



Public Order Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 15

PART 2

SERIOUS DISRUPTION PREVENTION ORDERS

Provisions of serious disruption prevention orders

23 Requirements in serious disruption prevention order

- (1) A serious disruption prevention order which imposes on a person (“P”) a requirement, other than a notification requirement under section 24, must specify a person who is to be responsible for supervising compliance with the requirement.
- (2) That person may be an individual or an organisation.
- (3) Before including such a requirement, 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.
- (4) Before including two or more such requirements, the court must consider their compatibility with each other.
- (5) 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 P’s compliance with the relevant requirements;
 - (c) if the person considers that P—
 - (i) has complied with all of the relevant requirements, or
 - (ii) has failed to comply with a relevant requirement,to inform the appropriate chief officer of police.

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- (6) In subsection (5)(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 P lives, or
 - (b) if it appears to that person that P lives 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.
- (7) Where P is subject to a requirement in a serious disruption prevention order, other than a notification requirement under section 24, P 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 P’s home address.
- (8) The obligations mentioned in subsection (7) have effect as if they were requirements imposed on P by the order.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 23 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 35\(5\)](#)
- I2** S. 23 in force at 5.4.2024 by [S.I. 2024/472](#), [reg. 2\(d\)](#)

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