



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 15

PART 2

INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, PROCEEDINGS AND PROCEEDS OF CRIME

CHAPTER 4

PROTECTION OF WITNESSES AND OTHER PERSONS

86 Offence of disclosing information about protection arrangements

- (1) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) he discloses information which relates to the making of arrangements under section 82(1) or to the implementation, variation or cancellation of such arrangements, and
 - (b) he knows or suspects that the information relates to the making of such arrangements or to their implementation, variation or cancellation.
- (2) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F1}the general limit in a magistrates' court], to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.
- (3) In the application of this section to Scotland or Northern Ireland, the reference in subsection (2)(b) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 86(2)(b) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 86 in force at 1.4.2006 for S. by [S.S.I. 2006/166](#), **art. 2(1)(b)**
- I2** S. 86 in force at 1.4.2006 except to the extent that it extends to S. by [S.I. 2005/1521](#), **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