



# Sexual Offences Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 42

### PART 1

#### SEXUAL OFFENCES

#### *[<sup>F1</sup>Sexual exploitation of children]*

#### 51 Sections 48 to 50: interpretation

<sup>F1</sup>[<sup>F2</sup>(1) . . . . .]

[<sup>F3</sup>(2) For the purposes of sections 48 to 50, a person (B) is sexually exploited if—  
(a) on at least one occasion and whether or not compelled to do so, B offers or provides sexual services to another person in return for payment or a promise of payment to B or a third person, or  
(b) an indecent image of B is recorded [<sup>F4</sup>or streamed or otherwise transmitted] ;  
and “sexual exploitation” is to be interpreted accordingly.]

(3) In subsection (2), “payment” means any financial advantage, including the discharge of an obligation to pay or the provision of goods or services (including sexual services) gratuitously or at a discount.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 51(1) omitted (3.5.2015) by virtue of [Serious Crime Act 2015 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 68(6)(a)**, 88(1); S.I. 2015/820, [reg. 2\(1\)](#)
- F2** Ss. 47-51 repealed (N.I.) (2.2.2009) by [The Sexual Offences \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I. 2\)\)](#), arts. 1, 78(c), **Sch. 3** (with [Sch. 2 para. 1](#)); S.R. 2008/510, **art. 2**
- F3** S. 51(2) substituted (3.5.2015) by [Serious Crime Act 2015 \(c. 9\)](#), **ss. 68(6)(b)**, 88(1); S.I. 2015/820, [reg. 2\(1\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 51(2)(b) inserted (E.W.) (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 31.3.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 176**, 183(5)(e), (6)(e)

**Changes to legislation:**

Sexual Offences Act 2003, Section 51 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 05 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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 S. 60B already repealed (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by [2015 c. 2 \(N.I.\)](#), s. 28(2), Sch. 5; and omitted (E.W.) (31.7.2015) by virtue of [2015 c. 30](#), Sch. 5 para. 5(2); S.I.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\(15\)](#)