - (e) an order under Article 6 or 6A of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2839 (N.I. 20)) (sex offender orders and interim orders made in Northern Ireland).

^{F175}(1ZA) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person—

- (a) contravenes a prohibition imposed by—

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- (i) a sexual harm prevention order,
 - (ii) an order under Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the Sentencing Code (sexual harm prevention order on conviction), or
 - (iii) an interim sexual harm prevention order,
- other than a prohibition on foreign travel, or
- (b) fails to comply with a requirement imposed by—
 - (i) a sexual harm prevention order,
 - (ii) an order under Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the Sentencing Code (sexual harm prevention order on conviction), or
 - (iii) an interim sexual harm prevention order.]

[^{F176}(1ZB) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person—

- (a) contravenes a prohibition imposed by a relevant Scottish order other than a prohibition on foreign travel, or
- (b) fails to comply with a requirement imposed by a relevant Scottish order.

(1ZC) In subsection (1ZB)—

“prohibition on foreign travel” has the meaning given by section 17(2) of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22);

“relevant Scottish order” means—

- (a) a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016, or
- (b) an interim sexual harm prevention order made under section 21 of that Act.]

[^{F177}(1A) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, he fails to do anything which he is required to do by a sexual offences prevention order or an interim sexual offences prevention order.]

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.

(3) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section, it is not open to the court by or before which he is convicted to make, in respect of the offence, an order for conditional discharge or, in Scotland, a [^{F178}community payback order].]

Textual Amendments

F172 Word in s. 113 heading inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 63\(2\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

F173 S. 113 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), [ss. 39\(1\)\(b\)](#), 45(2)(3) (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with reg. 3)

F174 Words in s. 113(1)(d) omitted (8.3.2015) by virtue of [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 63\(3\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

F175 S. 113(1ZA) substituted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 177\(2\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, [reg. 3\(j\)](#)

F176 S. 113(1ZB)(1ZC) inserted (31.3.2023 for N.I.) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 180\(3\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, [reg. 3\(c\)](#)

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F177 S. 113(1A) inserted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\), ss. 5\(5\), 15\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(c)

F178 Words in s. 113(3) substituted (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/25\), arts. 1, 2, Sch. para. 2\(4\)](#) (with art. 3)

Foreign travel orders [^{F179}(Scotland and Northern Ireland)]

Textual Amendments

F179 Words in s. 114 cross-heading inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\), s. 185\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 64](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

[^{F180}114 Foreign travel orders: applications and grounds **S+N.I.**

- (1) A chief officer of police may by complaint to a magistrates' court apply for an order under this section (a “foreign travel order”) in respect of a person (“the defendant”) who resides in his police area or who the chief officer believes is in or is intending to come to his police area if it appears to the chief officer that—
 - (a) the defendant is a qualifying offender, and
 - (b) the defendant has since the appropriate date acted in such a way as to give reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary for such an order to be made.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) may be made to any magistrates' court whose commission area includes any part of the applicant’s police area.
- (3) On the application, the court may make a foreign travel order if it is satisfied that—
 - (a) the defendant is a qualifying offender, and
 - (b) the defendant’s behaviour since the appropriate date makes it necessary to make such an order, for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from serious sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.]

Textual Amendments

F180 S. 114 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\), ss. 39\(1\)\(b\), 45\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, **reg. 2** (with reg. 3)

[^{F181}115 Section 114: interpretation **S+N.I.**

- (1) Subsections (2) to (5) apply for the purposes of section 114.
- (2) “Protecting children generally or any child from serious sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom” means protecting persons [^{F182}under 18] generally or any particular person [^{F182}under 18] from serious physical or psychological harm caused by the defendant doing, outside the United Kingdom, anything which would constitute an offence listed in Schedule 3 if done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (3) Acts and behaviour include those occurring before the commencement of this Part.

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- (4) “Qualifying offender” has the meaning given by section 116.
- (5) “Appropriate date”, in relation to a qualifying offender, means the date or (as the case may be) the first date on which he was convicted, found or cautioned as mentioned in subsection (1) or (3) of section 116.
- (6) ^{F183}]

Textual Amendments

- F181** S. 115 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by *Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016* (asp 22), **ss. 39(1)(b), 45(2)(3)** (with **ss. 40(2)-(4), 44**); *S.S.I. 2023/51*, **reg. 2** (with **reg. 3**)
- F182** Words in s. 115(2) substituted (E.W.N.I.) (1.4.2010) by *Policing and Crime Act 2009*, {**ss. 23(1)(a), 116(1)** (with **23(2)**); *S.I. 2010/507*, **art. 5(j)** (subject to **art. 6**) and "18" substituted (S.) (13.12.2010) for "16" by virtue of *Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010* (asp 13), **ss. 101(2), 206(1)**; *S.S.I. 2010/413*, **art. 2, Sch.**
- F183** S. 115(6) repealed (E.W.N.I.) (1.4.2010) by *Policing and Crime Act 2009*, **ss. 112(2), 116(1)**, {**Sch. 8 Pt. 2**}; *S.I. 2010/507*, **art. 5(x)** (subject to **art. 6**)

116 Section 114: qualifying offenders **N.I.**

- (1) A person is a qualifying offender for the purposes of section 114 if, whether before or after the commencement of this Part, he—
 - (a) has been convicted of an offence within subsection (2),
 - (b) has been found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity,
 - (c) has been found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence, or
 - (d) in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, has been cautioned in respect of such an offence.
- (2) The offences are—
 - (a) an offence within any of paragraphs 13 to 15, 44 to 46, 77, 78 and 82 of Schedule 3;
 - (b) an offence within paragraph 31 [^{F184}or 92S] of that Schedule, if the intended offence was an offence against a person [^{F185}under 18];
 - (c) an offence within paragraph 93 [^{F186}or 93A] of that Schedule, if—
 - (i) the corresponding civil offence is an offence within any of paragraphs 13 to 15 of that Schedule;
 - (ii) the corresponding civil offence is an offence within paragraph 31 of that Schedule, and the intended offence was an offence against a person [^{F185}under 18]; or
 - (iii) the corresponding civil offence is an offence within any of paragraphs 1 to 12, 16 to 30 and 32 to 35 of that Schedule, and the victim of the offence was [^{F185}under 18] at the time of the offence.
 - (d) an offence within any other paragraph of that Schedule, if the victim of the offence was [^{F185}under 18] at the time of the offence.

[^{F187}(2A) In subsection (2)(c) references to the corresponding civil offence are to be read, in relation to an offence within paragraph 93A of Schedule 3, as references to the corresponding offence under the law of England and Wales.]

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- (3) A person is also a qualifying offender for the purposes of section 114 if, under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom and whether before or after the commencement of this Part—
- (a) he has been convicted of a relevant offence (whether or not he has been punished for it),
 - (b) a court exercising jurisdiction under that law has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that he is not guilty by reason of insanity,
 - (c) such a court has made in respect of a relevant offence a finding equivalent to a finding that he is under a disability and did the act charged against him in respect of the offence, or
 - (d) he has been cautioned in respect of a relevant offence.
- (4) In subsection (3), “relevant offence” means an act which—
- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence within subsection (2) if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (5) An act punishable under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom constitutes an offence under that law for the purposes of subsection (4), however it is described in that law.
- (6) Subject to subsection (7), on an application under section 114 the condition in subsection (4)(b) above (where relevant) is to be taken as met unless, not later than rules of court may provide, the defendant serves on the applicant a notice—
- (a) stating that, on the facts as alleged with respect to the act concerned, the condition is not in his opinion met,
 - (b) showing his grounds for that opinion, and
 - (c) requiring the applicant to prove that the condition is met.
- (7) The court, if it thinks fit, may permit the defendant to require the applicant to prove that the condition is met without service of a notice under subsection (6).

Extent Information

- E5** This version of this provision extends to Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F184** Words in s. 116(2)(b) inserted (N.I.) (5.7.2011) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 111(2), [Sch. 7 para. 12\(1\)](#)
- F185** Words in s. 116(2)(b)(c)(ii)(iii)(d) substituted (E.W.N.I.) (1.4.2010) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 23\(1\)\(b\)\(2\)](#), 116(1); S.I. 2010/507, [art. 5\(j\)](#) (subject to [art. 6](#))
- F186** Words in s. 116(2)(c) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), [ss. 378\(1\)](#), 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 207\(a\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F187** S. 116(2A) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), [ss. 378\(1\)](#), 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 207\(b\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)

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^{F416} **116 Section 114: qualifying offenders** **S**

Textual Amendments

F416 S. 116 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), [ss. 39\(1\)\(b\), 45\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with [ss. 40\(2\)-\(4\), 44](#)); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

^{F188} **117 Foreign travel orders: effect** **S+N.I.**

- (1) A foreign travel order has effect for a fixed period of not more than [^{F189}5 years], specified in the order.
- (2) The order prohibits the defendant from doing whichever of the following is specified in the order—
 - (a) travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom named or described in the order,
 - (b) travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom other than a country named or described in the order, or
 - (c) travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom.
- (3) The only prohibitions that may be included in the order are those necessary for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from serious sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (4) If at any time while an order (as renewed from time to time) has effect a defendant is not a relevant offender, the order causes him to be subject to the requirements imposed by regulations made under section 86(1) (and for these purposes the defendant is to be treated as if he were a relevant offender).
- (5) Where a court makes a foreign travel order in relation to a person already subject to such an order (whether made by that court or another), the earlier order ceases to have effect.
- (6) Section 115(2) applies for the purposes of this section and section 118.]

Textual Amendments

F188 S. 117 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), [ss. 39\(1\)\(b\), 45\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with [ss. 40\(2\)-\(4\), 44](#)); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

F189 Words in s. 117(1) substituted (E.W.N.I.) (1.4.2010) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009](#) (c. 26), [ss. 24\(1\), 116\(1\)](#) (with [s. 24\(2\)](#)); S.I. 2010/507, [art. 5\(k\)](#) (subject to [art. 6](#)) and said words substituted (S.) (13.12.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#) (asp 13), [ss. 101\(4\), 206\(1\)](#); S.S.I. 2010/413, [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

^{F190} ~~117A~~^{F191} **Surrender of passports: Northern Ireland** **N.I.**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a foreign travel order which contains a prohibition within section 117(2)(c).
- (2) The order must require the defendant to surrender all of the defendant's passports, at a police station [^{F192}in Northern Ireland] specified in the order—

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- (a) on or before the date when the prohibition takes effect, or
 - (b) within a period specified in the order.
- (3) Any passports surrendered must be returned as soon as reasonably practicable after the person ceases to be subject to a foreign travel order containing a prohibition within section 117(2)(c) [^{F193}(unless the person is subject to an equivalent prohibition under another order)].
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply in relation to—
- (a) a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country outside the United Kingdom if the passport has been returned to those authorities;
 - (b) a passport issued by or on behalf of an international organisation if the passport has been returned to that organisation.
- (5) In this section “passport” means—
- (a) a United Kingdom passport within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971;
 - (b) a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country outside the United Kingdom, or by or on behalf of an international organisation;
 - (c) a document that can be used (in some or all circumstances) instead of a passport.]

Textual Amendments

- F190** S. 117A inserted (E.W.N.I.) (1.4.2010) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009 \(c. 26\)](#), **ss. 25(2)**, 116(1) (with s. 25(4)); S.I. 2010/507, **art. 5(1)** (subject to art. 6)
- F191** S. 117A heading substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 65(2)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F192** Words in s. 117A(2) inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 65(3)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F193** Words in s. 117A(3) inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 65(4)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

^{F194}**117BSurrender of passports: Scotland** **S**

Textual Amendments

- F194** S. 117B repealed (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#), **ss. 39(1)(c)**, 45(2)(3) (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, **reg. 2** (with reg. 3)

^{F195}**118 Foreign travel orders: variations, renewals and discharges** **S+N.I.**

- (1) A person within subsection (2) may by complaint to the appropriate court apply for an order varying, renewing or discharging a foreign travel order.
- (2) The persons are—
- (a) the defendant;
 - (b) the chief officer of police on whose application the foreign travel order was made;

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- (c) the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides;
 - (d) a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, his police area.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (2), may make any order, varying, renewing or discharging the foreign travel order, that the court considers appropriate.
- (4) An order may be renewed, or varied so as to impose additional prohibitions on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from serious sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom (and any renewed or varied order may contain only such prohibitions as are necessary for this purpose).
- (5) In this section “the appropriate court” means—
- (a) the court which made the foreign travel order;
 - (b) a magistrates' court for the area in which the defendant resides; or
 - (c) where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any magistrates' court whose commission area includes any part of his police area.]

Textual Amendments

F195 S. 118 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), [ss. 39\(1\)\(d\), 45\(2\)\(3\)](#) (with [ss. 40\(2\)-\(4\), 44](#)); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

119 ^{F196} Appeals in relation to foreign travel orders: Northern Ireland] **N.I.**

- (1) A defendant may appeal to ^{F197}a county court]—
- (a) against the making of a foreign travel order;
 - (b) against the making of an order under section 118, or the refusal to make such an order.
- (2) On any such appeal, ^{F198}the county court] may make such orders as may be necessary to give effect to its determination of the appeal, and may also make such incidental or consequential orders as appear to it to be just.
- ^{F199}(3) Any order made by a county court on an appeal under subsection (1)(a) (other than an order directing that an application be re-heard by a court of summary jurisdiction) is for the purposes of section 118(5) to be treated as if it were an order of the court from which the appeal was brought (and not an order of the county court).]

Textual Amendments

F196 S. 119 heading substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), [s. 185\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 67\(2\)](#) (with [ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93](#)); S.I. 2015/373, [art. 2\(g\)\(i\)](#)

F197 Words in s. 119(1) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), [s. 185\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 67\(3\)](#) (with [ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93](#)); S.I. 2015/373, [art. 2\(g\)\(i\)](#)

F198 Words in s. 119(2) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), [s. 185\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 67\(4\)](#) (with [ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93](#)); S.I. 2015/373, [art. 2\(g\)\(i\)](#)

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F199 S. 119(3) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 67\(5\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

F200 **120 Appeals in relation to foreign travel orders: Scotland** **S**

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Textual Amendments

F200 S. 120 repealed (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#), ss. 39(1)(e), 45(2)(3) (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

F201 **121 Sections 114 to 118: Scotland** **S**

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Textual Amendments

F201 S. 121 repealed (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#), ss. 39(1)(e), 45(2)(3) (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

F203 **122 Offence: breach of foreign travel order** [**F202** etc] **S+N.I.**

- (1) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable [**F204** excuse—
- (a) he] does anything which he is prohibited from doing by a foreign travel order [**F205**, **F206** ...
 - (b) he contravenes a prohibition on foreign travel imposed by a sexual harm prevention order][**F207**, or
 - (c) he contravenes a prohibition on foreign travel imposed by a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#).]

[**F208**(1A) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person fails to comply with a requirement under section 117A(2).]

[**F209**(1B) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, the person fails to comply with—

- (a) a requirement under section 117A(2) (surrender of passports: **F210** ... Northern Ireland), or
- (b) a requirement under section 117B(2) (surrender of passports: Scotland).

(1C) A person may be prosecuted, tried and punished for any offence under subsection (1B)

- (a) in any sheriff court district in which the person is apprehended or is in custody, or
- (b) in such sheriff court district as the Lord Advocate may determine, as if the offence had been committed in that district (and the offence is, for all purposes incidental to or consequential on the trial or punishment, to be deemed to have been committed in that district).]

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- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.
- (3) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section, it is not open to the court by or before which he is convicted to make, in respect of the offence, an order for conditional discharge (or, in Scotland, a [^{F211}community payback order]).]]

Textual Amendments

- F202** Word in s. 122 heading inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 68(2)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F203** S. 122 repealed (S.) (31.3.2023) by [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) (asp 22), **ss. 39(1)(e), 45(2)(3)** (with ss. 40(2)-(4), 44); S.S.I. 2023/51, **reg. 2** (with reg. 3)
- F204** Words in s. 122(1) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 68(3)(a)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F205** S. 122(1)(b) and preceding word inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 68(3)(b)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F206** Word in s. 122(1)(a) omitted (31.3.2023 for N.I.) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), **ss. 180(4)(a), 208(1)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c)
- F207** S. 122(1)(c) and word inserted (31.3.2023 for N.I.) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), **ss. 180(4)(b), 208(1)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c)
- F208** S. 122(1A) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (1.4.2010) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009](#) (c. 26), **ss. 25(3), 116(1)**; S.I. 2010/507, **art. 5(I)** (subject to art. 6)
- F209** S. 122(1B)(1C) inserted (S.) (13.12.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#) (asp 13), **ss. 101(6), 206(1)**; S.S.I. 2010/413, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F210** Words in s. 122(1B)(a) omitted (8.3.2015) by virtue of [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 68(4)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F211** Words in s. 122(3) substituted (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011](#) (S.S.I. 2011/25), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. para. 2(5)** (with art. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** S. 122(1B)(b) extended (E.W.N.I.) (16.9.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2011](#) (S.I. 2011/2298), art. 1, **Sch. para. 3(1)** (with art. 4(4))

^{F212}Sexual risk orders (England and Wales)

Textual Amendments

- F212** Ss. 122A-122K and cross-heading inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 5 para. 4** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93, 114(1)(3)-(6)); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(e)

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122A Sexual risk orders: applications, grounds and effect E+W

[^{F213}(1) A person mentioned in subsection (1A) (“the applicant”) may by complaint to a magistrates’ court apply for an order under this section (a “sexual risk order”) in respect of a person (“the defendant”) if it appears to the applicant that the condition in subsection (2) is met.

(1A) Those persons are—

- (a) a chief officer of police;
- (b) the Director General of the National Crime Agency (“the Director General”);
- (c) the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force;
- (d) the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police.]

(2) The condition is that the defendant has, whether before or after the commencement of this Part, done an act of a sexual nature as a result of which there is reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary for a sexual risk order to be made.

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing
^{F214}(2A) and Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn, a person mentioned in subsection (1A) must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether as a result of the act mentioned in subsection (2) there is reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary for a sexual risk order to be made for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) whether to apply for a prohibition on foreign travel (see section 122C) to be included in any such order for that purpose.]

(3) A chief officer of police may make an application under subsection (1) only in respect of a person—

- (a) who resides in the chief officer's police area, or
- (b) who the chief officer believes is in that area or is intending to come to it.

(4) An application under subsection (1) may be made to any magistrates' court acting for a local justice area that includes—

- (a) any part of a relevant police area, or
- (b) any place where it is alleged that the person acted in a way mentioned in subsection (2).

[^{F215}(5) If the Director General, the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force or the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police makes an application under subsection (1), that person must as soon as practicable notify the chief officer of police for a relevant police area of that application.]

[^{F216}(6) On an application under subsection (1), the court may make a sexual risk order if—

- (a) the court is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the defendant has, whether before or after the commencement of this Part, done one or more of the acts of a sexual nature alleged by the person making the application, and
- (b) the court is satisfied that as a result of the defendant acting in such a way it is necessary to make such an order for the purpose of—
 - (i) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from harm from the defendant, or

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- (ii) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.]

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and
F217(6A) Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list
in considering—

- (a) whether a sexual risk order is necessary for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) in particular, whether a prohibition on foreign travel (see section 122C) is necessary for that purpose.]

[F218(7) A sexual risk order may—

- (a) prohibit the defendant from doing anything described in the order;
- (b) require the defendant to do anything described in the order.]

(8) A sexual risk order may specify[F219—

- (a) has effect for a fixed period (not less than 2 years) specified in the order or until further order, and
- (b) may specify different periods for different prohibitions or requirements].

(9) The only prohibitions [F220or requirements] that may be imposed are those necessary for the purpose of—

- (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from harm from the defendant, or
- (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.

[The prohibitions or requirements which are imposed on the defendant by a sexual risk
F221(9A) order must, so far as practicable, be such as to avoid—

- (a) any conflict with the defendant's religious beliefs,
- (b) any interference with the times, if any, at which the defendant normally works or attends any educational establishment, and
- (c) any conflict with any other court order or injunction to which the defendant may be subject (but see subsection (10)).]

(10) Where a court makes a sexual risk order in relation to a person who is already subject to such an order (whether made by that court or another), the earlier order ceases to have effect.

Textual Amendments

F213 S. 122A(1)(1A) substituted for s. 122A(1) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(10), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)

F214 S. 122A(2A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(7)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)

F215 S. 122A(5) substituted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(11), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)

F216 S. 122A(6) substituted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 174(3), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(g)

F217 S. 122A(6A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(7)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)

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- F218** S. 122A(7) substituted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 176(2)(a)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)
- F219** S. 122A(8)(a)(b) substituted for words in s. 122A(8) (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 176(2)(b)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)
- F220** Words in s. 122A(9) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 176(2)(c)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)
- F221** S. 122A(9A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 176(2)(d)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)

122B Section 122A: interpretation **E+W**

- (1) In section 122A—
- “child” means a person under 18;
 - “harm” from the defendant means physical or psychological harm caused by the defendant doing an act of a sexual nature;
 - “the public” means the public in the United Kingdom;
 - “vulnerable adult” means a person aged 18 or over whose ability to protect himself or herself from physical or psychological harm is significantly impaired through physical or mental disability or illness, through old age or otherwise.
- (2) Where the defendant is a child, a reference in that section to a magistrates' court is to be taken as referring to a youth court (subject to any rules of court made under section 122K(1)).
- (3) In that section “relevant police area” means—
- (a) where the applicant is a chief officer of police, the officer's police area;
 - (b) where the applicant is the [F222 applicant] of the National Crime Agency [F223, the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force or the chief constable for the Ministry of Defence Police]—
 - (i) the police area where the person in question resides, or
 - (ii) a police area which the Director General believes the person is in or is intending to come to.

Textual Amendments

- F222** Word in s. 122B(3)(b)(ii) substituted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 171(12)(b)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)
- F223** Words in s. 122B(3)(b) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 171(12)(a)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)

[F224] 122BA Sexual risk orders: requirements included in order etc. **E+W**

- (1) A sexual risk order that imposes a requirement to do something on a defendant must specify a person who is to be responsible for supervising compliance with the requirement.
- The person may be an individual or an organisation.
- (2) Before including such a requirement in a sexual risk order, the court must receive evidence about its suitability and enforceability from—

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- (a) the individual to be specified under subsection (1), if an individual is to be specified;
 - (b) an individual representing the organisation to be specified under subsection (1), if an organisation is to be specified.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in relation to electronic monitoring requirements (see instead section 122EA(5) and (6)).
- (4) It is the duty of a person specified under subsection (1)—
- (a) to make any necessary arrangements in connection with the requirements for which the person has responsibility (“the relevant requirements”);
 - (b) to promote the defendant’s compliance with the relevant requirements;
 - (c) if the person considers that—
 - (i) the defendant has complied with all the relevant requirements, or
 - (ii) the defendant has failed to comply with a relevant requirement,to inform the appropriate chief officer of police.
- (5) In subsection (4)(c) the “appropriate chief officer of police means—
- (a) the chief officer of police for the police area in which it appears to the person specified under subsection (1) that the defendant resides, or
 - (b) if it appears to that person that the defendant resides in more than one police area, whichever of the chief officers of police of those areas the person thinks it is most appropriate to inform.
- (6) A defendant subject to a requirement imposed by a sexual risk order must—
- (a) keep in touch with the person specified under subsection (1) in relation to that requirement, in accordance with any instructions given by that person from time to time, and
 - (b) notify that person of any change of the defendant’s home address.

These obligations have effect as requirements of the order.]

Textual Amendments

F224 S. 122BA inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 176(3), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)

122C Sexual risk orders: prohibitions on foreign travel **E+W**

- (1) A prohibition on foreign travel contained in a sexual risk order must not be for a period of more than 5 years.
- (2) A “prohibition on foreign travel” means—
- (a) a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom named or described in the order,
 - (b) a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom other than a country named or described in the order, or
 - (c) a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not prevent a prohibition on foreign travel from being extended for a further period (of no more than 5 years each time) under section 122D.

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- (4) A sexual risk order that contains a prohibition within subsection (2)(c) must require the defendant to surrender all of the defendant's passports at a police station specified in the order—
 - (a) on or before the date when the prohibition takes effect, or
 - (b) within a period specified in the order.
- (5) Any passports surrendered must be returned as soon as reasonably practicable after the person ceases to be subject to a sexual risk order containing such a prohibition (unless the person is subject to an equivalent prohibition under another order).
- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply in relation to—
 - (a) a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country outside the United Kingdom if the passport has been returned to those authorities;
 - (b) a passport issued by or on behalf of an international organisation if the passport has been returned to that organisation.
- (7) In this section “passport” means—
 - (a) a United Kingdom passport within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971;
 - (b) a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of a country outside the United Kingdom, or by or on behalf of an international organisation;
 - (c) a document that can be used (in some or all circumstances) instead of a passport.

122D Sexual risk order: variations, renewals and discharges E+W

- (1) A person within subsection (2) may by complaint to the appropriate court apply for an order varying, renewing or discharging a sexual risk order.
- (2) The persons are—
 - (a) the defendant;
 - (b) the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides;
 - (c) a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, that officer's police area;

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn, a person mentioned in subsection (2) ^{F225}(b) to (d) must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether to apply for an order varying or renewing a sexual risk order for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) in particular, whether to apply for an order imposing, varying or renewing a prohibition on foreign travel for that purpose.]
 - (d) where the order was made on an application by a chief officer of police, that officer.
- (3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), on [^{F226}an application made under this section] the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (2), may make any order, varying, renewing or discharging the sexual risk order, that the court considers appropriate.

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- (4) An order may be renewed, or varied so as to impose additional prohibitions [^{F227}or requirements] on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of—
- (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.

Any renewed or varied order may contain only such prohibitions [^{F228}and requirements] as are necessary for this purpose.

[Any additional prohibitions or requirements that are imposed on the defendant must,
^{F229}(4A) so far as practicable, be such as to avoid—

- (a) any conflict with the defendant’s religious beliefs,
- (b) any interference with the times, if any, at which the defendant normally works or attends any educational establishment, and
- (c) any conflict with any other court order or injunction to which the defendant may be subject.]

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and
^{F230}(4B) Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list in considering—

- (a) whether any order varying or renewing the sexual risk order is necessary for the purposes of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
- (b) in particular, whether an order imposing, varying or renewing a prohibition on foreign travel is necessary for that purpose.]

- (5) The court must not discharge an order before the end of 2 years beginning with the day on which the order was made, without the consent of the defendant and—
- (a) where the application is made by a chief officer of police, that chief officer, or
 - (b) in any other case, the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides.

(6) Section 122B(1) applies for the purposes of this section.

(7) In this section “the appropriate court” means—

- (a) where an adult magistrates' court made the sexual risk order, that court, any adult magistrates' court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any adult magistrates' court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer's police area;
- (b) where a youth court made the order and the defendant is under the age of 18, that court, a youth court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any youth court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer's police area;
- (c) where a youth court made the order and the defendant is aged 18 or over, an adult magistrates' court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any adult magistrates' court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer's police area.

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In this subsection “adult magistrates' court” means a magistrates' court that is not a youth court.

Textual Amendments

- F225** S. 122D(2A) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 173\(8\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F226** Words in s. 122D(3) substituted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 173\(8\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F227** Words in s. 122D(4) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 176\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)
- F228** Words in s. 122D(4) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 176\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)
- F229** S. 122D(4A) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 176\(4\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)
- F230** S. 122D(4B) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 173\(8\)\(c\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)

122E Interim sexual risk orders **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where an application for a sexual risk order (“the main application”) has not been determined.
- (2) An application for an order under this section (“an interim sexual risk order”)—
 - (a) may be made by the complaint by which the main application is made, or
 - (b) if the main application has been made, may be made by the person who has made that application, by complaint to the court to which that application has been made.

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and

^{F231}(2A) Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn, a person who has made, or is considering making, an application for a sexual risk order must have regard to the list in considering—

 - (a) whether to apply for an interim sexual risk order for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) in particular, whether to apply for a prohibition on foreign travel to be included in any such order for that purpose.]
- (3) The court may, if it considers it just to do so, make an interim sexual risk order^{F232}—
 - (a) prohibiting the defendant from doing anything described in the order;
 - (b) requiring the defendant to do anything described in the order.]

[If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and

^{F233}(3A) Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list in considering—

 - (a) whether to make an interim sexual risk order for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and

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- (b) in particular, whether to include a prohibition on foreign travel in any such order for that purpose.]
- (4) Such an order—
 - (a) has effect only for a fixed period, specified in the order;
 - (b) ceases to have effect, if it has not already done so, on the determination of the main application.
- (5) The applicant or the defendant may by complaint apply to the court that made the interim sexual risk order for the order to be varied, renewed or discharged.
- [^{F234}(6) Subsections (2A) and (3A) apply in relation to an application for the variation or renewal of an interim sexual risk order as they apply in relation to an application for such an order.]
- [^{F235}(7) If the Director General of the National Crime Agency, the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force or the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police makes an application under this section, that person must as soon as practicable notify the chief officer of police for a relevant police area of that application.
- (8) In subsection (7), “relevant police area” has the same meaning as in section 122A (sexual risk orders: applications, grounds and effect) (see section 122B(3)).]

Textual Amendments

- F231** S. 122E(2A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(9)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F232** S. 122E(3)(a)(b) substituted (29.11.2022) for words by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 176(5), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)
- F233** S. 122E(3A) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(9)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F234** S. 122E(6) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 173(9)(c), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(f)
- F235** S. 122E(7)(8) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 171(13), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)

122F Sexual risk orders and interim sexual risk orders: notification requirements **U.K.**

- (1) A person in respect of whom a court makes—
 - (a) a sexual risk order (other than one that replaces an interim sexual risk order), or
 - (b) an interim sexual risk order,must, within the period of 3 days beginning with the date of service of the order, notify to the police the information set out in subsection (2) (unless the person is subject to the notification requirements of this Part on that date).
- (2) The information is—
 - (a) the person's name and, where the person uses one or more other names, each of those names;
 - (b) the person's home address.
- (3) A person who—

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- (a) is subject to a sexual risk order or an interim sexual risk order (but is not subject to the notification requirements of this Part), and
 - (b) uses a name which has not been notified under this section (or under any other provision of this Part), or changes home address,
- must, within the period of 3 days beginning with the date on which that happens, notify to the police that name or (as the case may be) the new home address.

- (4) Sections 87 (method of notification and related matters) and 91 (offences relating to notification) apply for the purposes of this section—
- (a) with references to section 83(1) being read as references to subsection (1) above,
 - (b) with references to section 84(1) being read as references to subsection (3) above, and
 - (c) with the omission of section 87(2)(b).

122G Sexual risk orders and interim sexual risk orders: appeals E+W

- (1) A defendant may appeal to the Crown Court—
- (a) against the making of a sexual risk order;
 - (b) against the making of an interim sexual risk order; or
 - (c) against the making of an order under section 122D, or the refusal to make such an order.
- (2) On any such appeal, the Crown Court may make such orders as may be necessary to give effect to its determination of the appeal, and may also make such incidental or consequential orders as appear to it to be just.
- (3) Any order made by the Crown Court on an appeal under subsection (1)(a) or (b) (other than an order directing that an application be re-heard by a magistrates' court) is for the purposes of section 122D(7) or 122E(5) (respectively) to be treated as if it were an order of the court from which the appeal was brought (and not an order of the Crown Court).

122H Offence: breach of sexual risk order or interim sexual risk order etc E+W

[A person who, without reasonable excuse—

^{F236}(A1) (a) does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a sexual risk order or an interim sexual risk order, or

(b) fails to do something that the person is required to do by a sexual risk order or an interim sexual risk order,

commits an offence.]

- (1) A person who, without reasonable excuse, does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by—
- ^{F237}(a)
 - ^{F238}(b)
 - (c) a risk of sexual harm order,
 - (d) an interim risk of sexual harm order,
 - ^{F239}(e)
 - ^{F240}(f)

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commits an offence.

^{F241}(1A) [A person who, without reasonable excuse, does anything that the person is required to do by a risk of sexual harm order that has been renewed or varied as mentioned in section 136ZJ(7) commits an offence.

(1B) A person who, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a relevant Scottish order, or
- (b) fails to do something that the person is required to do by a relevant Scottish order,

commits an offence.

(1C) In subsection (1B) “relevant Scottish order” means—

- (a) a sexual risk order made under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22), or
- (b) an interim sexual risk order made under section 31 of that Act.]

^{F242}(2)

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.

(4) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section, it is not open to the court by or before which the person is convicted to make, in respect of the offence, an order for conditional discharge.

Textual Amendments

F236 S. 122H(A1) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 176(6)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)

F237 S. 122H(1)(a) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 176(6)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)

F238 S. 122H(1)(b) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 176(6)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)

F239 S. 122H(1)(e) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 180(5)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c) (with reg. 4(1))

F240 S. 122H(1)(f) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 180(5)(a), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c) (with reg. 4(1))

F241 S. 122H(1A)-(1C) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 180(5)(b), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c)

F242 S. 122H(2) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 176(6)(c), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(i)

122I Effect of conviction etc of an offence under section 122H etc **E+W**

(1) This section applies to a person (“the defendant”) who—

- (a) is convicted of an offence mentioned in subsection (2);
- (b) is found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity;

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- (c) is found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence; or
 - (d) is cautioned in respect of such an offence.
- (2) Those offences are—
- (a) an offence under section 122H or 128 of this Act;
 - ^{F243}(b)
- ^{F244} [This section also applies to a person (“the defendant”) who—
- (2A) (a) is convicted of an offence mentioned in subsection (2B),
 - (b) is acquitted of such an offence by reason of the special defence set out in section 51A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, or
 - (c) is found, in respect of such an offence, to be unfit for trial under section 53F of that Act in a case where the court determines that the defendant has done the act constituting the offence.
- (2B) Those offences are—
- (a) an offence under section 34 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 ([asp 22](#)) (breach of sexual risk order or interim sexual risk order in Scotland);
 - (b) an offence under section 37 of that Act (breach of equivalent orders) in respect of a breach of an order made under section 122A, 122E, 123 or 126 of this Act.]
- (3) Where—
- (a) a defendant was a relevant offender immediately before this section applied to the defendant, and
 - (b) the defendant would (apart from this subsection) cease to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part while the relevant order (as renewed from time to time) has effect,
- the defendant remains subject to the notification requirements.
- (4) Where the defendant was not a relevant offender immediately before this section applied to the defendant—
- (a) this section causes the defendant to become subject to the notification requirements of this Part from the time the section first applies to the defendant until the relevant order (as renewed from time to time) ceases to have effect, and
 - (b) this Part applies to the defendant, subject to the modification set out in subsection (5).
- (5) The “relevant date” is the date on which this section first applies to the defendant.
- (6) In this section “relevant order” means—
- (a) where the conviction, finding [^{F245}, caution or acquittal] within subsection (1) [^{F246} or (2A)] is in respect of a breach of a sexual risk order or a risk of sexual harm order, that order;
 - (b) where the conviction, finding [^{F247}, caution or acquittal] within subsection (1) [^{F248} or (2A)] is in respect of a breach of an interim sexual risk order or an interim risk of sexual harm order, any sexual risk order or risk of sexual harm order made on the hearing of the application to which the interim order relates or, if no such order is made, the interim order.

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[In subsection (6) “sexual risk order” and “interim sexual risk order” include orders
F249(6A) under sections 27 and 31 (respectively) of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm
(Scotland) Act 2016.]

F250(7)

Textual Amendments

- F243 S. 122I(2)(b) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 181\(1\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d) (with reg. 4(1))
- F244 S. 122I(2A)(2B) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 181\(1\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F245 Words in s. 122I(6)(a) substituted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 181\(1\)\(c\)\(i\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F246 Words in s. 122I(6)(a) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 181\(1\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F247 Words in s. 122I(6)(b) substituted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 181\(1\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F248 Words in s. 122I(6)(b) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 181\(1\)\(c\)\(iv\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F249 S. 122I(6A) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 181\(1\)\(d\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F250 S. 122I(7) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 181\(1\)\(e\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d) (with reg. 4(1))

122J Sexual risk orders and interim sexual risk orders: guidance E+W

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance to [F251 chief officers of police, the Director General of the National Crime Agency, the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force and the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police] in relation to the exercise by them of their powers with regard to sexual risk orders and interim sexual risk orders.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, from time to time, revise the guidance issued under subsection (1).
- (3) The Secretary of State must arrange for any guidance issued or revised under this section to be published in such manner as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F251 Words in s. 122J(1) substituted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 171\(14\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(d)

122K Sexual risk orders and interim sexual risk orders: supplementary E+W

- (1) Rules of court—
 - (a) may provide for a youth court to give permission for an application under section 122A against a person aged 18 or over to be made to the youth court if—

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- (i) an application to the youth court has been made, or is to be made, under that section against a person aged under 18, and
- (ii) the youth court thinks that it would be in the interests of justice for the applications to be heard together;
- (b) may, in relation to a person attaining the age of 18 after proceedings against that person by virtue of section 122A, 122D or 122E have begun—
 - (i) prescribe circumstances in which the proceedings may or must remain in the youth court;
 - (ii) make provision for the transfer of the proceedings from the youth court to a magistrates' court that is not a youth court (including provision applying section 122E with modifications).
- (2) A person's age is treated for the purposes of sections 122A to 122J and this section as being that which it appears to the court to be after considering any available evidence.]

[^{F252}Risk of sexual harm orders [^{F253}(Northern Ireland)]

Textual Amendments

- F252** Ss. 123-129 repealed (E.W.) (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 5 para. 5(1)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(e)
- F253** Words in s. 123 cross-heading inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 69** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

123 Risk of sexual harm orders: applications, grounds and effect **N.I.**

- (1) [^{F254}The Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland] may by complaint to [^{F255}a court of summary jurisdiction] apply for an order under this section (a “risk of sexual harm order”) in respect of a person aged 18 or over (“the defendant”) who resides in [^{F256}Northern Ireland] or who [^{F257}the Chief Constable] believes is in, or is intending to come to, [^{F256}Northern Ireland] if it appears to [^{F257}the Chief Constable] that—
 - (a) the defendant has on at least two occasions, whether before or after the commencement of this Part, done an act within subsection (3), and
 - (b) as a result of those acts, there is reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary for such an order to be made.
- ^{F258}(2)
- (3) The acts are—
 - (a) engaging in sexual activity involving a child or in the presence of a child;
 - (b) causing or inciting a child to watch a person engaging in sexual activity or to look at a moving or still image that is sexual;
 - (c) giving a child anything that relates to sexual activity or contains a reference to such activity;
 - (d) communicating with a child, where any part of the communication is sexual.
- (4) On the application, the court may make a risk of sexual harm order if it is satisfied that—
 - (a) the defendant has on at least two occasions, whether before or after the commencement of this section, done an act within subsection (3); and

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- (b) it is necessary to make such an order, for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from harm from the defendant.
- (5) Such an order—
 - (a) prohibits the defendant from doing anything described in the order;
 - (b) has effect for a fixed period (not less than 2 years) specified in the order or until further order.
- (6) The only prohibitions that may be imposed are those necessary for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from harm from the defendant.
- (7) Where a court makes a risk of sexual harm order in relation to a person already subject to such an order (whether made by that court or another), the earlier order ceases to have effect.

Textual Amendments

- F254** Words in s. 123(1) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 70\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F255** Words in s. 123(1) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 70\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F256** Words in s. 123(1) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 70\(2\)\(c\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F257** Words in s. 123(1) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 70\(2\)\(d\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F258** S. 123(2) repealed (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 70\(3\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

124 Section 123: interpretation **N.I.**

- (1) Subsections (2) to (7) apply for the purposes of section 123.
- (2) “Protecting children generally or any child from harm from the defendant” means protecting children generally or any child from physical or psychological harm, caused by the defendant doing acts within section 123(3).
- (3) “Child” means a person under 16.
- (4) “Image” means an image produced by any means, whether of a real or imaginary subject.
- (5) “Sexual activity” means an activity that a reasonable person would, in all the circumstances but regardless of any person’s purpose, consider to be sexual.
- (6) A communication is sexual if—
 - (a) any part of it relates to sexual activity, or
 - (b) a reasonable person would, in all the circumstances but regardless of any person’s purpose, consider that any part of the communication is sexual.
- (7) An image is sexual if—
 - (a) any part of it relates to sexual activity, or
 - (b) a reasonable person would, in all the circumstances but regardless of any person’s purpose, consider that any part of the image is sexual.

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^{F259}(8)

Textual Amendments

F259 S. 124(8) repealed (N.I.) (5.7.2011) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 111(2), Sch. 7 para. 12(2), [Sch. 8 Pt. 5](#)

125 RSHOs: variations, renewals and discharges **N.I.**

- (1) A person within subsection (2) may by complaint to [^{F260}the appropriate court][^{F260}a court of summary jurisdiction] apply for an order varying, renewing or discharging a risk of sexual harm order.
- (2) The persons are—
 - (a) the defendant;
 - [^{F261}(b) the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland.]
- (3) Subject to subsections (4) and (5), on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application [^{F262}, and the other person mentioned in subsection (2) (if that person wishes to be heard)], may make any order, varying, renewing or discharging the risk of sexual harm order, that the court considers appropriate.
- (4) An order may be renewed, or varied so as to impose additional prohibitions on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from harm from the defendant (and any renewed or varied order may contain only such prohibitions as are necessary for this purpose).
- (5) The court must not discharge an order before the end of 2 years beginning with the day on which the order was made, without the consent of the defendant and [^{F263}the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland].
- (6) Section 124(2) applies for the purposes of this section.
- [^{F264}(7) In this section “the appropriate court” means—
 - (a) the court which made the risk of sexual harm order;
 - [^{F265}(b) a court of summary jurisdiction for the petty sessions district which includes the area where the defendant resides;
 - (c) where the application is made by the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, any court of summary jurisdiction.]]

Textual Amendments

- F260** Words in s. 125(1) substituted (N.I.) (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 106(2), Sch. 1 para. 123(2)(a), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k) (with art. 3)
- F261** S. 125(2)(b) substituted for s. 125(2)(b)-(d) (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 71\(2\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F262** Words in s. 125(3) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 71\(3\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F263** Words in s. 125(5) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 71\(4\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

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- F264** S. 125(7) repealed (N.I.) (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 106(2), Sch. 1 para. 123(2)(b), [Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)); [S.R. 2016/387](#), art. 2(k)(m) (with art. 3)
- F265** S. 125(7)(b)(c) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 71\(5\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); [S.I. 2015/373](#), art. 2(g)(i)

126 Interim RSHOs **N.I.**

- (1) This section applies where an application for a risk of sexual harm order (“the main application”) has not been determined.
- (2) An application for an order under this section (“an interim risk of sexual harm order”)—
 - (a) may be made by the complaint by which the main application is made, or
 - (b) if the main application has been made, may be made by [^{F266}the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland], by complaint to the court to which that application has been made.
- (3) The court may, if it considers it just to do so, make an interim risk of sexual harm order, prohibiting the defendant from doing anything described in the order.
- (4) Such an order—
 - (a) has effect only for a fixed period, specified in the order;
 - (b) ceases to have effect, if it has not already done so, on the determination of the main application.
- (5) The applicant or the defendant may by complaint apply to the court that made the interim risk of sexual harm order for the order to be varied, renewed or discharged.

Textual Amendments

- F266** Words in s. 126(2)(b) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 72](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); [S.I. 2015/373](#), art. 2(g)(i)

127 RSHOs and interim RSHOs: appeals **N.I.**

- (1) A defendant may appeal to [^{F267}a county court]—
 - (a) against the making of a risk of sexual harm order;
 - (b) against the making of an interim risk of sexual harm order; or
 - (c) against the making of an order under section 125, or the refusal to make such an order.
- (2) On any such appeal, [^{F268}the county court] may make such orders as may be necessary to give effect to its determination of the appeal, and may also make such incidental or consequential orders as appear to it to be just.
- [^{F269}(3) Any order made by a county court on an appeal under subsection (1)(a) or (b) (other than an order directing that an application be re-heard by a court of summary jurisdiction) is for the purposes of section 125(7) or 126(5) (respectively) to be treated as if it were an order of the court from which the appeal was brought (and not an order of the county court).]

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Textual Amendments

- F267** Words in s. 127(1) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 73(2)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F268** Words in s. 127(2) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 73(3)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F269** S. 127(3) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 73(4)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)

128 Offence: breach of RSHO or interim RSHO^{F270} etc] **N.I.**

[^{F271}(1) A person who, without reasonable excuse, does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by—

- (a) a risk of sexual harm order,
- (b) an interim risk of sexual harm order,
- ^{F272}(c)
- ^{F273}(d)
- ^{F274}(e)
- ^{F275}(f)

commits an offence.]

[^{F276}(1A) A person who, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a sexual risk order or an interim sexual risk order, or
- (b) fails to do something that the person is required to do by a sexual risk order or an interim sexual risk order,

commits an offence.]

[^{F277}(1B) A person who, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) does anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a relevant Scottish order, or
- (b) fails to do something that the person is required to do by a relevant Scottish order,

commits an offence.

(1C) In subsection (1B) “relevant Scottish order” means—

- (a) a sexual risk order made under section 27 of the [Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 22\)](#), or
- (b) an interim sexual risk order made under section 31 of that Act.]

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.

(3) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section, it is not open to the court by or before which he is convicted to make, in respect of the offence, an order for conditional discharge.

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Textual Amendments

- F270** Word in s. 128 heading inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 74\(2\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F271** S. 128(1) substituted for s. 128(1)(1A) (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) (c. 12), s. 185(1), [Sch. 11 para. 74\(3\)](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F272** S. 128(1)(c) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 177\(3\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(j)
- F273** S. 128(1)(d) omitted (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 177\(3\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(j)
- F274** S. 128(1)(e) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 180\(6\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c) (with reg. 4(1))
- F275** S. 128(1)(f) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 180\(6\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c) (with reg. 4(1))
- F276** S. 128(1A) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 177\(3\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(j)
- F277** S. 128(1B)(1C) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), [ss. 180\(6\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c)

129 Effect of conviction etc. of an offence under section 128 ^{F278} etc] **N.I.**

- (1) This section applies to a person (“the defendant”) who—
- (a) is convicted of an offence ^{F279} mentioned in subsection (1A)];
 - (b) is found not guilty of such an offence by reason of insanity;
 - (c) is found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of such an offence; or
 - (d) is cautioned in respect of such an offence.

^{F280}(1A) Those offences are—

- (a) an offence under section ^{F281} 122H or] 128 of this Act;
- ^{F282}(b)]

^{F283}(1B) This section also applies to a person (“the defendant”) who—

- (a) is convicted of an offence mentioned in subsection (1C),
- (b) is acquitted of such an offence by reason of the special defence set out in section 51A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, or
- (c) is found, in respect of such an offence, to be unfit for trial under section 53F of that Act in a case where the court determines that the defendant has done the act constituting the offence.

(1C) Those offences are—

- (a) an offence under section 34 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 ([asp 22](#)) (breach of sexual risk order or interim sexual risk order in Scotland);
- (b) an offence under section 37 of that Act (breach of equivalent orders) in respect of a breach of an order made under section 122A, 122E, 123 or 126 of this Act.]

(2) Where —

- (a) a defendant was a relevant offender immediately before this section applied to him, and

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- (b) the defendant would (apart from this subsection) cease to be subject to the notification requirements of this Part while the relevant order (as renewed from time to time) has effect,
the defendant remains subject to the notification requirements.
- (3) Where the defendant was not a relevant offender immediately before this section applied to him—
- (a) this section causes the defendant to become subject to the notification requirements of this Part from the time the section first applies to him until the relevant order (as renewed from time to time) ceases to have effect, and
- (b) this Part applies to the defendant, subject to the modification set out in subsection (4).
- (4) The “relevant date” is the date on which this section first applies to the defendant.
- [^{F284}(5) In this section “relevant order” means—
- (a) where the conviction, finding [^{F285}, caution or acquittal] within subsection (1) [^{F286}or (1B)] is in respect of a breach of a risk of sexual harm order or a sexual risk order, that order;
- (b) where the conviction, finding [^{F287}, caution or acquittal] within subsection (1) [^{F288}or (1B)] is in respect of a breach of an interim risk of sexual harm order or an interim sexual risk order, any risk of sexual harm order or sexual risk order made on the hearing of the application to which the interim order relates or, if no such order is made, the interim order.]
- [^{F289}(5A) In subsection (5) “sexual risk order” and “interim sexual risk order” include orders under sections 27 and 31 (respectively) of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016.]
- [^{F290}(6)]

Textual Amendments

- F278** Word in s. 129 heading inserted (8.3.2015) by *Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014* (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 75(2)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F279** Words in s. 129(1)(a) substituted (8.11.2006) by *Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006* (c. 38), **ss. 56(3), 66(2)**
- F280** S. 129(1A) inserted (8.11.2006) by *Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006* (c. 38), **ss. 56(3), 66(2)**
- F281** Words in s. 129(1A)(a) inserted (8.3.2015) by *Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014* (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 75(3)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F282** S. 129(1A)(b) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of *Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022* (c. 32), **ss. 181(2)(a)**, 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d) (with reg. 4(1))
- F283** S. 129(1B)(1C) inserted (31.3.2023) by *Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022* (c. 32), **ss. 181(2)(b)**, 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F284** S. 129(5)(6) substituted for s. 129(5) (8.3.2015) by *Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014* (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 75(4)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F285** Words in s. 129(5)(a) substituted (31.3.2023) by *Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022* (c. 32), **ss. 181(2)(c)(i)**, 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F286** Words in s. 129(5)(a) inserted (31.3.2023) by *Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022* (c. 32), **ss. 181(2)(c)(ii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F287** Words in s. 129(5)(b) substituted (31.3.2023) by *Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022* (c. 32), **ss. 181(2)(c)(iii)**, 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)

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- F288** Words in s. 129(5)(b) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 181(2)(c)(iv), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F289** S. 129(5A) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 181(2)(d), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d)
- F290** S. 129(6) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 181(2)(e), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(d) (with reg. 4(1))

Power to amend Schedules 3 and 5

130 Power to amend Schedules 3 and 5 U.K.

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order amend Schedule 3 or 5.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), an amendment within subsection (4) does not apply to convictions, findings and cautions before the amendment takes effect.
- (3) For the purposes of sections 106 and 116, an amendment within subsection (4) applies to convictions, findings and cautions before as well as after the amendment takes effect.
- (4) An amendment is within this subsection if it—
 - (a) adds an offence,
 - (b) removes a threshold relating to an offence, or
 - (c) changes a threshold in such a way as to cause an offence committed by or against a person of a particular age or in certain circumstances, or resulting in a particular disposal, to be within a Schedule when it would not otherwise be.

General

131 Young offenders: application U.K.

This Part applies to—

- (a) a period of detention which a person is liable to serve under a detention and training order [^{F291}(including an order under section 211 of the Armed Forces Act 2006)], or a secure training order,
- (b) a period for which a person is ordered to be detained in residential accommodation under section 44(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46),
- (c) a period of training in a training school, or of custody in a remand centre, which a person is liable to undergo or serve by virtue of an order under section 74(1)(a) or (e) of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (c. 34 (N.I.)),
- (d) a period for which a person is ordered to be detained in a juvenile justice centre under Article 39 of the Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1504 (N.I. 9)),
- (e) a period for which a person is ordered to be kept in secure accommodation under Article 44A of the Order referred to in paragraph (d),
- (f) a sentence of detention in a young offender institution, a young offenders institution or a young offenders centre,

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- (g) a sentence under a custodial order within the meaning of section 71AA of, or paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 5A to, the Army Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 18) or the Air Force Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 19) or section 43AA of, or paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 4A to, the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53),
- (h) a sentence of detention under section 90 or 91 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6), [^{F292}section 250 [^{F293}, 252A] or 259 of the Sentencing Code,][^{F294}section 209 or 218 of the Armed Forces Act 2006,] section [^{F295}205ZC(5) or] 208 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 or Article 45 of the Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998,
- (i) a sentence of custody for life under section 93 or 94 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6) [^{F296}or section 272 or 275 of the Sentencing Code (including one passed as a result of section 210A, 217, 218A or 219 of the Armed Forces Act 2006)],
- (j) a sentence of detention, or custody for life, under section 71A of the Army Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 18) or the Air Force Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 19) or section 43A of the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53),
- [^{F297}(k) a sentence of detention for public protection under section 226 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 [^{F298}(including one passed as a result of section 221 of the Armed Forces Act 2006)],
- (l) an extended sentence under section [^{F299}226B or] 228 of [^{F300}the Criminal Justice Act 2003 [^{F301}or section 254 of the Sentencing Code] (including one passed as a result of section [^{F302}221A or] 222 of the Armed Forces Act 2006)],]
- [^{F303}(m) a sentence of detention under Article 13(4)(b) or 14(5) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008,]
- [^{F304}(n) a sentence of detention under Article 15A(5) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008]

as it applies to an equivalent sentence of imprisonment; and references in this Part to prison or imprisonment are to be interpreted accordingly.

Textual Amendments

- F291** Words in s. 131(a) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by **Armed Forces Act 2006** (c. 52), ss. 378(1), 383(2), **Sch. 16 para. 208(2)**; S.I. 2009/812, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, **art. 4**
- F292** Words in s. 131(h) inserted (1.12.2020) by **Sentencing Act 2020** (c. 17), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 210(a)** (with Sch. 27); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2
- F293** Word in s. 131(h) inserted (30.4.2021) by **Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021** (c. 11), s. 50(1)(i), **Sch. 13 para. 20**
- F294** Words in s. 131(h) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by **Armed Forces Act 2006** (c. 52), ss. 378(1), 383(2), **Sch. 16 para. 208(3)**; S.I. 2009/812, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, **art. 4**
- F295** Words in s. 131(h) inserted (30.4.2021) by **Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021** (c. 11), s. 50(1)(i), **Sch. 13 para. 57**
- F296** Words in s. 131(i) inserted (1.12.2020) by **Sentencing Act 2020** (c. 17), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 210(b)** (with Sch. 27); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2
- F297** S. 131(k)(l) inserted (4.4.2005) by **Criminal Justice Act 2003** (c. 44), ss. 304, 336, **Sch. 32 para. 143**; S.I. 2005/950, **art. 2(1)**, Sch. 1 para. 42(39) (subject to art. 2(2), Sch. 2 (as amended by S.I. 2005/2122, art. 2))

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- F298** Words in s. 131(k) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 208\(4\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F299** Words in s. 131(1) inserted (3.12.2012) by [Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(c. 10\)](#), s. 151(1), [Sch. 21 para. 19](#); S.I. 2012/2906, [art. 2\(s\)](#)
- F300** Words in s. 131(l) substituted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 208\(5\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F301** Words in s. 131(l) inserted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), [Sch. 24 para. 210\(c\)](#) (with [Sch. 27](#)); S.I. 2020/1236, [reg. 2](#)
- F302** Words in s. 131(1) inserted (3.12.2012) by [Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(c. 10\)](#), s. 151(1), [Sch. 22 para. 20](#); S.I. 2012/2906, [art. 2\(t\)](#)
- F303** S. 131(m) added (N.I.) (15.5.2008) by [The Criminal Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I. 1\)\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 5 para. 10\(2\)](#); S.R. 2008/217, [art. 2](#), [Sch. para. 18\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 3](#))
- F304** S. 131(n) inserted (30.4.2021) by [Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 50(1)(i), [Sch. 13 para. 70](#)

132 Offences with thresholds **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies to an offence which in Schedule 3 is listed subject to a condition relating to the way in which the defendant is dealt with in respect of the offence or (where a relevant finding has been made in respect of him) in respect of the finding (a “sentencing condition”).
- (2) Where an offence is listed if either a sentencing condition or a condition of another description is met, this section applies only to the offence as listed subject to the sentencing condition.
- (3) For the purposes of this Part (including in particular section 82(6))—
 - (a) a person is to be regarded as convicted of an offence to which this section applies, or
 - (b) (as the case may be) a relevant finding in relation to such an offence is to be regarded as made,at the time when the sentencing condition is met.
- (4) In the following subsections, references to a foreign offence are references to an act which—
 - (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom (“the relevant foreign law”), and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence to which this section applies (but not an offence, listed in Schedule 3, to which this section does not apply) if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (5) In relation to a foreign offence, references to the corresponding UK offence are references to the offence (or any offence) to which subsection (4)(b) applies in the case of that foreign offence.
- (6) For the purposes of this Part, a person is to be regarded as convicted under the relevant foreign law of a foreign offence at the time when he is, in respect of the offence, dealt with under that law in a way equivalent to that mentioned in Schedule 3 as it applies to the corresponding UK offence.

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- (7) Where in the case of any person a court exercising jurisdiction under the relevant foreign law makes in respect of a foreign offence a finding equivalent to a relevant finding, the court's finding is, for the purposes of this Part, to be regarded as made at the time when the person is, in respect of the finding, dealt with under that law in a way equivalent to that mentioned in Schedule 3 as it applies to the corresponding UK offence.
- (8) Where (by virtue of an order under section 130 or otherwise) an offence is listed in Schedule 5 subject to a sentencing condition, this section applies to that offence as if references to Schedule 3 were references to Schedule 5.
- (9) In this section, “relevant finding”, in relation to an offence, means—
- a finding that a person is not guilty of the offence by reason of insanity, or
 - a finding that a person is under a disability and did the act charged against him in respect of the offence.

^{F305}**132A Disapplication of time limit for complaints** **E+W+N.I.**

Section 127 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (time limits) does not apply to a complaint under any provision of this Part.]

Textual Amendments

F305 S. 132A inserted (E.W.N.I.) (1.4.2010) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009 \(c. 26\)](#), **ss. 22(2)**, 116(1) (with [s. 22\(4\)](#)); [S.I. 2010/507](#), **art. 5(i)** (subject to [art. 6](#))

133 Part 2: general interpretation **U.K.**

- (1) In this Part—
- “admitted to a hospital” means admitted to a hospital under—
- section 37 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20), section 57(2)(a) or ^{F306}57A(2)] of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46) or Article 44 or 50A(2) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/595 (N.I. 4));
 - Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Act 1991 (c. 25); or
 - ^{F307}section 46 of the Mental Health Act 1983, ^{F308}section 69 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984] or Article 52 of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;]
- ^{F309}^{F310}“applicable date” has the meaning given by section 88D(5)]
- “cautioned” means—
- cautioned ^{F311}(or, in Northern Ireland, cautioned by a police officer)] after the person concerned has admitted the offence, ^{F312}...
 - ^{F312}...
- and “caution” is to be interpreted accordingly;
- “community order” means—
- a community order within the meaning of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6) ^{F313}(as that Act had effect before the passing of the Criminal Justice Act 2003)];

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- (b) ^{F314}a community payback order made under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c.46);]
- (c) a community order within the meaning of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/3160 (N.I. 24)), a probation order under section 1 of the Probation Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 (c. 7 (N.I.)) or a community service order under Article 7 of the Treatment of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I. 1976/226 (N.I. 40)); or
- (d) a community supervision order;
- “community supervision order” means an order under paragraph 4 of Schedule 5A to the Army Act 1955 or the Air Force Act 1955 or Schedule 4A to the Naval Discipline Act 1957;
- “country” includes territory;
- ^{F315}^{F316}“date of discharge” has the meaning given by section 88B(1)]
- “detained in a hospital” means detained in a hospital under—
- (a) Part 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983, ^{F317}section 136 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment)(Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 13)], Part 6 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 or Part III of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;
- (b) Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Act 1991; or
- (c) ^{F318}section 46 of the Mental Health Act 1983, ^{F319}section 69 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984] or Article 52 of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;]
- ^{F320}^{F321}“further date of discharge” has the meaning given by section 88B(3)]
- “guardianship order” means a guardianship order under section 37 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20), section 58 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46) or Article 44 of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/595 (N.I. 4));
- “home address” has the meaning given by section 83(7);
- “interim notification order” has the meaning given by section 100(2);
- “interim risk of sexual harm order” has the meaning given by section 126(2);
- ^{F322}“interim sexual harm prevention order” has the meaning given by section 103F(2);]
- “interim sexual offences prevention order” has the meaning given by section 109(2);
- ^{F322}“interim sexual risk order” has the meaning given by section 122E(2);]
- ^{F323}“kept in service custody” means kept in service custody by virtue of an order under section 105(2) of the Armed Forces Act 2006 (but see also subsection (3));]
- “local police area” has the meaning given by section 88(3);
- “local probation board” has the same meaning as in the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43);
- ^{F324}^{F325}“notification continuation order” has the meaning given by section 88C(2)]
- “notification order” has the meaning given by section 97(1);
- “notification period” has the meaning given by section 80(1);
- ^{F326}“order for conditional discharge” means an order under any of the following provisions discharging the offender conditionally—

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- (a) ^{F327}section 80 of the Sentencing Code;]
- (b) Article 4 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;
- (c) section 185 of the Armed Forces Act 2006;
- (d) paragraph 3 of Schedule 5A to the Army Act 1955 or Air Force Act 1955 or Schedule 4A to the Naval Discipline Act 1957;]

“parental responsibility” has the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989 (c. 41) or the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/ 755 (N.I. 2)), and “parental responsibilities” has the same meaning as in Part 1 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36);

“the period of conditional discharge” has the meaning given by each of the following—

- (a) ^{F328}section 80(1) of the Sentencing Code;]
- (b) Article 2(2) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;
- (c) ^{F329}section 185(2) of the Armed Forces Act 2006;]

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^{F322}“prohibition on foreign travel” has the meaning given by section 103D(2) or 122C(2);]

“relevant date” has the meaning given by section 82(6) (save in the circumstances mentioned in sections ^{F331}[^{F332}88B,]^{F333}[^{F333} 96ZC], ^{F333}[^{F334}98], ^{F334}[^{F334}96A(6)]^{F333}, 100], 107, 109 and 129);

“relevant offender” has the meaning given by section 80(2);

“restriction order” means—

- (a) an order under section 41 of the Mental Health Act 1983, section 57(2) (b) or 59 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 or Article 47(1) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;
- (b) a direction under paragraph 2(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Act 1991 (c. 25) or Article 50A(3)(b) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/595 (N.I. 4)); or
- (c) ^{F335}a direction under section 46 of the Mental Health Act 1983, ^{F336}[section 69 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984] or Article 52 of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;]

“risk of sexual harm order” has the meaning given by section 123(1);

^{F337}“service detention” has the meaning given by section 374 of the Armed Forces Act 2006;]

^{F322}“sexual harm prevention order” has the meaning given by section 103A(1);]

“sexual offences prevention order” has the meaning given by section 106(1);

^{F322}“sexual risk order” has the meaning given by section 122A(1);]

^{F338}“specified”, in relation to an offender supervision requirement, means specified in the requirement.]

“supervision” means supervision in pursuance of an order made for the purpose or, in the case of a person released from prison on licence, in pursuance of a condition contained in his licence;

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- [^{F340}(1A) A reference to a provision specified in paragraph (a) of the definition of “admitted to a hospital”, “detained in a hospital” or “restriction order” includes a reference to the provision as it applies by virtue of—
- (a) section 5 of the Criminal Procedure (Insanity) Act 1964,
 - (b) section 6 or 14 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968,
 - [^{F341}(ba) section 16(2) of the Court Martial Appeals Act 1968,]
 - (c) section 116A of the Army Act 1955 or the Air Force Act 1955 or section 63A of the Naval Discipline Act 1957, or
 - (d) section 16 or 23 of the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968.]
- (2) Where under section 141 different days are appointed for the commencement of different provisions of this Part, a reference in any such provision to the commencement of this Part is to be read (subject to section 98(4)) as a reference to the commencement of that provision.
- [^{F342}(3) In relation to any time before the commencement of section 105(2) of the Armed Forces Act 2006, “kept in service custody” means being kept in military, air-force or naval custody by virtue of an order made under section 75A(2) of the Army Act 1955 or of the Air Force Act 1955 or section 47G(2) of the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (as the case may be).]

Textual Amendments

- F306** S. 133(1): words in definition of "admitted to a hospital" substituted (S.) (27.9.2005) and otherwise (5.10.2005) by [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Modification of Enactments\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/465\)](#), art. 2, [Sch. 1 para. 33\(2\)\(a\)](#) and [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2078\)](#), art. 15, [Sch. 1 para. 7\(a\)](#)
- F307** In s. 133(1) in definition of "admitted to a hospital" para. (c) substituted (31.3.2005) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 58(1), 60, [Sch. 10 para. 57\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2005/579, [art. 3\(f\)\(g\)](#)
- F308** S. 133(1): words in definition of "admitted to a hospital" repealed (S.) (27.9.2005) by [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Modification of Enactments\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/465\)](#), art. 3, [Sch. 2](#)
- F309** S. 133(1): definition of "applicable date" inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), [4\(2\)\(a\)](#) (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)
- F310** S. 133(1): definition of "applicable date" inserted (S.) (25.10.2010) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), [4\(1\)\(a\)](#) (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F311** S. 133(1): words in definition of "cautioned" substituted for "by a police officer" (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by virtue of [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 148(1), 153(7), [Sch. 26 para. 56\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2008/1586, [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 para. 48\(r\)](#) (subject to [Sch. 2](#))
- F312** S. 133(1): words in definition of “cautioned” omitted (8.4.2013) by virtue of [Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(c. 10\)](#), s. 151(1), [Sch. 24 para. 25](#) (with s. 135(4)); S.I. 2013/453, art. 4(f)
- F313** S. 133(1): words in definition of "community order" inserted (4.4.2005) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), ss. 304, 336, [Sch. 32 para. 144](#); S.I. 2005/950, [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 42\(39\)](#) (subject to art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#) (as amended by S.I. 2005/2122, art. 2))

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- F314** Words in definition of "community order" in s. 133(1) substituted (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/25\)](#), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. para. 2(6)(a)** (with art. 3)
- F315** S. 133(1): definition of "date of discharge" inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), **4(2)(a)** (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)
- F316** S. 133(1): definition of "date of discharge" inserted (S.) (at 17.00 hours on 25.10.2010) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), **4(1)(a)** (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F317** S. 133(1): words in definition of "detained in a hospital" substituted (S.) (27.9.2005) and otherwise (5.10.2005) by [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Modification of Enactments\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/465\)](#), art. 2, **Sch. 1 para. 33(2)(b)** and [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2078\)](#), art. 15, **Sch. 1 para. 7(b)**
- F318** In s. 133(1) in definition of "detained in a hospital" para. (c) substituted (31.3.2005) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 58(1), 60, **Sch. 10 para. 57(2)(b)**; S.I. 2005/579, **art. 3(f)(g)**
- F319** S. 133(1): words in definition of "detained in a hospital" repealed (S.) (27.9.2005) by [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Modification of Enactments\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/465\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 2**
- F320** S. 133(1): definition of "further date of discharge" inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), **4(2)(a)** (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)
- F321** S. 133(1): definition of "further date of discharge" inserted (S.) (at 17.00 hours on 25.10.2010) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), **4(1)(a)** (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F322** Definitions in s. 133(1) inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), **Sch. 11 para. 76(2)** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(g)(i)
- F323** S. 133(1): definition of "kept in service custody" inserted (E.W.N.I.) (31.10.2009) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 148(1), 153(7), **Sch. 26 para. 56(2)(b)**; S.I. 2009/2606, **art. 3(i)**
- F324** S. 133(1): definition of "notification continuation order" inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), **4(2)(a)** (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)
- F325** S. 133(1): definition of "notification continuation order" inserted (S.) (at 17.00 hours on 25.10.2010) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), **4(1)(a)** (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F326** S. 133(1): definition of "order for conditional charge" substituted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383(2), **Sch. 16 para. 209(2)(a)**; S.I. 2009/812, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, **art. 4**
- F327** Words in s. 133(1) substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 211(a)** (with Sch. 27); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2
- F328** Words in s. 133(1) substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 211(b)** (with Sch. 27); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2
- F329** S. 133(1): words in definition of "the period of conditional discharge" substituted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383(2), **Sch. 16 para. 209(2)(b)**; S.I. 2009/812, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, **art. 4**

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- F330** S. 133(1): definitions of "probation order" and "probation period" repealed (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/25\)](#), arts. 1, 2, [Sch. para. 2\(6\)\(b\)](#) (with art. 3)
- F331** S. 133(1): words in definition of "relevant date" inserted (S.) (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#), arts. 1(1), [4\(2\)\(b\)](#) (which Order revokes and re-enacts with modifications the [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), see art. 5)
- F332** S. 133(1): words in definition of "relevant date" inserted (S.) (at 17.00 hours on 25.10.2010) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2010 \(S.S.I. 2010/370\)](#), arts. 1(1), [4\(1\)\(b\)](#) (which Order is revoked and re-enacted with modifications (28.1.2011) by [The Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Remedial\) \(Scotland\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/45\)](#))
- F333** Word in s. 133(1) substituted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 169\(6\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)
- F334** S. 133(1): word in definition of "relevant date" substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\)](#), [ss. 4\(5\)](#), 15(2)(c); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(b)
- F335** In s. 133(1) in definition of "restriction order" para. (c) substituted (31.3.2005) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), [ss. 58\(1\)](#), 60, [Sch. 10 para. 57\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2005/579, [art. 3\(f\)\(g\)](#)
- F336** S. 133(1): words in definition of "restriction order" repealed (S.) (27.9.2005) by [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Modification of Enactments\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/465\)](#), art. 3, [Sch. 2](#)
- F337** S. 133(1): definition of "service detention" inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), [ss. 378\(1\)](#), 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 209\(2\)\(c\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F338** S. 133(1): definition of "specified" inserted (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/25\)](#), arts. 1, 2, [Sch. para. 2\(6\)\(c\)](#) (with art. 3)
- F339** S. 133(1): definition of "term of service detention" repealed (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), [ss. 378](#), 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 209\(2\)\(d\)](#), [Sch. 17](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F340** S. 133(1A) inserted (31.3.2005) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), [ss. 58\(1\)](#), 60, [Sch. 10 para. 57\(3\)](#); S.I. 2005/579, [art. 3\(f\)\(g\)](#)
- F341** S. 133(1A)(ba) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), [ss. 378\(1\)](#), 383(2), [Sch. 16 para. 209\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F342** S. 133(3) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (31.10.2009) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 148\(1\)](#), 153(7), [Sch. 26 para. 56\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/2606, [art. 3\(i\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C7** S. 133(1) modified (24.4.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces Act 2006 \(Transitional Provisions etc\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1059\)](#), arts. 1(3), 205, [Sch. 1 para. 52\(1\)](#)

134 Conditional discharges and probation orders **U.K.**

- (1) The following provisions do not apply for the purposes of this Part to a conviction for an offence in respect of which an order for conditional discharge^{F343} . . . is made—
- ^{F344}[section 82(2) of the Sentencing Code] (conviction with absolute or conditional discharge deemed not to be a conviction);
 - Article 6(1) of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/3160 (N.I. 24)) (conviction with absolute or conditional discharge deemed not to be a conviction);
 - section 247(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46) (conviction with^{F345} . . . absolute discharge deemed not to be a conviction);

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- [^{F346}(ca) section 187(1) of the Armed Forces Act 2006 (conviction with absolute or conditional discharge deemed not to be a conviction);]
- (d) paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 5A to the Army Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 18) or the Air Force Act 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2 c. 19) or Schedule 4A to the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53) (conviction with absolute or conditional discharge or community supervision order deemed not to be a conviction).
- (2) Subsection (1) applies only to convictions after the commencement of this Part.
- (3) The provisions listed in subsection (1)(d) do not apply for the purposes of this Part to a conviction for an offence in respect of which a community supervision order is or has (before or after the commencement of this Part) been made.

Textual Amendments

- F343** Words in s. 134(1) repealed (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/25\)](#), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. para. 2(7)(a)** (with art. 3)
- F344** Words in s. 134(1)(a) substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 212** (with [Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236](#), reg. 2
- F345** Words in s. 134(1)(c) repealed (S.) (1.2.2011) by [The Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Consequential and Supplementary Provisions\) Order 2011 \(S.S.I. 2011/25\)](#), arts. 1, 2, **Sch. para. 2(7)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F346** S. 134(1)(ca) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383(2), **Sch. 16 para. 210**; [S.I. 2009/812](#), **art. 3** (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); [S.I. 2009/1167](#), **art. 4**

135 Interpretation: mentally disordered offenders **U.K.**

- (1) In this Part, a reference to a conviction includes a reference to a finding of a court in summary proceedings, where the court makes an order under an enactment within subsection (2), that the accused did the act charged; and similar references are to be interpreted accordingly.
- (2) The enactments are—
- section 37(3) of the Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20);
 - section 58(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 46);
 - Article 44(4) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/595 (N.I. 4)).
- [^{F347}(2A) In the application of this Part in relation to Scotland, a reference to a person being found not guilty of an offence by reason of insanity is to be read as a reference to a person being acquitted of an offence by reason of the special defence set out in section 51A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.]
- (3) In this Part, a reference to a person being or having been found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged against him in respect of an offence includes a reference to his being or having been found—
- unfit to be tried for the offence;
 - to be insane so that his trial for the offence cannot or could not proceed; or
 - unfit to be tried and to have done the act charged against him in respect of the offence.

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(4) In section 133—

- (a) a reference to admission or detention under Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Insanity and Unfitness to Plead) Act 1991 (c. 25), and the reference to a direction under paragraph 2(1)(b) of that Schedule, include respectively—
 - (i) a reference to admission or detention under Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Insanity) Act 1964 (c. 84); and
 - (ii) a reference to a restriction order treated as made by paragraph 2(1) of that Schedule;
- (b) a reference to admission or detention under any provision of Part 6 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, and the reference to an order under section 57(2)(b) or 59 of that Act, include respectively—
 - (i) a reference to admission or detention under section 174(3) or 376(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21); and
 - (ii) a reference to a restriction order made under section 178(1) or 379(1) of that Act;
- (c) ^{F348}

Textual Amendments

F347 S. 135(2A) inserted (S.) (25.6.2012 with application in accordance with art. 3 of the commencing S.S.I.) by *Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010* (asp 13), s. 206(1), **sch. 7 para. 73**; S.S.I. 2012/160, art. 3, sch.

F348 S. 135(4)(c) repealed (31.3.2005) by *Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004* (c. 28), ss. 58, 60, **Sch. 10 para. 58, Sch. 11**; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(f)-(h)(i)(xi)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C8 S. 135(1) applied by *Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994* (c. 33), **s. 327B(10)** (as inserted (14.7.2008) by *Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008* (c. 4), **ss. 140(1)**, 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, **art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 43** (subject to Sch. 2))

C9 S. 135(2)(a) applied by *Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994* (c. 33), **s. 327B(10)** (as inserted (14.7.2008) by *Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008* (c. 4), **ss. 140(1)**, 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, **art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 43** (subject to Sch. 2))

C10 S. 135(3) applied by *Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994* (c. 33), **s. 327B(10)** (as inserted (14.7.2008) by *Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008* (c. 4), **ss. 140(1)**, 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, **art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 43** (subject to Sch. 2))

C11 S. 135(3) applied by *Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994* (c. 33), **s. 327B(10)** (as inserted (14.7.2008) by *Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008* (c. 4), **ss. 140(1)**, 153(7); S.I. 2008/1586, **art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 43** (subject to Sch. 2))

136 Part 2: Northern Ireland **U.K.**

- (1) This Part applies to Northern Ireland with the following modifications.
- (2) References to a chief officer of police are to be read as references to the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland.
- (3) References to police areas are to be read as references to Northern Ireland.
- (4) References to a complaint are to be read as references to a complaint under Part VIII of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26)) to a court of summary jurisdiction.

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- [^{F349}(4A) In section 132A the reference to section 127 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 is to be read as a reference to Article 78 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.]
- (5) [^{F350}Subject to subsection (6)], references to a magistrates' court [^{F351}or to a magistrates court for a particular area] are to be read as references to a court of summary jurisdiction.
- [^{F352}(6) References to a magistrates' court for the area in which the defendant resides are to be read as references to a court of summary jurisdiction for the petty sessions district which includes the area where the defendant resides.]
- [^{F352}(7) References to a youth court for the area in which the defendant resides are to be read as references to a youth court for the petty sessions district which includes the area where the defendant resides.]
- [^{F353}(7A) References to a justice of the peace are to be read as references to a lay magistrate.]
- [^{F354}(8) The reference in section 101 to the Crown Court is to be read as a reference to a county court.]
- (9) Any direction of the county court made under section 89(1) on an appeal under Article 143 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (appeals in other cases) (other than one directing that an application be re-heard by a court of summary jurisdiction) is, for the purposes of section 90, to be treated as if it were made by the court from which the appeal was brought and not by the county court.
- (10) Any order of the county court made on an appeal under Article 143 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (other than one directing that an application be re-heard by a court of summary jurisdiction) is, for the purposes of section 108, to be treated as if it were an order of the court from which the appeal was brought and not an order of the county court.
- [^{F355}(11) References to the Secretary of State, except in sections 94 and 95, are to be read as references to the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland.]

Textual Amendments

- F349** S. 136(4A) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (1.4.2010) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009 \(c. 26\), ss. 22\(3\)](#), 116(1); [S.I. 2010/507, art. 5\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 6](#))
- F350** Words in s. 136(5) repealed (N.I.) (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\), s. 106\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 123\(3\)\(a\), Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)); [S.R. 2016/387, art. 2\(k\)\(m\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- F351** Words in s. 136(5) inserted (N.I.) (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\), s. 106\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 123\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)); [S.R. 2016/387, art. 2\(k\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- F352** S. 136(6)(7) repealed (N.I.) (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\), s. 106\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 123\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)); [S.R. 2016/387, art. 2\(k\)\(m\)](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- F353** S. 136(7A) inserted (E.W.N.I.) (31.5.2007) by [Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 \(c. 38\), ss. 58\(2\), 66\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2007/858, art. 3\(f\)](#)
- F354** S. 136(8) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\), s. 185\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 77](#) (with [ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93](#)); [S.I. 2015/373, art. 2\(g\)\(i\)](#)
- F355** S. 136(11) inserted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\), art. 1\(2\), Sch. 14 para. 77\(2\)](#) (with [arts. 28-31](#))

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[^{F356}136ZA] Application of orders throughout the United Kingdom U.K.

- (1) In this section “relevant order” means—
- (a) a sexual harm prevention order [^{F357} or an order under Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the Sentencing Code (sexual harm prevention orders on conviction)];
 - (b) an interim sexual harm prevention order;
 - (c) a sexual offences prevention order;
 - (d) an interim sexual offences prevention order;
 - (e) a foreign travel order;
 - (f) a sexual risk order;
 - (g) an interim sexual risk order;
 - (h) a risk of sexual harm order;
 - (i) an interim risk of sexual harm order;
 - [^{F358}(ia) a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22);
 - (ib) an interim sexual harm prevention order made under section 21 of that Act;
 - (ic) a sexual risk order made under section 27 of that Act;
 - (id) an interim sexual risk order made under section 31 of that Act.]
 - ^{F359}(j)
 - ^{F360}(k)
- (2) For the purposes of sections 103I, 113, 122, 122H and 128, prohibitions [^{F361}or requirements] imposed by a relevant order made in one part of the United Kingdom apply (unless expressly confined to particular localities) throughout that and every other part of the United Kingdom.

Textual Amendments

- F356** Ss. 136ZA-136ZD inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 5 para. 6](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(e)
- F357** Words in s. 136ZA(1)(a) inserted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), [Sch. 24 para. 213](#) (with [Sch. 27](#)); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2
- F358** S. 136ZA(1)(ia)-(id) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 180\(7\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c)
- F359** S. 136ZA(1)(j) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 180\(7\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c) (with reg. 4(1))
- F360** S. 136ZA(1)(k) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 180\(7\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(c) (with reg. 4(1))
- F361** Words in s. 136ZA(2) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 177\(4\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(j)

136ZB Order ceases to have effect when new order made U.K.

- (1) Where a court in England and Wales makes an order listed in the first column of the following Table in relation to a person who is already subject to an order listed opposite it in the second column, the earlier order ceases to have effect (whichever part of the United Kingdom it was made in) unless the court orders otherwise.

New order

Earlier order

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Sexual harm prevention order	— sexual offences prevention order; — foreign travel order. [^{F362} sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22).]
Sexual risk order	— risk of sexual harm order; — foreign travel order. [^{F363} sexual risk order made under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016.]

- (2) Where a court in Northern Ireland ^{F364}... makes an order listed in the first column of the following Table in relation to a person who is already subject to an order or prohibition listed opposite it in the second column, the earlier order or prohibition ceases to have effect (even though it was made or imposed by a court in England and Wales [^{F365}or Scotland]) unless the court orders otherwise.

<i>New order</i>	<i>Earlier order or prohibition</i>
Sexual offences prevention order	— sexual harm prevention order not containing a prohibition on foreign travel; — in the case of a sexual harm prevention order containing a prohibition on foreign travel, each of its other prohibitions. [^{F366} sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 not containing a prohibition on foreign travel; in the case of a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of that Act containing a prohibition on foreign travel, each of its other prohibitions.]
Foreign travel order	— prohibition on foreign travel contained in a sexual harm prevention order. [^{F367} prohibition on foreign travel contained in a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016.]
Risk of sexual harm order	— sexual risk order not containing a prohibition on foreign travel; — in the case of a sexual risk order containing a prohibition on foreign travel, each of its other prohibitions. [^{F368} sexual risk order made under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 not containing a prohibition on foreign travel;

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in the case of a sexual risk order made under section 27 of that Act containing a prohibition on foreign travel, each of its other prohibitions.]

^{F369}(2ZA) [Where a court in Scotland makes an order listed in the first column of the following Table in relation to a person who is already subject to an order or prohibition listed opposite it in the second column, the earlier order or prohibition ceases to have effect (even though it was made or imposed by a court in England and Wales or Northern Ireland) unless the court orders otherwise.

<i>New order</i>	<i>Earlier order or prohibition</i>
Sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016	— sexual harm prevention order; — sexual offences prevention order; — foreign travel order.
Sexual risk order made under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016	— sexual risk order; — risk of sexual harm order; — foreign travel order.]

^{F370}(2A) [References in subsection (2) [^{F371}or subsection (2ZA)] to a sexual harm prevention order include references to an order under Chapter 2 of Part 11 of the Sentencing Code (sexual harm prevention orders on conviction).]

(3) In this section—

- (a) “court”, in Scotland, includes sheriff;
- ^{F372}(b)

Textual Amendments

- F356** Ss. 136ZA-136ZD inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 5 para. 6](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(e)
- F362** Words in s. 136ZB(1) Table inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 182\(3\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e)
- F363** Words in s. 136ZB(1) Table inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 182\(3\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e)
- F364** Words in s. 136ZB(2) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 182\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e) (with reg. 4(2))
- F365** Words in s. 136ZB(2) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 182\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e)
- F366** Words in s. 136ZB(2) Table inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 182\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e)
- F367** Words in s. 136ZB(2) Table inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 182\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e)
- F368** Words in s. 136ZB(2) Table inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 182\(4\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e)
- F369** S. 136ZB(2ZA) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 182\(5\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e)
- F370** S. 136ZB(2A) inserted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), [Sch. 24 para. 214](#) (with [Sch. 27](#)); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2

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F371 Words in s. 136ZB(2A) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 182(6), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e)

F372 S. 136ZB(3)(b) omitted (31.3.2023) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. 182(7), 208(1); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(e) (with reg. 4(1))

136ZC Variation [^{F373}, renewal or discharge] of sexual harm prevention order by court in Northern Ireland **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies where a sexual harm prevention order has been made in respect of a person who now—
 - (a) is residing in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) is in or is intending to come to Northern Ireland.
- (2) An application may be made to the appropriate court in Northern Ireland—
 - (a) by the defendant, or
 - (b) by the Chief Constable,
 for an order varying [^{F374}, renewing or discharging] the sexual harm prevention order.
- (3) An application under subsection (2) may be made—
 - (a) where the appropriate court is the Crown Court, in accordance with rules of court;
 - (b) in any other case, by complaint.
- (4) Subject to [^{F375}subsections (4A) to (6B)], on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and the other person mentioned in subsection (2) (if that person wishes to be heard), may make any order varying [^{F376}, renewing or discharging] the sexual harm prevention order that the court considers appropriate.

[In determining the application the court must have regard to—

^{F377}(4A)
 - (a) the time for which the defendant is likely to remain in Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) whether—
 - (i) in the case of a sexual harm prevention order made by a court in England and Wales, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, England and Wales, or
 - (ii) in the case of a sexual harm prevention order made by a court in Scotland, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, Scotland.]
- (5) An order may be [^{F378}renewed, or] varied so as to impose additional prohibitions [^{F379}or requirements] on the defendant [^{F380}, only] if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of—
 - (a) protecting the public in Northern Ireland, or any particular members of the public in Northern Ireland, from sexual harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (6) An order as [^{F381}renewed or] varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions [^{F382}and requirements] as are necessary for the purpose of—
 - (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from sexual harm from the defendant, or

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- (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.

^{F383} [The court must not discharge a sexual harm prevention order made by a court in (6A) England and Wales before the end of 5 years beginning with the day on which the order was made without the consent of the defendant and the Chief Constable.

(6B) The court must not discharge a sexual harm prevention order made by a court in Scotland, or vary such an order so as to remove a prohibition or requirement, unless the order or, as the case may be, the prohibition or requirement is no longer necessary for the purpose of—

- (a) protecting the public, or any particular members of the public, from sexual harm from the defendant, or
- (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.]

(7) The defendant may appeal against the making of an order under this section, or the refusal to make such an order—

- (a) where the application for such an order was made to the Crown Court, to the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland;
- (b) in any other case, to a county court in Northern Ireland.

(8) On an appeal under subsection (7)(b), the county court may make such orders as may be necessary to give effect to its determination of the appeal, and may also make such incidental or consequential orders as appear to it to be just.

(9) In this section—

“the appropriate court” means—

- (a) [^{F384} where the sexual harm prevention order was made—
 - (i) in England and Wales, by the Crown Court, otherwise than on appeal from a magistrates’ court, or by the Court of Appeal, or
 - (ii) in Scotland, by the High Court of Justiciary otherwise than on appeal,

the Crown Court (in Northern Ireland);

- (b) where the defendant is aged 18 or over and the sexual harm prevention order was made—

- (i) in England and Wales, by a magistrates’ court or by the Crown Court on appeal from a magistrates’ court, or
- (ii) in Scotland, by the High Court of Justiciary on appeal, by the Court of Session, by the Sheriff Appeal Court or by a sheriff,

any court of summary jurisdiction in Northern Ireland;]

- (c) where—

- (i) the defendant is aged under 18, and
- (ii) paragraph (a) does not apply,

any youth court in Northern Ireland;

“the Chief Constable” means the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;

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[^{F385}“the defendant”, in relation to a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22), means the person against whom the order has effect;]

“sexual harm”, “child” and “vulnerable adult” each has the meaning given in section 103B(1).

[^{F385}“sexual harm prevention order” includes a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016.]

Textual Amendments

- F356** Ss. 136ZA-136ZD inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 185(1), [Sch. 5 para. 6](#) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(e)
- F373** Words in s. 136ZC heading inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(2\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F374** Words in s. 136ZC(2) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(3\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F375** Words in s. 136ZC(4) substituted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(4\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F376** Words in s. 136ZC(4) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(4\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F377** S. 136ZC(4A) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(5\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F378** Words in s. 136ZC(5) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(6\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F379** Words in s. 136ZC(5) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 177\(5\)\(a\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(j)
- F380** Word in s. 136ZC(5) substituted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(6\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F381** Words in s. 136ZC(6) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(7\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F382** Words in s. 136ZC(6) inserted (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 177\(5\)\(b\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(j)
- F383** S. 136ZC(6A)(6B) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(8\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F384** Words in s. 136ZC(9) substituted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(9\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)
- F385** Words in s. 136ZC(9) inserted (31.3.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), s. 208(1), [Sch. 18 para. 1\(9\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

136ZD Variation [^{F386}renewal or discharge] of sexual risk order by court in Northern Ireland **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies where a sexual risk order has been made in respect of a person who now—
 - (a) is residing in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) is in or is intending to come to Northern Ireland.
- (2) An application may be made to the appropriate court in Northern Ireland—
 - (a) by the defendant, or
 - (b) by the Chief Constable,

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for an order varying [^{F387}, renewing or discharging] the sexual risk order.

- (3) Subject to [^{F388}subsections (3A) to (5B)], on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and the other person mentioned in subsection (2) (if that person wishes to be heard), may make any order varying [^{F389}, renewing or discharging] the sexual risk order that the court considers appropriate.

[In determining the application the court must have regard to—

- ^{F390}(3A) (a) the time for which the defendant is likely to remain in Northern Ireland, and
(b) whether—
(i) in the case of a sexual risk order made by a court in England and Wales, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, England and Wales, or
(ii) in the case of a sexual risk order made by a court in Scotland, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, Scotland.]
- (4) An order may be [^{F391}renewed, or] varied so as to impose additional prohibitions [^{F392}or requirements] on the defendant [^{F393}, only] if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of—
(a) protecting the public in Northern Ireland, or any particular members of the public in Northern Ireland, from harm from the defendant, or
(b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (5) An order as [^{F394}renewed or] varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions [^{F395}and requirements] as are necessary for the purpose of—
(a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from harm from the defendant, or
(b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.

[The court must not discharge a sexual risk order made by a court in England and Wales
^{F396}(5A) before the end of 2 years beginning with the day on which the order was made without the consent of the defendant and the Chief Constable.

- (5B) The court must not discharge a sexual risk order made by a court in Scotland, or vary such an order so as to remove a prohibition or requirement, unless the order or, as the case may be, the prohibition or requirement is no longer necessary for the purpose of—
(a) protecting the public, or any particular members of the public, from harm from the defendant, or
(b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.]
- (6) The defendant may appeal against the making of an order under this section, or the refusal to make such an order, to a county court in Northern Ireland.
- (7) On an appeal under subsection (6), the county court may make such orders as may be necessary to give effect to its determination of the appeal, and may also make such incidental or consequential orders as appear to it to be just.
- (8) In this section—
“the appropriate court” means—

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(a) where the defendant is aged 18 or over, any court of summary jurisdiction in Northern Ireland;

(b) where the defendant is aged under 18, any youth court in Northern Ireland;

“the Chief Constable” means the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;

[^{F397}“the defendant”, in relation to a sexual risk order made under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22), means the person against whom the order has effect;]

“harm”, “child” and “vulnerable adult” each has the meaning given in section 122B(1);

[^{F397}“sexual risk order” includes a sexual risk order made under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016.]]

Textual Amendments

F356 Ss. 136ZA-136ZD inserted (8.3.2015) by Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (c. 12), s. 185(1), **Sch. 5 para. 6** (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(e)

F386 Words in s. 136ZD heading inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(2)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F387 Words in s. 136ZD(2) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(3)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F388 Words in s. 136ZD(3) substituted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(4)(a)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F389 Words in s. 136ZD(3) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(4)(b)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F390 S. 136ZD(3A) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(5)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F391 Words in s. 136ZD(4) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(6)(a)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F392 Words in s. 136ZD(4) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 177(6)(a)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(j)

F393 Word in s. 136ZD(4) substituted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(6)(b)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F394 Words in s. 136ZD(5) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(7)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F395 Words in s. 136ZD(5) inserted (29.11.2022) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 177(6)(b)**, 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(j)

F396 S. 136ZD(5A)(5B) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(8)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

F397 Words in s. 136ZD(8) inserted (31.3.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), s. 208(1), **Sch. 18 para. 2(9)**; S.I. 2023/387, reg. 3(g)(i)

[^{F398}136ZD] **Variation, renewal or discharge of sexual harm prevention order etc by court in Scotland U.K.**

(1) This section applies where a relevant order has been made in respect of a person who now—

- (a) is residing in Scotland, or
- (b) is in or is intending to come to Scotland.

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- (2) In this section “relevant order” means—
 - (a) a sexual harm prevention order,
 - (b) a sexual offences prevention order, or
 - (c) a foreign travel order.
- (3) An application may be made to the appropriate sheriff in Scotland—
 - (a) by the defendant, or
 - (b) by the chief constable,for an order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant order.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) to (12), on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and the other person mentioned in subsection (3) (if that person wishes to be heard), may make any order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant order that the appropriate sheriff considers appropriate.
- (5) In determining the application the court must have regard to—
 - (a) the time for which the defendant is likely to remain in Scotland, and
 - (b) whether—
 - (i) in the case of a sexual harm prevention order, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, England and Wales, or
 - (ii) in the case of a sexual offences prevention order or foreign travel order, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, Northern Ireland.
- (6) A sexual harm prevention order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions or requirements on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of—
 - (a) protecting the public in Scotland, or any particular members of the public in Scotland, from sexual harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (7) A sexual harm prevention order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions and requirements as are necessary for the purpose of—
 - (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from sexual harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (8) A sexual offences prevention order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions or requirements on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting the public in Scotland, or any particular members of the public in Scotland, from serious sexual harm from the defendant.
- (9) A sexual offences prevention order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions and requirements as are necessary for the purpose of protecting the public or any particular members of the public from serious sexual harm from the defendant.
- (10) A foreign travel order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose

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of protecting children generally or any child from serious sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.

- (11) A foreign travel order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions as are necessary for the purpose mentioned in subsection (10).
- (12) The court must not discharge a sexual harm prevention order or a sexual offences prevention order before the end of 5 years beginning with the day on which the order was made without the consent of the defendant and the chief constable.
- (13) The defendant may appeal against the making of an order under this section, or the refusal to make such an order, as if it were a decision constituting final judgment in civil proceedings within the meaning of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 18).

- (14) In this section—

“the appropriate sheriff” means—

- (a) in any case, a sheriff in whose sheriffdom the defendant resides, or
- (b) in a case where the application is made by the chief constable—
- (i) a sheriff in whose sheriffdom the defendant is believed by the chief constable to be, or
- (ii) a sheriff to whose sheriffdom the defendant is believed by the chief constable to be intending to come;

“the chief constable” means the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland;

“child” means a person under 18;

“serious sexual harm”, in relation to the renewal or variation of a sexual offences prevention order, means serious physical or psychological harm caused by the defendant committing one or more of the offences listed in Schedule 3;

“serious sexual harm”, in relation to the renewal or variation of a foreign travel order, means serious physical or psychological harm caused by the defendant doing, outside the United Kingdom, anything which would constitute an offence listed in Schedule 3 if done in any part of the United Kingdom;

“sexual harm” and “vulnerable adult”, in relation to the renewal or variation of a sexual harm prevention order, have the meanings given by section 103B(1).]

Textual Amendments

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[^{F398} 136ZF] Variation, renewal or discharge of sexual risk order etc by court in Scotland **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies where a relevant order has been made in respect of a person who now—
- (a) is residing in Scotland, or
- (b) is in or is intending to come to Scotland.

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- (2) In this section “relevant order” means—
 - (a) a sexual risk order, or
 - (b) a risk of sexual harm order.
- (3) An application may be made to the appropriate sheriff in Scotland—
 - (a) by the defendant, or
 - (b) by the chief constable,for an order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant order.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) to (10), on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and the other person mentioned in subsection (3) (if that person wishes to be heard), may make any order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant order that the appropriate sheriff considers appropriate.
- (5) In determining the application the court must have regard to—
 - (a) the time for which the defendant is likely to remain in Scotland, and
 - (b) whether—
 - (i) in the case of a sexual risk order, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, England and Wales, or
 - (ii) in the case of a risk of sexual harm order, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, Northern Ireland.
- (6) A sexual risk order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions or requirements on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of—
 - (a) protecting the public in Scotland, or any particular members of the public in Scotland, from harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (7) A sexual risk order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions and requirements as are necessary for the purpose of—
 - (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (8) A risk of sexual harm order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from physical or psychological harm from the defendant doing acts within section 123(3).
- (9) A risk of sexual harm order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions as are necessary for the purpose mentioned in subsection (8).
- (10) The court must not discharge a relevant order before the end of 2 years beginning with the day on which the order was made without the consent of the defendant and the chief constable.
- (11) The defendant may appeal against the making of an order under this section, or the refusal to make such an order, as if it were a decision constituting final judgment in civil proceedings within the meaning of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 ([asp 18](#)).

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(12) In this section—

“the appropriate sheriff” means—

- (a) in any case, a sheriff in whose sheriffdom the defendant resides, or
- (b) in a case where the application is made by the chief constable—
 - (i) a sheriff in whose sheriffdom the defendant is believed by the chief constable to be, or
 - (ii) a sheriff to whose sheriffdom the defendant is believed by the chief constable to be intending to come;

“the chief constable” means the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland;

“child”—

- (a) in relation to the renewal or variation of a sexual risk order, means a person under 18;
- (b) in relation to the renewal or variation of a risk of sexual harm order, means a person under 16;

“harm” and “vulnerable adult”, in relation to the renewal or variation of a sexual risk order, have the meanings given by section 122B(1).]

Textual Amendments

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[^{F399} 136ZG] **Variation, renewal or discharge of sexual harm prevention order made in Scotland by court in England and Wales** **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies where a relevant Scottish order has been made in respect of a person (“the defendant”) who now—
 - (a) is residing in England and Wales, or
 - (b) is in or is intending to come to England and Wales.
- (2) In this section “relevant Scottish order” means a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22).
- (3) A person within subsection (4) may by complaint to the appropriate court apply for an order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant order.
- (4) Those persons are—
 - (a) the defendant;
 - (b) the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides;
 - (c) a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, that officer’s police area.
- (5) If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn, a person mentioned in subsection (4) (b) or (c) must have regard to the list in considering—

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- (a) whether to apply for an order varying or renewing the relevant Scottish order for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) in particular, whether to apply for an order imposing, varying or renewing a prohibition on foreign travel for that purpose.
- (6) Subject to subsections (7) to (14), on an application under this section the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (4), may make any order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant Scottish order that the court considers appropriate.
- (7) In determining the application the court must have regard to—
 - (a) the time for which the defendant is likely to remain in England and Wales, and
 - (b) whether the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, Scotland.
- (8) A relevant Scottish order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions or requirements on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of—
 - (a) protecting the public in England and Wales, or any particular members of the public in England and Wales, from sexual harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (9) A relevant Scottish order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions and requirements as are necessary for the purpose of—
 - (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from sexual harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (10) If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list in considering—
 - (a) whether any order varying or renewing the relevant Scottish order is necessary for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) in particular, whether an order imposing, varying or renewing a prohibition on foreign travel is necessary for that purpose.
- (11) A relevant Scottish order may be renewed or varied under this section so as to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring of the defendant's compliance with the prohibitions and requirements imposed by the order.
- (12) Section 103FA (electronic monitoring requirements) applies in relation to—
 - (a) the variation under this section of a relevant Scottish order to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring of the defendant's compliance with the prohibitions and requirements imposed by the order, or
 - (b) the renewal of an order to continue such a requirement,as it applies in relation to the making of a sexual harm prevention order, subject to subsection (13).

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- (13) In its application to the variation or renewal of a relevant Scottish order, section 103FA has effect as if—
- (a) the reference in subsection (4)(b) to a case where it is proposed to include in the order a requirement or provision mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) included a case where the order already includes such a requirement or provision,
 - (b) the reference in subsection (4)(b) to the local justice area in which the place or area proposed to be specified is situated included the local justice area in which the place or area already specified is situated, and
 - (c) the reference in subsection (9) to section 103E were to this section.
- (14) The court must not discharge a relevant Scottish order, or vary such an order so as to remove a prohibition or requirement, unless the order or, as the case may be, the prohibition or requirement is no longer necessary for the purpose of—
- (a) protecting the public, or any particular members of the public, from sexual harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (15) In this section—
- “adult magistrates’ court” means a magistrates’ court that is not a youth court;
- “the appropriate court” means—
- (a) where the defendant is aged 18 or over, an adult magistrates’ court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any adult magistrates’ court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer’s police area;
 - (b) where the defendant is under the age of 18, a youth court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any youth court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer’s police area;
- “child” means a person under 18;
- “prohibition on foreign travel” includes a prohibition on foreign travel within the meaning of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (see sections 17 and 25 of that Act);
- “sexual harm” and “vulnerable adult” have the same meanings as in Chapter 3 of Part 2 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (see sections 10 and 25 of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

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[^{F399}136ZJ] **Variation, renewal or discharge of sexual offences prevention order or foreign travel order by court in England and Wales [U.K.](#)**

- (1) This section applies where a relevant order has been made in respect of a person who now—

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- (a) is residing in England and Wales, or
 - (b) is in or is intending to come to England and Wales.
- (2) In this section “relevant order” means—
- (a) a sexual offences prevention order, or
 - (b) a foreign travel order.
- (3) A person within subsection (4) may by complaint to the appropriate court apply for an order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant order.
- (4) Those persons are—
- (a) the defendant;
 - (b) the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides;
 - (c) a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, that officer’s police area.
- (5) If—
- (a) this section applies in relation to a person because that person is subject to a foreign travel order, and
 - (b) a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn,
- a person mentioned in subsection (4)(b) or (c) must have regard to the list in considering whether to apply for an order varying or renewing the foreign travel order.
- (6) Subject to subsections (7) to (16), on an application under this section the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (4), may make any order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant order that the court considers appropriate.
- (7) In determining the application the court must have regard to—
- (a) the time for which the defendant is likely to remain in England and Wales, and
 - (b) whether the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, Northern Ireland.
- (8) A sexual offences prevention order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions or requirements on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting the public in England and Wales, or any particular members of the public in England and Wales, from serious sexual harm from the defendant.
- (9) A sexual offences prevention order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions and requirements as are necessary for the purpose of protecting the public or any particular members of the public from serious sexual harm from the defendant.
- (10) A sexual offences prevention order may be renewed or varied under this section so as to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring of the defendant’s compliance with the prohibitions and requirements imposed by the order.
- (11) Section 103FA (electronic monitoring requirements) applies in relation to—
- (a) the variation under this section of a sexual offences prevention order to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring of the defendant’s compliance with the prohibitions and requirements imposed by the order, or
 - (b) the renewal of an order to continue such a requirement,

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as it applies in relation to the making of a sexual harm prevention order, subject to subsection (12).

- (12) In its application to the variation or renewal of a sexual offences prevention order, section 103FA has effect as if—
- (a) the reference in subsection (4)(b) to a case where it is proposed to include in the order a requirement or provision mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) included a case where the order already includes such a requirement or provision,
 - (b) the reference in subsection (4)(b) to the local justice area in which the place or area proposed to be specified is situated included the local justice area in which the place or area already specified is situated, and
 - (c) the reference in subsection (9) to section 103E were to this section.
- (13) The court must not discharge a sexual offences prevention order before the end of 5 years beginning with the day on which the order was made without the consent of the defendant and—
- (a) where the application under this section is made by a chief officer of police, that chief officer, or
 - (b) in any other case, the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides.
- (14) A foreign travel order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from serious sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (15) A foreign travel order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions as are necessary for the purpose mentioned in subsection (14).
- (16) If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list in considering whether to renew or vary a foreign travel order under this section.
- (17) In this section—
- “adult magistrates’ court” means a magistrates’ court that is not a youth court;
- “the appropriate court” means—
- (a) where the defendant is aged 18 or over, an adult magistrates’ court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any adult magistrates’ court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer’s police area;
 - (b) where the defendant is under the age of 18, a youth court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any youth court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer’s police area;
- “child” means a person under 18;
- “serious sexual harm”—
- (a) in relation to the renewal or variation of a sexual offences prevention order, means serious physical or psychological harm caused by the defendant committing one or more of the offences listed in Schedule 3;

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- (b) in relation to the renewal or variation of a foreign travel order, means serious physical or psychological harm caused by the defendant doing, outside the United Kingdom, anything which would constitute an offence listed in Schedule 3 if done in any part of the United Kingdom.]

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[^{F399}136Z] **Variation, renewal or discharge of sexual risk order made in Scotland by court in England and Wales** **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies where a relevant Scottish order has been made in respect of a person (“the defendant”) who now—
 - (a) is residing in England and Wales, or
 - (b) is in or is intending to come to England and Wales.
- (2) In this section “relevant Scottish order” means a sexual risk order made under section 27 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 ([asp 22](#)).
- (3) A person within subsection (4) may by complaint to the appropriate court apply for an order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant Scottish order.
- (4) Those persons are—
 - (a) the defendant;
 - (b) the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides;
 - (c) a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, that officer’s police area.
- (5) If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (list of countries where children are at high risk of sexual abuse or sexual exploitation) and has not been withdrawn, a person mentioned in subsection (4) (b) or (c) must have regard to the list in considering—
 - (a) whether to apply for an order varying or renewing the relevant Scottish order for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) in particular, whether to apply for an order imposing, varying or renewing a prohibition on foreign travel for that purpose.
- (6) Subject to subsections (7) to (14), on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (4), may make any order varying, renewing or discharging the relevant Scottish order that the court considers appropriate.
- (7) In determining the application the court must have regard to—
 - (a) the time for which the defendant is likely to remain in England and Wales, and
 - (b) whether the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, Scotland.
- (8) A relevant Scottish order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose additional prohibitions or requirements on the defendant, only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of—

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- (a) protecting the public in England and Wales, or any particular members of the public in England and Wales, from harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (9) A relevant Scottish order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only such prohibitions and requirements as are necessary for the purpose of—
- (a) protecting the public or any particular members of the public from harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (10) If a list has been published under section 172 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and has not been withdrawn, the court must have regard to the list in considering—
- (a) whether any order varying or renewing the relevant Scottish order is necessary for the purpose of protecting children generally, or any particular children, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom, and
 - (b) in particular, whether an order imposing, varying or renewing a prohibition on foreign travel is necessary for that purpose.
- (11) A relevant Scottish order may be renewed or varied under this section so as to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring of the defendant's compliance with the prohibitions and requirements imposed by the order.
- (12) Section 122EA (electronic monitoring requirements) applies in relation to—
- (a) the variation under this section of a relevant Scottish order to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring of the defendant's compliance with the prohibitions and requirements imposed by the order, or
 - (b) the renewal of an order to continue such a requirement,
- as it applies in relation to the making of a sexual risk order, subject to subsection (13).
- (13) In its application to the variation or renewal of a relevant Scottish order, section 122EA has effect as if—
- (a) the reference in subsection (4)(b) to a case where it is proposed to include in the order a requirement or provision mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) included a case where the order already includes such a requirement or provision,
 - (b) the reference in subsection (4)(b) to the local justice area in which the place or area proposed to be specified is situated included the local justice area in which the place or area already specified is situated, and
 - (c) the reference in subsection (9) to section 122D were to this section.
- (14) The court must not discharge a relevant Scottish order, or vary such an order so as to remove a prohibition or requirement, unless the order or, as the case may be, the prohibition or requirement is no longer necessary for the purpose of—
- (a) protecting the public, or any particular members of the public, from harm from the defendant, or
 - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.
- (15) In this section—

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“adult magistrates’ court” means a magistrates’ court that is not a youth court;

“the appropriate court” means—

- (a) where the defendant is aged 18 or over, an adult magistrates’ court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any adult magistrates’ court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer’s police area;
- (b) where the defendant is under the age of 18, a youth court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any youth court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer’s police area;

“child” means a person under 18;

“harm” and “vulnerable adult” have the same meanings as in Chapter 4 of Part 2 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (see sections 26 and 36 of that Act);

“prohibition on foreign travel” includes a prohibition on foreign travel within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 2 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (see sections 29 and 36 of that Act).]

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[^{F399}136Z] **Variation, renewal or discharge of risk of sexual harm order by court in England and Wales** **U.K.**

- (1) This section applies where a risk of sexual harm order has been made in respect of a person who now—
 - (a) is residing in England and Wales, or
 - (b) is in or is intending to come to England and Wales.
- (2) A person within subsection (3) may by complaint to the appropriate court apply for an order varying, renewing or discharging the order.
- (3) Those persons are—
 - (a) the defendant;
 - (b) the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides;
 - (c) a chief officer of police who believes that the defendant is in, or is intending to come to, that officer’s police area.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) to (10), on the application the court, after hearing the person making the application and (if they wish to be heard) the other persons mentioned in subsection (3), may make any order varying, renewing or discharging the risk of sexual harm order that the court considers appropriate.
- (5) A risk of sexual harm order may be renewed, or varied under this section so as to impose—
 - (a) additional prohibitions on the defendant, or
 - (b) requirements of the kind mentioned in subsection (7) on the defendant,

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only if it is necessary to do so for the purpose of protecting children generally or any child from physical or psychological harm, caused by the defendant doing acts within section 123(3).

- (6) A risk of sexual harm order as renewed or varied under this section may contain only—
- (a) such prohibitions as are necessary for the purpose mentioned in subsection (5), and
 - (b) such requirements of the kind mentioned in subsection (7) as are necessary for that purpose.
- (7) A risk of sexual harm order may be renewed or varied under this section so as to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring of the defendant’s compliance with the prohibitions imposed by the order.
- (8) Section 122EA (electronic monitoring requirements) applies in relation to—
- (a) the variation under this section of a risk of sexual harm order to require the defendant to submit to electronic monitoring of the defendant’s compliance with the prohibitions imposed by the order, or
 - (b) the renewal of an order to continue such a requirement,
- as it applies in relation to the making of a sexual harm prevention order, subject to subsection (9).
- (9) In its application to the variation or renewal of a risk of sexual harm order, section 122EA has effect as if—
- (a) subsection (4)(b)(i) were omitted,
 - (b) the reference in subsection (4)(b) to a case where it is proposed to include in the order a provision mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii) included a case where the order already includes such a provision,
 - (c) the reference in subsection (4)(b) to the local justice area in which the place or area proposed to be specified is situated included the local justice area in which the place or area already specified is situated, and
 - (d) the reference in subsection (9) to section 122D were to this section.
- (10) The court must not discharge a risk of sexual harm order before the end of 2 years beginning with the day on which the order was made without the consent of the defendant and—
- (a) where the application under this section is made by a chief officer of police, that chief officer, or
 - (b) in any other case, the chief officer of police for the area in which the defendant resides.
- (11) In this section—
- “adult magistrates’ court” means a magistrates’ court that is not a youth court;
- “the appropriate court” means—
- (a) where the defendant is aged 18 or over, an adult magistrates’ court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a chief officer of police, any adult magistrates’ court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer’s police area;
 - (b) where the defendant is under the age of 18, a youth court for the area in which the defendant resides or, where the application is made by a

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chief officer of police, any youth court acting for a local justice area that includes any part of the chief officer’s police area;
“child” means a person under 16.]

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