

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order prescribes Rape Crisis Scotland and Victim Support Scotland as bodies which appear to the Scottish Ministers to provide counselling or other support to those persons who have been victims of crime for the purposes of section 18(1) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (“the Act”).

Where it appears to a constable that an offence has been perpetrated against a natural person, the constable may, with the person’s consent, disclose to Rape Crisis Scotland and Victim Support Scotland the information set out in section 18(1) of the Act.

Article 1(2) revokes the Victims’ Rights (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Order 2003 which prescribed Victim Support Scotland as a body for the purposes of section 18(1) of the Act.