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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force sections 24 to 31 of the Crime and Security Act 2010 on 8th March 2014 across police forces throughout England and Wales. Previously, sections 24 to 30 had been commenced, but only in relation to three specified police areas. These provisions include the power for an authorising officer to issue a domestic violence protection notice to an alleged perpetrator of domestic violence, and the power for a magistrates' court, on an application made by complaint by a constable, to make a domestic violence protection order.

Section 31 provides a power for the Secretary of State to issue guidance relating to the exercise by a constable of functions under these provisions, and imposes a statutory duty on constables to have regard to any such guidance when exercising functions to which the guidance relates.