



Domestic Abuse Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 17

PART 2

THE DOMESTIC ABUSE COMMISSIONER

Disclosure of information

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- (1) The Commissioner may disclose to a person any information received by the Commissioner in connection with the Commissioner's functions if the disclosure is made for a purpose connected with a function of the Commissioner.
- (2) A person may disclose any information to the Commissioner if the disclosure is made for the purposes of enabling or assisting the Commissioner to exercise any function.
- (3) A disclosure of information authorised by this section does not breach—
 - (a) any obligation of confidence owed by the person making the disclosure in relation to that information, or
 - (b) any other restriction on the disclosure of information (however imposed).
- (4) But nothing in this Part requires or authorises any of the following—
 - (a) the disclosure of any patient information (see subsection (5));
 - (b) the making of a disclosure which, although made in the exercise of a function under this Part, would contravene the data protection legislation (see subsection (6));
 - (c) the making of a disclosure which is prohibited by any of Parts 1 to 7 or Chapter 1 of Part 9 of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016.
- (5) “Patient information” means information (however recorded) which—
 - (a) relates to—
 - (i) the physical or mental health or condition of an individual,
 - (ii) the diagnosis of an individual's condition, or

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- (iii) an individual's care or treatment,
or is (to any extent) derived directly or indirectly from information relating to any of those matters, and
 - (b) identifies the individual or enables the individual to be identified (either by itself or in combination with other information).
- (6) In this section “the data protection legislation” has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act).
- (7) This section does not affect any power to disclose that exists apart from this section.

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