



Policing and Crime Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 26

PART 2

SEXUAL OFFENCES AND SEX ESTABLISHMENTS

Prostitution

16 Amendment to offence of loitering etc for purposes of prostitution

- (1) The [Street Offences Act 1959 \(c. 57\)](#) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) of section 1 (loitering or soliciting for purposes of prostitution)—
 - (a) for “common prostitute” substitute “person”, and
 - (b) after “female)” insert “persistently”.
- (3) In subsection (4) of that section after “section” insert “—
 - (a) conduct is persistent if it takes place on two or more occasions in any period of three months;
 - (b) any reference to a person loitering or soliciting for the purposes of prostitution is a reference to a person loitering or soliciting for the purposes of offering services as a prostitute;
 - (c)”.
- (4) Omit section 2 (application to court by person cautioned for loitering or soliciting).
- (5) In determining for the purposes of section 1 of the [Street Offences Act 1959 \(c. 57\)](#) (as amended by this section) whether a person’s conduct is persistent, any conduct that takes place before the commencement of this section is to be disregarded.