



Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 1

SEXUAL OFFENCES

[^{F1}Prostitution]

[^{F1}51A Soliciting

- (1) It is an offence for a person in a street or public place to solicit another (B) for the purpose of obtaining B's sexual services as a prostitute.
- (2) The reference to a person in a street or public place includes a person in a vehicle in a street or public place.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (4) In this section “street” has the meaning given by section 1(4) of the Street Offences Act 1959.]

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

- F1** S. 51A inserted (1.4.2010) by Policing and Crime Act 2009, {ss. 19}, 116(1); S.I. 2010/507, **art. 5(f)** (with **art. 6**)

Changes to legislation:

Sexual Offences Act 2003, Section 51A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 30 July 2018. 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.

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 S. 60B is already repealed)
- s. 89(1A) inserted by [2016 asp 22 Sch. 2 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 108(9) inserted by [2011 c. 18 s. 17\(2\)](#)