



# Sexual Offences Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 42

### PART 1

#### SEXUAL OFFENCES

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Prostitution]*

#### 54 [<sup>F1</sup>Sections 51A to 53A]: interpretation

[<sup>F2</sup>(1) In [<sup>F3</sup>sections 52, 53 and 53A], “gain” means—

- (a) any financial advantage, including the discharge of an obligation to pay or the provision of goods or services (including sexual services) gratuitously or at a discount; or
- (b) the goodwill of any person which is or appears likely, in time, to bring financial advantage.

[<sup>F4</sup>(2) In sections 51A, 52, 53 and 53A “prostitute” means a person (A) who, on at least one occasion and whether or not compelled to do so, offers or provides sexual services to another person in return for payment or a promise of payment to A or a third person; and “prostitution” is to be interpreted accordingly.

(3) In subsection (2) and section 53A, “payment” means any financial advantage, including the discharge of an obligation to pay or the provision of goods or services (including sexual services) gratuitously or at a discount.]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 54 heading: words substituted (1.4.2010) by Policing and Crime Act 2009, ss. 112(1), 116(1), {Sch. 7 para. 24(d)}; [S.I. 2010/507, art. 5\(v\)](#) (with transitional and savings provision in [art. 6](#))
- F2** Ss. 52-54 repealed (N.I.) (2.2.2009) by [The Sexual Offences \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I. 2\)\)](#), arts. 1, 78(d), [Sch. 3](#) (with [Sch. 2 para. 1](#)); [S.R. 2008/510, art. 2](#)
- F3** Words in s. 54(1) substituted (1.4.2010) by Policing and Crime Act 2009, ss. 112(1), 116(1), {Sch. 7 para. 24(a)}; [S.I. 2010/507, art. 5\(v\)](#) (subject to [art. 6](#))

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**F4** S. 54(2)(3) substituted (3.5.2015) by [Serious Crime Act 2015 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 88(1), [Sch. 4 para. 62](#); [S.I. 2015/820](#), reg. 2(r)(vi)

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