

*These notes relate to the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (asp 22) which received Royal Assent on 28 April 2016*

# **ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR AND SEXUAL HARM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON PARTS**

#### **Part 2 – Sexual Harm**

#### *Chapter 4 – Sexual risk orders*

#### **Variation, renewal and discharge**

#### *Section 30 – Variation, renewal and discharge*

142. **Section 30** makes provision about the variation, renewal or discharge of SROs.
143. Subsections (1) and (2) provide that a court can vary, renew or discharge a SRO upon the application of the subject of the order or the chief constable.
144. Subsection (3) makes provision about shrieval jurisdiction in this connection.
145. Subsections (4) and (5) set out the tests the sheriff must consider when deciding whether to vary, renew or discharge a SRO (including by adding new prohibitions or requirements) or any prohibitions or requirements within them.
146. Subsection (6) provides that before deciding whether to vary, renew or discharge a SHO the court must, if the person against whom the order has effect or the chief constable requests it (by virtue of subsection (7)), hold a hearing at which both the person and the chief constable are entitled to make representations to the court. If a hearing is not requested, the court is nevertheless obliged either to hold a hearing or provide an opportunity for the person and the chief constable to make written representations.