



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

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- (1) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the relevant period—
 - (a) prepare and publish a report—
 - (i) about the nature and prevalence of the conduct described in subsection (2), and
 - (ii) setting out any steps Her Majesty's Government has taken or intends to take in relation to the matters referred to in sub-paragraph (i), and
 - (b) lay the report before Parliament.
- (2) The conduct referred to in subsection (1)(a)(i) is a person intentionally administering a substance to, or causing a substance to be taken by, another person—
 - (a) without the consent of that other person, and
 - (b) with the intention of causing harm (whether or not amounting to an offence) to that other person.
- (3) In subsection (1), the “relevant period” means the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.