



# Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016

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## PART 2

### SEXUAL HARM

## CHAPTER 3

### SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION ORDERS

#### *Interpretation*

#### **25 Interpretation of Chapter**

(1) In this Chapter—

“vulnerable adult” means a person who is 18 or over whose ability to protect himself or herself from physical or psychological harm is significantly impaired through physical or mental disability or illness, through old age, or otherwise,  
“the chief constable” means the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland,  
“child” means a person under 18,  
“interim sexual harm prevention order” means (except in section 21(1) to (3)) an order made under section 21,  
“prohibition on foreign travel” has the meaning given by section 17(2),  
“the public” means the public in the United Kingdom,  
“sexual harm prevention order” means (except in sections 11, 12 and 16(1)) an order made under section 11 or 12.

(2) Subsection (3) applies for the purposes of sections 11 to 15.

(3) In construing any reference to an offence listed in schedule 3 of the 2003 Act, any condition subject to which an offence is so listed that relates—

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- (a) to the way in which a person is dealt with in respect of the offence or a relevant finding (within the meaning of section 132(9) of the 2003 Act) in relation to the offence, or
  - (b) to the age of any person,
- is to be disregarded.

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#### Commencement Information

**II** [S. 25](#) in force at 31.3.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/51](#), [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

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