
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Paragraph 46(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (“the Act”) provides that prescribed civil legal services, in prescribed circumstances, may be made available in connection with the provision of services described in any other paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act. Regulation 3 of these Regulations prescribes both the civil legal services and the circumstances in which they may be made available for the purpose of paragraph 46(1). The effect is that where an individual qualifies for civil legal services described in a paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (other than paragraph 46), further civil legal services in relation to the identification of a proposed defendant or respondent may be made available in connection with the provision of services described in that other paragraph.

Regulation 4 provides that certain exclusions in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Act do not apply, with the effect that the services described in regulation 3(a) may include services provided in relation to matters of trust law (paragraph 11), company and partnership law (paragraph 13) and business cases (paragraph 14).

An impact assessment of the effect of this instrument is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside these Regulations at www.legislation.gov.uk. The impact assessment is also available from the Ministry of Justice at 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ.