Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 1

SEXUAL OFFENCES

Inducements etc. to persons with a mental disorder

37 Causing a person with a mental disorder to watch a sexual act by inducement, threat or deception

(1) A person (A) commits an offence if—

(a) for the purpose of obtaining sexual gratification, he intentionally causes another person (B) to watch a third person engaging in an activity, or to look at an image of any person engaging in an activity,

(b) the activity is sexual,

(c) B agrees to watch or look because of an inducement offered or given, a threat made or a deception practised by A for the purpose of obtaining that agreement,

(d) B has a mental disorder, and

(e) A knows or could reasonably be expected to know that B has a mental disorder.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—

(a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or both;

(b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years.

Changes to legislation:
Sexual Offences Act 2003, Section 37 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.
View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 60B(5)(i) substituted for s. 60B(5)(i)(ii) by 2015 c. 9 (N.I.) Sch. 1 para. 123(1)Sch. 9 Pt. 1 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 60B already repealed (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by 2015 c. 2 (N.I.), s. 28(2), Sch. 5; and omitted (E.W.) (31.7.2015) by virtue of 2015 c. 30, Sch. 5 para. 5(2); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j))
- s. 103C(4B) inserted by 2022 c. 32 s. 178(7)(b)
- s. 103E(5C)(5D) inserted by 2022 c. 32 s. 178(8)
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- s. 103FA103FB inserted by 2022 c. 32 s. 178(10)
- s. 108(9) inserted by 2011 c. 18 s. 17(2)
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- s. 122D(4C)(4D) inserted by 2022 c. 32 s. 178(12)
- s. 122E(3B) inserted by 2022 c. 32 s. 178(13)(a)
- s. 122EA122EB inserted by 2022 c. 32 s. 178(14)
- s. 136ZA(3) inserted by 2022 c. 32 s. 178(15)