



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 15

PART 2

INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, PROCEEDINGS AND PROCEEDS OF CRIME

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OFFENDERS ASSISTING INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS

[^{F175} Proceedings under section 74: exclusion of public

- (1) This section applies to—
 - (a) any proceedings relating to a reference made under section 74(3), and
 - (b) any other proceedings arising in consequence of such proceedings.
- (2) The court in which the proceedings will be or are being heard may make such order as it thinks appropriate—
 - (a) to exclude from the proceedings any person who does not fall within subsection (4);
 - (b) to give such directions as it thinks appropriate prohibiting the publication of any matter relating to the proceedings (including the fact that the reference has been made).
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may be made only to the extent that the court thinks—
 - (a) that it is necessary to do so to protect the safety of any person, and
 - (b) that it is in the interests of justice.
- (4) The following persons fall within this subsection—
 - (a) a member or officer of the court;
 - (b) a party to the proceedings;

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- (c) counsel or a solicitor for a party to the proceedings;
 - (d) a person otherwise directly concerned with the proceedings.
- (5) This section does not affect any other power which the court has by virtue of any rule of law or other enactment—
- (a) to exclude any person from proceedings, or
 - (b) to restrict the publication of any matter relating to proceedings.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 73-75 repealed (E.W.) (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), **Schs. 28, 29** (with ss. 413(4)(5), 416(7), Sch. 27); S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 75 in force at 1.4.2006 by [S.I. 2006/378](#), **art. 5(1)**

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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2006/2182 art. 3](#) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2006/1871