

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COURT SERVICES ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part III: Dealing with Offenders

Chapter II: Miscellaneous

Section 69: Duties of local probation boards in connection with victims of certain offences

A.

Duties imposed by Section 69

B:

Application of **Section 69**

165. The new statutory duties on local probation board in Section 69 are in respect of offenders sentenced to a “relevant sentence” for a “sexual or violent offence”.

166. A “relevant sentence” is defined in Section 69(7) as including:

- a sentence of imprisonment of 12 months or more;
- a sentence of detention in a young offenders institution institution for 12 months or more;
- a sentence of detention during Her Majesty’s pleasure;
- a sentence of 12 months or more where an offender under 18 has been convicted for certain serious offences; and
- a detention and training order for a term of 12 months or more.

A “sexual or violent offence” has the meaning given to it by Section 69(8). That is

- (i) a “sexual or violent offence” within the meaning the Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 or
- (ii) an offence where the offender is subject to the notification provisions of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 or
- (iii) an offence against a child with the meaning of Part II of the Act

167. For explanations of a sexual or violent offence under the Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 and an offence where the offender is subject to the notification provisions of the Sex Offenders Act 1997, see explanation of Section 68 above.

168. For the explanation of an offence against a child with the meaning of Part II of the Act, see paragraphs 79 and 80 of this Explanatory Note above.