



# Policing and Crime Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 26

### PART 2

#### SEXUAL OFFENCES AND SEX ESTABLISHMENTS

##### *Prostitution*

#### **16 Amendment to offence of loitering etc for purposes of prostitution**

- (1) The Street Offences Act 1959 (c. 57) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) of section 1 (loitering or soliciting for purposes of prostitution)—
  - (a) for “common prostitute” substitute “ person ”, and
  - (b) after “female)” insert “ persistently ”.
- (3) In subsection (4) of that section after “section” insert “—
  - (a) conduct is persistent if it takes place on two or more occasions in any period of three months;
  - (b) any reference to a person loitering or soliciting for the purposes of prostitution is a reference to a person loitering or soliciting for the purposes of offering services as a prostitute;
  - (c)”.
    - (4) Omit section 2 (application to court by person cautioned for loitering or soliciting).
    - (5) In determining for the purposes of section 1 of the Street Offences Act 1959 (c. 57) (as amended by this section) whether a person's conduct is persistent, any conduct that takes place before the commencement of this section is to be disregarded.

#### **Commencement Information**

**11** S. 16 in force at 1.4.2010 by S.I. 2010/507, art. 5(c)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Policing and Crime Act 2009, Section 16.