

*These notes refer to the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland)
2013 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

CONSULTATION

Consultation on sex offender notification and violent offender orders

25. Consultation on changes to the law on sex offender notification and the introduction of violent offender orders began on 6 July 2011 and closed on 5 October 2011. 13 responses were received.
26. The consultation document sought views on a number of proposed changes to the law on notification requirements for sex offenders and on measures to better protect the public from the risk posed by violent offenders.
27. The changes consulted on were the introduction of a mechanism to allow offenders subject to notification for an indefinite period to apply for a review after a certain amount of time in the community; strengthening public protection through additional notification requirements; amending the law to allow for removal of notification where offences have been abolished, and introduction of orders to more effectively manage risk from violent offenders.
28. The consultation document and summary of responses can be found at:
<http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/public-consultations/archive-consultations/consultation-on-sex-offender-notification-and-violent-offender-orders.htm>