



Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 1

SEXUAL OFFENCES

Child sex offences

14 Arranging or facilitating commission of a child sex offence

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) he intentionally arranges or facilitates something that he intends to do, intends another person to do, or believes that another person will do, in any part of the world, and
 - (b) doing it will involve the commission of an offence under any of sections [F¹5] to 13.
- (2) A person does not commit an offence under this section if—
- (a) he arranges or facilitates something that he believes another person will do, but that he does not intend to do or intend another person to do, and
 - (b) any offence within subsection (1)(b) would be an offence against a child for whose protection he acts.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), a person acts for the protection of a child if he acts for the purpose of—
- (a) protecting the child from sexually transmitted infection,
 - (b) protecting the physical safety of the child,
 - (c) preventing the child from becoming pregnant, or
 - (d) promoting the child's emotional well-being by the giving of advice,
- and not for the purpose of obtaining sexual gratification or for the purpose of causing or encouraging the activity constituting the offence within subsection (1)(b) or the child's participation in it.

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- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable [^{F2}to the penalty to which the person would be liable on conviction of the offence within subsection (1)(b)].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 14(1)(b) substituted (28.6.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 46\(2\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/520, reg. 5(d)
- F2** Words in s. 14(4) substituted for s. 14(4)(a)(b) (28.6.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 46\(3\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/520, reg. 5(d)

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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 S. 60B already repealed (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by [2015 c. 2 \(N.I.\), s. 28\(2\), Sch. 5](#); and omitted (E.W.) (31.7.2015) by virtue of [2015 c. 30, Sch. 5 para. 5\(2\)](#); S.I.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\(8\)](#)
- s. 103F(3B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 103FA103FB inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(10\)](#)
- s. 108(9) inserted by [2011 c. 18 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- s. 122A(8A) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 122A(9B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- 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\(15\)](#)