



# Domestic Abuse Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 17

### PART 2

#### THE DOMESTIC ABUSE COMMISSIONER

##### *Functions of Commissioner*

#### **9 Advice and assistance**

- (1) The Commissioner may provide the Secretary of State with any advice or assistance that the Secretary of State may request.
- (2) The Commissioner may, at the request of any other person, provide the person with advice or assistance relating to the exercise of any of the person's functions, or the carrying out of any activities by the person, in relation to people affected by domestic abuse.
- (3) The Commissioner may charge a person for providing the person with advice or assistance under subsection (2).
- (4) The Commissioner must publish any advice given to a person under subsection (2).
- (5) Before publishing any advice given under this section, the Commissioner must send a draft of what is proposed to be published to the Secretary of State.
- (6) The Secretary of State may direct the Commissioner to omit anything contained in the advice before publication if the Secretary of State thinks the publication of that material—
  - (a) might jeopardise the safety of any person, or
  - (b) might prejudice the investigation or prosecution of an offence.
- (7) The Secretary of State must consult the Commissioner before making any direction under subsection (6).