



Coroners and Justice Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 25

PART 4

SENTENCING

CHAPTER 1

SENTENCING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Guidelines

123 Preparation or revision of guidelines in urgent cases

- (1) This section applies where the Council—
 - (a) decides to prepare or revise sentencing guidelines or allocation guidelines, and
 - (b) is of the opinion that the urgency of the case makes it impractical to comply with the procedural requirements of section 120 or (as the case may be) section 122.
- (2) The Council may prepare or revise the guidelines without complying with—
 - (a) in the case of sentencing guidelines, section 120(5), and
 - (b) in the case of allocation guidelines, section 122(3).
- (3) The Council may—
 - (a) in the case of sentencing guidelines, amend and issue the guidelines under section 120(7) or (8) without having complied with the requirements of section 120(6)(b) to (d), and
 - (b) in the case of allocation guidelines, amend and issue the guidelines under section 122(5) without having complied with the requirements of section 122(4)(b) to (d).
- (4) The guidelines or revised guidelines must—

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- (a) state that the Council was of the opinion mentioned in subsection (1)(b), and
- (b) give the Council's reasons for that opinion.

Commencement Information

II S. 123 in force at 6.4.2010 by S.I. 2010/816, art. 2, **Sch. para. 8**

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- s. 11A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 11 para. 1\(1\)](#)
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