



Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

2012 CHAPTER 9

An Act to provide for the destruction, retention, use and other regulation of certain evidential material; to impose consent and other requirements in relation to certain processing of biometric information relating to children; to provide for a code of practice about surveillance camera systems and for the appointment and role of the Surveillance Camera Commissioner; to provide for judicial approval in relation to certain authorisations and notices under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000; to provide for the repeal or rewriting of powers of entry and associated powers and for codes of practice and other safeguards in relation to such powers; to make provision about vehicles left on land; to amend the maximum detention period for terrorist suspects; to replace certain stop and search powers and to provide for a related code of practice; to make provision about the safeguarding of vulnerable groups and about criminal records including provision for the establishment of the Disclosure and Barring Service and the dissolution of the Independent Safeguarding Authority; to disregard convictions and cautions for certain abolished offences; to make provision about the release and publication of datasets held by public authorities and to make other provision about freedom of information and the Information Commissioner; to make provision about the trafficking of people for exploitation and about stalking; to repeal certain enactments; and for connected purposes. [1st May 2012]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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PART 1

REGULATION OF BIOMETRIC DATA

CHAPTER 1

DESTRUCTION, RETENTION AND USE OF FINGERPRINTS ETC.

Destruction rule for fingerprints and DNA profiles subject to PACE

1 Destruction of fingerprints and DNA profiles

After section 63C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 insert—

“63D Destruction of fingerprints and DNA profiles

- (1) This section applies to—
 - (a) fingerprints—
 - (i) taken from a person under any power conferred by this Part of this Act, or
 - (ii) taken by the police, with the consent of the person from whom they were taken, in connection with the investigation of an offence by the police, and
 - (b) a DNA profile derived from a DNA sample taken as mentioned in paragraph (a)(i) or (ii).
- (2) Fingerprints and DNA profiles to which this section applies (“section 63D material”) must be destroyed if it appears to the responsible chief officer of police that—
 - (a) the taking of the fingerprint or, in the case of a DNA profile, the taking of the sample from which the DNA profile was derived, was unlawful, or
 - (b) the fingerprint was taken, or, in the case of a DNA profile, was derived from a sample taken, from a person in connection with that person's arrest and the arrest was unlawful or based on mistaken identity.
- (3) In any other case, section 63D material must be destroyed unless it is retained under any power conferred by sections 63E to 63O (including those sections as applied by section 63P).
- (4) Section 63D material which ceases to be retained under a power mentioned in subsection (3) may continue to be retained under any other such power which applies to it.
- (5) Nothing in this section prevents a speculative search, in relation to section 63D material, from being carried out within such time as may reasonably be required for the search if the responsible chief officer of police considers the search to be desirable.”

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- I1** S. 1 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(a)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

Modification of rule for particular circumstances

2 Material retained pending investigation or proceedings

After section 63D of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 1) insert—

“63E Retention of section 63D material pending investigation or proceedings

- (1) This section applies to section 63D material taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of an offence in which it is suspected that the person to whom the material relates has been involved.
- (2) The material may be retained until the conclusion of the investigation of the offence or, where the investigation gives rise to proceedings against the person for the offence, until the conclusion of those proceedings.”

Commencement Information

- I2** S. 2 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(a)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

3 Persons arrested for or charged with a qualifying offence

After section 63E of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 2) insert—

“63F Retention of section 63D material: persons arrested for or charged with a qualifying offence

- (1) This section applies to section 63D material which—
 - (a) relates to a person who is arrested for, or charged with, a qualifying offence but is not convicted of that offence, and
 - (b) was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of the offence.
- (2) If the person has previously been convicted of a recordable offence which is not an excluded offence, or is so convicted before the material is required to be destroyed by virtue of this section, the material may be retained indefinitely.
- (3) Otherwise, material falling within subsection (4) or (5) may be retained until the end of the retention period specified in subsection (6).
- (4) Material falls within this subsection if it—

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- (a) relates to a person who is charged with a qualifying offence but is not convicted of that offence, and
 - (b) was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of the offence.
- (5) Material falls within this subsection if—
- (a) it relates to a person who is arrested for a qualifying offence but is not charged with that offence,
 - (b) it was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of the offence, and
 - (c) the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material has consented under section 63G to the retention of the material.
- (6) The retention period is—
- (a) in the case of fingerprints, the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the fingerprints were taken, and
 - (b) in the case of a DNA profile, the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the DNA sample from which the profile was derived was taken (or, if the profile was derived from more than one DNA sample, the date on which the first of those samples was taken).
- (7) The responsible chief officer of police or a specified chief officer of police may apply to a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) for an order extending the retention period.
- (8) An application for an order under subsection (7) must be made within the period of 3 months ending on the last day of the retention period.
- (9) An order under subsection (7) may extend the retention period by a period which—
- (a) begins with the end of the retention period, and
 - (b) ends with the end of the period of 2 years beginning with the end of the retention period.
- (10) The following persons may appeal to the Crown Court against an order under subsection (7), or a refusal to make such an order—
- (a) the responsible chief officer of police;
 - (b) a specified chief officer of police;
 - (c) the person from whom the material was taken.
- (11) In this section—
- “excluded offence”, in relation to a person, means a recordable offence—
- (a) which—
 - (i) is not a qualifying offence,
 - (ii) is the only recordable offence of which the person has been convicted, and
 - (iii) was committed when the person was aged under 18, and
 - (b) for which the person was not given a relevant custodial sentence of 5 years or more,
- “relevant custodial sentence” has the meaning given by section 63K(6),

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“a specified chief officer of police” means—

- (a) the chief officer of the police force of the area in which the person from whom the material was taken resides, or
- (b) a chief officer of police who believes that the person is in, or is intending to come to, the chief officer's police area.

63G Retention of section 63D material by virtue of section 63F(5): consent of Commissioner

- (1) The responsible chief officer of police may apply under subsection (2) or (3) to the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material for consent to the retention of section 63D material which falls within section 63F(5)(a) and (b).
- (2) The responsible chief officer of police may make an application under this subsection if the responsible chief officer of police considers that the material was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of an offence where any alleged victim of the offence was, at the time of the offence—
 - (a) under the age of 18,
 - (b) a vulnerable adult, or
 - (c) associated with the person to whom the material relates.
- (3) The responsible chief officer of police may make an application under this subsection if the responsible chief officer of police considers that—
 - (a) the material is not material to which subsection (2) relates, but
 - (b) the retention of the material is necessary to assist in the prevention or detection of crime.
- (4) The Commissioner may, on an application under this section, consent to the retention of material to which the application relates if the Commissioner considers that it is appropriate to retain the material.
- (5) But where notice is given under subsection (6) in relation to the application, the Commissioner must, before deciding whether or not to give consent, consider any representations by the person to whom the material relates which are made within the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice is given.
- (6) The responsible chief officer of police must give to the person to whom the material relates notice of—
 - (a) an application under this section, and
 - (b) the right to make representations.
- (7) A notice under subsection (6) may, in particular, be given to a person by—
 - (a) leaving it at the person's usual or last known address (whether residential or otherwise),
 - (b) sending it to the person by post at that address, or
 - (c) sending it to the person by email or other electronic means.
- (8) The requirement in subsection (6) does not apply if the whereabouts of the person to whom the material relates is not known and cannot, after reasonable inquiry, be ascertained by the responsible chief officer of police.

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(9) An application or notice under this section must be in writing.

(10) In this section—

“victim” includes intended victim,

“vulnerable adult” means a person aged 18 or over whose ability to protect himself or herself from violence, abuse or neglect is significantly impaired through physical or mental disability or illness, through old age or otherwise,

and the reference in subsection (2)(c) to a person being associated with another person is to be read in accordance with section 62(3) to (7) of the Family Law Act 1996.”

Commencement Information

I3 S. 3 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(a)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

4 Persons arrested for or charged with a minor offence

After section 63G of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 3) insert—

“63H Retention of section 63D material: persons arrested for or charged with a minor offence

(1) This section applies to section 63D material which—

(a) relates to a person who—

(i) is arrested for or charged with a recordable offence other than a qualifying offence,

(ii) if arrested for or charged with more than one offence arising out of a single course of action, is not also arrested for or charged with a qualifying offence, and

(iii) is not convicted of the offence or offences in respect of which the person is arrested or charged, and

(b) was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of the offence or offences in respect of which the person is arrested or charged.

(2) If the person has previously been convicted of a recordable offence which is not an excluded offence, the material may be retained indefinitely.

(3) In this section “excluded offence” has the meaning given by section 63F (11).”

Commencement Information

I4 S. 4 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(a)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

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5 Persons convicted of a recordable offence

After section 63H of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 4) insert—

“63I Retention of material: persons convicted of a recordable offence

- (1) This section applies, subject to subsection (3), to—
 - (a) section 63D material which—
 - (i) relates to a person who is convicted of a recordable offence, and
 - (ii) was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of the offence, or
 - (b) material taken under section 61(6) or 63(3B) which relates to a person who is convicted of a recordable offence.
- (2) The material may be retained indefinitely.
- (3) This section does not apply to section 63D material to which section 63K applies.”

Commencement Information

I5 S. 5 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

6 Persons convicted of an offence outside England and Wales

After section 63I of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 5) insert—

“63J Retention of material: persons convicted of an offence outside England and Wales

- (1) This section applies to material falling within subsection (2) relating to a person who is convicted of an offence under the law of any country or territory outside England and Wales.
- (2) Material falls within this subsection if it is—
 - (a) fingerprints taken from the person under section 61(6D) (power to take fingerprints without consent in relation to offences outside England and Wales), or
 - (b) a DNA profile derived from a DNA sample taken from the person under section 62(2A) or 63(3E) (powers to take intimate and non-intimate samples in relation to offences outside England and Wales).
- (3) The material may be retained indefinitely.”

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I6 S. 6 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

7 Persons under 18 convicted of first minor offence

After section 63J of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 6) insert—

“63K Retention of section 63D material: exception for persons under 18 convicted of first minor offence

- (1) This section applies to section 63D material which—
 - (a) relates to a person who—
 - (i) is convicted of a recordable offence other than a qualifying offence,
 - (ii) has not previously been convicted of a recordable offence, and
 - (iii) is aged under 18 at the time of the offence, and
 - (b) was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of the offence.
- (2) Where the person is given a relevant custodial sentence of less than 5 years in respect of the offence, the material may be retained until the end of the period consisting of the term of the sentence plus 5 years.
- (3) Where the person is given a relevant custodial sentence of 5 years or more in respect of the offence, the material may be retained indefinitely.
- (4) Where the person is given a sentence other than a relevant custodial sentence in respect of the offence, the material may be retained until—
 - (a) in the case of fingerprints, the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the fingerprints were taken, and
 - (b) in the case of a DNA profile, the end of the period of 5 years beginning with—
 - (i) the date on which the DNA sample from which the profile was derived was taken, or
 - (ii) if the profile was derived from more than one DNA sample, the date on which the first of those samples was taken.
- (5) But if, before the end of the period within which material may be retained by virtue of this section, the person is again convicted of a recordable offence, the material may be retained indefinitely.
- (6) In this section, “relevant custodial sentence” means any of the following—
 - (a) a custodial sentence within the meaning of section 76 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000;
 - (b) a sentence of a period of detention and training (excluding any period of supervision) which a person is liable to serve under an order under section 211 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 or a secure training order.”

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- I7** S. 7 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

8 Persons given a penalty notice

After section 63K of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 7) insert—

“63L Retention of section 63D material: persons given a penalty notice

- (1) This section applies to section 63D material which—
- (a) relates to a person who is given a penalty notice under section 2 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and in respect of whom no proceedings are brought for the offence to which the notice relates, and
 - (b) was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) from the person in connection with the investigation of the offence to which the notice relates.
- (2) The material may be retained—
- (a) in the case of fingerprints, for a period of 2 years beginning with the date on which the fingerprints were taken,
 - (b) in the case of a DNA profile, for a period of 2 years beginning with—
 - (i) the date on which the DNA sample from which the profile was derived was taken, or
 - (ii) if the profile was derived from more than one DNA sample, the date on which the first of those samples was taken.”

Commencement Information

- I8** S. 8 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

9 Material retained for purposes of national security

After section 63L of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 8) insert—

“63M Retention of section 63D material for purposes of national security

- (1) Section 63D material may be retained for as long as a national security determination made by the responsible chief officer of police has effect in relation to it.
- (2) A national security determination is made if the responsible chief officer of police determines that it is necessary for any section 63D material to be retained for the purposes of national security.
- (3) A national security determination—

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- (a) must be made in writing,
- (b) has effect for a maximum of 2 years beginning with the date on which it is made, and
- (c) may be renewed.”

Commencement Information

I9 S. 9 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

10 Material given voluntarily

After section 63M of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 9) insert—

“63N Retention of section 63D material given voluntarily

- (1) This section applies to the following section 63D material—
 - (a) fingerprints taken with the consent of the person from whom they were taken, and
 - (b) a DNA profile derived from a DNA sample taken with the consent of the person from whom the sample was taken.
- (2) Material to which this section applies may be retained until it has fulfilled the purpose for which it was taken or derived.
- (3) Material to which this section applies which relates to—
 - (a) a person who is convicted of a recordable offence, or
 - (b) a person who has previously been convicted of a recordable offence (other than a person who has only one exempt conviction),
 may be retained indefinitely.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(b), a conviction is exempt if it is in respect of a recordable offence, other than a qualifying offence, committed when the person is aged under 18.”

Commencement Information

I10 S. 10 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

11 Material retained with consent

After section 63N of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 10) insert—

“63O Retention of section 63D material with consent

- (1) This section applies to the following material—

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- (a) fingerprints (other than fingerprints taken under section 61(6A)) to which section 63D applies, and
 - (b) a DNA profile to which section 63D applies.
- (2) If the person to whom the material relates consents to material to which this section applies being retained, the material may be retained for as long as that person consents to it being retained.
- (3) Consent given under this section—
 - (a) must be in writing, and
 - (b) can be withdrawn at any time.”

Commencement Information

I11 S. 11 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(a)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

12 Material obtained for one purpose and used for another

After section 63O of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 11) insert—

“63P Section 63D material obtained for one purpose and used for another

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if section 63D material which is taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) from a person in connection with the investigation of an offence leads to the person to whom the material relates being arrested for or charged with, or convicted of, an offence other than the offence under investigation.
- (2) Sections 63E to 63O and sections 63Q and 63T have effect in relation to the material as if the material was taken (or, in the case of a DNA profile, derived from a sample taken) in connection with the investigation of the offence in respect of which the person is arrested or charged.”

Commencement Information

I12 S. 12 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(a)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

13 Destruction of copies

After section 63P of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 12) insert—

“63Q Destruction of copies of section 63D material

- (1) If fingerprints are required by section 63D to be destroyed, any copies of the fingerprints held by the police must also be destroyed.

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- (2) If a DNA profile is required by that section to be destroyed, no copy may be retained by the police except in a form which does not include information which identifies the person to whom the DNA profile relates.”

Commencement Information

- I13** S. 13 in force at 31.10.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(b)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))
- I14** S. 13 in force at 31.1.2014 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 3(a)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

Destruction rules for samples and impressions of footwear subject to PACE

14 Destruction of samples

After section 63Q of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 13) insert—

“63R Destruction of samples

- (1) This section applies to samples—
- (a) taken from a person under any power conferred by this Part of this Act, or
 - (b) taken by the police, with the consent of the person from whom they were taken, in connection with the investigation of an offence by the police.
- (2) Samples to which this section applies must be destroyed if it appears to the responsible chief officer of police that—
- (a) the taking of the samples was unlawful, or
 - (b) the samples were taken from a person in connection with that person's arrest and the arrest was unlawful or based on mistaken identity.
- (3) Subject to this, the rule in subsection (4) or (as the case may be) (5) applies.
- (4) A DNA sample to which this section applies must be destroyed—
- (a) as soon as a DNA profile has been derived from the sample, or
 - (b) if sooner, before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the sample was taken.
- (5) Any other sample to which this section applies must be destroyed before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which it was taken.
- (6) The responsible chief officer of police may apply to a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) for an order to retain a sample to which this section applies beyond the date on which the sample would otherwise be required to be destroyed by virtue of subsection (4) or (5) if—
- (a) the sample was taken from a person in connection with the investigation of a qualifying offence, and
 - (b) the responsible chief officer of police considers that the condition in subsection (7) is met.

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- (7) The condition is that, having regard to the nature and complexity of other material that is evidence in relation to the offence, the sample is likely to be needed in any proceedings for the offence for the purposes of—
- (a) disclosure to, or use by, a defendant, or
 - (b) responding to any challenge by a defendant in respect of the admissibility of material that is evidence on which the prosecution proposes to rely.
- (8) An application under subsection (6) must be made before the date on which the sample would otherwise be required to be destroyed by virtue of subsection (4) or (5).
- (9) If, on an application made by the responsible chief officer of police under subsection (6), the District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) is satisfied that the condition in subsection (7) is met, the District Judge may make an order under this subsection which—
- (a) allows the sample to be retained for a period of 12 months beginning with the date on which the sample would otherwise be required to be destroyed by virtue of subsection (4) or (5), and
 - (b) may be renewed (on one or more occasions) for a further period of not more than 12 months from the end of the period when the order would otherwise cease to have effect.
- (10) An application for an order under subsection (9) (other than an application for renewal)—
- (a) may be made without notice of the application having been given to the person from whom the sample was taken, and
 - (b) may be heard and determined in private in the absence of that person.
- (11) A sample retained by virtue of an order under subsection (9) must not be used other than for the purposes of any proceedings for the offence in connection with which the sample was taken.
- (12) A sample that ceases to be retained by virtue of an order under subsection (9) must be destroyed.
- (13) Nothing in this section prevents a speculative search, in relation to samples to which this section applies, from being carried out within such time as may reasonably be required for the search if the responsible chief officer of police considers the search to be desirable.”

Commencement Information

I15 S. 14 in force at 31.10.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

15 Destruction of impressions of footwear

After section 63R of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 14) insert—

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“63S Destruction of impressions of footwear

- (1) This section applies to impressions of footwear—
 - (a) taken from a person under any power conferred by this Part of this Act, or
 - (b) taken by the police, with the consent of the person from whom they were taken, in connection with the investigation of an offence by the police.
- (2) Impressions of footwear to which this section applies must be destroyed unless they are retained under subsection (3).
- (3) Impressions of footwear may be retained for as long as is necessary for purposes related to the prevention or detection of crime, the investigation of an offence or the conduct of a prosecution.”

Commencement Information

I16 S. 15 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

Supplementary provision for material subject to PACE

16 Use of retained material

After section 63S of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 15) insert—

“63T Use of retained material

- (1) Any material to which section 63D, 63R or 63S applies must not be used other than—
 - (a) in the interests of national security,
 - (b) for the purposes of a terrorist investigation,
 - (c) for purposes related to the prevention or detection of crime, the investigation of an offence or the conduct of a prosecution, or
 - (d) for purposes related to the identification of a deceased person or of the person to whom the material relates.
- (2) Material which is required by section 63D, 63R or 63S to be destroyed must not at any time after it is required to be destroyed be used—
 - (a) in evidence against the person to whom the material relates, or
 - (b) for the purposes of the investigation of any offence.
- (3) In this section—
 - (a) the reference to using material includes a reference to allowing any check to be made against it and to disclosing it to any person,
 - (b) the reference to crime includes a reference to any conduct which—

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- (i) constitutes one or more criminal offences (whether under the law of England and Wales or of any country or territory outside England and Wales), or
 - (ii) is, or corresponds to, any conduct which, if it all took place in England and Wales, would constitute one or more criminal offences, and
- (c) the references to an investigation and to a prosecution include references, respectively, to any investigation outside England and Wales of any crime or suspected crime and to a prosecution brought in respect of any crime in a country or territory outside England and Wales.”

Commencement Information

I17 S. 16 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(d)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

17 Exclusions for certain regimes

After section 63T of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 16) insert—

“63U Exclusions for certain regimes

- (1) Sections 63D to 63T do not apply to material to which paragraphs 20A to 20J of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (destruction, retention and use of material taken from terrorist suspects) apply.
- (2) Any reference in those sections to a person being arrested for, or charged with, an offence does not include a reference to a person—
 - (a) being arrested under section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000, or
 - (b) being charged with an offence following an arrest under that section.
- (3) Sections 63D to 63T do not apply to material to which paragraph 8 of Schedule 4 to the International Criminal Court Act 2001 (requirement to destroy material) applies.
- (4) Sections 63D to 63T do not apply to material to which paragraph 6 of Schedule 6 to the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 (requirement to destroy material) applies.
- (5) Sections 63D to 63Q, 63S and 63T do not apply to material which is, or may become, disclosable under—
 - (a) the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, or
 - (b) a code of practice prepared under section 23 of that Act and in operation by virtue of an order under section 25 of that Act.
- (6) Sections 63D to 63T do not apply to material which—
 - (a) is taken from a person, but
 - (b) relates to another person.
- (7) Nothing in sections 63D to 63T affects any power conferred by—

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- (a) paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 (power to take reasonable steps to identify a person detained), or
- (b) section 20 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (disclosure of police information to the Secretary of State for use for immigration purposes).”

Commencement Information

I18 S. 17 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

18 Interpretation and minor amendments of PACE

- (1) The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 65(1) (interpretation of Part 5)—
 - (a) after the definition of “appropriate consent” insert—

““DNA profile” means any information derived from a DNA sample;

“DNA sample” means any material that has come from a human body and consists of or includes human cells;”
 - (b) after the definition of “registered health care professional” insert—

““the responsible chief officer of police”, in relation to material to which section 63D or 63R applies, means the chief officer of police for the police area—

 - (a) in which the material concerned was taken, or
 - (b) in the case of a DNA profile, in which the sample from which the DNA profile was derived was taken;

“section 63D material” means fingerprints or DNA profiles to which section 63D applies;”, and
 - (c) after the definition of “terrorism” insert—

““terrorist investigation” has the meaning given by section 32 of that Act;”.
- (3) After section 65(2) (meaning of references to a sample's proving insufficient) insert—

“(2A) In subsection (2), the reference to the destruction of a sample does not include a reference to the destruction of a sample under section 63R (requirement to destroy samples).

(2B) Any reference in sections 63F, 63H, 63P or 63U to a person being charged with an offence includes a reference to a person being informed that the person will be reported for an offence.”
- (4) In section 65A(2) (list of “qualifying offences” for purposes of Part 5), in paragraph (j) (offences under the Theft Act 1968), for “section 9” substitute “section 8, 9”.
- (5) After section 65A insert—

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“65B Persons convicted of an offence”

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, any reference to a person who is convicted of an offence includes a reference to—
 - (a) a person who has been given a caution in respect of the offence which, at the time of the caution, the person has admitted,
 - (b) a person who has been warned or reprimanded under section 65 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for the offence,
 - (c) a person who has been found not guilty of the offence by reason of insanity, or
 - (d) a person who has been found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged in respect of the offence.
- (2) This Part, so far as it relates to persons convicted of an offence, has effect despite anything in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- (3) But a person is not to be treated as having been convicted of an offence if that conviction is a disregarded conviction or caution by virtue of section 92 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.
- (4) If a person is convicted of more than one offence arising out of a single course of action, those convictions are to be treated as a single conviction for the purposes of calculating under sections 63F, 63H and 63N whether the person has been convicted of only one offence.
- (5) See also section 65(3) (which deals with findings equivalent to those mentioned in subsection (1)(c) or (d) by courts which exercise jurisdiction under the laws of countries or territories outside England and Wales).”

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 18(3) modified by S.I. 2013/1813 art. 5A (as inserted (31.10.2013) by [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 \(Destruction, Retention and Use of Biometric Data\) \(Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions\) \(Amendment\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2580\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4)

Commencement Information

- I19** S. 18 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(d)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

Amendments of regimes other than PACE

19 Amendments of regimes other than PACE

Schedule 1 (which amends regimes other than the regime in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 amended by sections 1 to 18) has effect.

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- I20** S. 19 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(d)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

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The Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material

20 Appointment and functions of Commissioner

- (1) The Secretary of State must appoint a Commissioner to be known as the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material (referred to in this section and section 21 as “the Commissioner”).
- (2) It is the function of the Commissioner to keep under review—
 - (a) every national security determination made or renewed under—
 - (i) section 63M of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (section 63D material retained for purposes of national security),
 - (ii) paragraph 20E of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (paragraph 20A material retained for purposes of national security),
 - (iii) section 18B of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (section 18 material retained for purposes of national security),
 - (iv) paragraph 11 of Schedule 6 to the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 (paragraph 6 material retained for purposes of national security),
 - [^{F1}(iva) paragraph 46 of Schedule 3 to the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019,]
 - (v) section 18G of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (certain material retained for purposes of national security), and
 - (vi) paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to this Act (material subject to the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 retained for purposes of national security),
 - (b) the uses to which material retained pursuant to a national security determination is being put.
- (3) It is the duty of every person who makes or renews a national security determination under a provision mentioned in subsection (2)(a) to—
 - (a) send to the Commissioner a copy of the determination or renewed determination, and the reasons for making or renewing the determination, within 28 days of making or renewing it, and
 - (b) disclose or provide to the Commissioner such documents and information as the Commissioner may require for the purpose of carrying out the Commissioner's functions under subsection (2).
- (4) If, on reviewing a national security determination made or renewed under a provision mentioned in subsection (2)(a), the Commissioner concludes that it is not necessary for any material retained pursuant to the determination to be so retained, the Commissioner may order the destruction of the material if the condition in subsection (5) is met.
- (5) The condition is that the material retained pursuant to the national security determination is not otherwise capable of being lawfully retained.
- (6) The Commissioner also has the function of keeping under review—
 - (a) the retention and use in accordance with sections 63A and 63D to 63T of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 of—
 - (i) any material to which section 63D or 63R of that Act applies (fingerprints, DNA profiles and samples), and

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- (ii) any copies of any material to which section 63D of that Act applies (fingerprints and DNA profiles),
 - (b) the retention and use in accordance with paragraphs 20A to 20J of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 of—
 - (i) any material to which paragraph 20A or 20G of that Schedule applies (fingerprints, relevant physical data, DNA profiles and samples), and
 - (ii) any copies of any material to which paragraph 20A of that Schedule applies (fingerprints, relevant physical data and DNA profiles),
 - (c) the retention and use in accordance with sections 18 to 18E of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 of—
 - (i) any material to which section 18 of that Act applies (fingerprints, DNA samples and DNA profiles), and
 - (ii) any copies of fingerprints or DNA profiles to which section 18 of that Act applies,
 - (d) the retention and use in accordance with paragraphs 5 to 14 of Schedule 6 to the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 of—
 - (i) any material to which paragraph 6 or 12 of that Schedule applies (fingerprints, relevant physical data, DNA profiles and samples), and
 - (ii) any copies of any material to which paragraph 6 of that Schedule applies (fingerprints, relevant physical data and DNA profiles),
 - [^{F2}(e) the retention and use in accordance with paragraphs 43 to 51 of Schedule 3 to the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 of—
 - (i) any material to which paragraph 43 or 49 of that Schedule applies (fingerprints, relevant physical data, DNA profiles and samples), and
 - (ii) any copies of any material to which paragraph 43 of that Schedule applies (fingerprints, relevant physical data and DNA profiles).]
- (7) But subsection (6) does not apply so far as the retention or use of the material falls to be reviewed by virtue of subsection (2).
- (8) In relation to Scotland—
 - (a) the reference in subsection (6)(b) to use of material, or copies of material, in accordance with paragraphs 20A to 20J of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 includes a reference to use of material, or copies of material, in accordance with section 19C(2)(c) and (d) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, ^{F3}...
 - (b) the reference in subsection (6)(d) to use of material, or copies of material, in accordance with paragraphs 5 to 14 of Schedule 6 to the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 is to be read as a reference to use only for a purpose mentioned in paragraph 13(1)(a) or (b) of that Schedule to that Act^{F4}, and
 - (c) the reference in subsection (6)(e) to use of material, or copies of material, in accordance with paragraphs 43 to 51 of Schedule 3 to the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 includes a reference to use of material, or copies of material, in accordance with section 19C(2)(c) and (d) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.]
- (9) The Commissioner also has functions under sections 63F(5)(c) and 63G (giving of consent in relation to the retention of certain section 63D material).

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- (10) The Commissioner is to hold office in accordance with the terms of the Commissioner's appointment; and the Secretary of State may pay in respect of the Commissioner any expenses, remuneration or allowances that the Secretary of State may determine.
- (11) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Commissioner, provide the Commissioner with—
- (a) such staff, and
 - (b) such accommodation, equipment and other facilities,
- as the Secretary of State considers necessary for the carrying out of the Commissioner's functions.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 20(2)(a)(iva) inserted (13.8.2020) by Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (c. 3), s. 27(2)(d), **Sch. 4 para. 29(a)**; S.I. 2020/792, reg. 2(i)
- F2** S. 20(6)(e) inserted (13.8.2020) by Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (c. 3), s. 27(2)(d), **Sch. 4 para. 29(b)**; S.I. 2020/792, reg. 2(i)
- F3** Word in s. 20(8)(a) omitted (13.8.2020) by virtue of Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (c. 3), s. 27(2)(d), **Sch. 4 para. 29(c)(i)**; S.I. 2020/792, reg. 2(i)
- F4** S. 20(8)(c) and word inserted (13.8.2020) by Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (c. 3), s. 27(2)(d), **Sch. 4 para. 29(c)(ii)**; S.I. 2020/792, reg. 2(i)

Commencement Information

- I21** S. 20(1)(10)(11) in force at 1.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2234, **art. 3(a)**
- I22** S. 20(2)-(9) in force at 31.10.2013 by S.I. 2013/1814, **art. 2(e)** (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2013/1813)

21 Reports by Commissioner

- (1) The Commissioner must make a report to the Secretary of State about the carrying out of the Commissioner's functions as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of—
- (a) the period of 9 months beginning when this section comes into force, and
 - (b) every subsequent 12 month period.
- (2) The Commissioner may also, at any time, make such report to the Secretary of State on any matter relating to the Commissioner's functions as the Commissioner considers appropriate.
- (3) The Secretary of State may at any time require the Commissioner to report on any matter relating to the Commissioner's functions.
- (4) On receiving a report from the Commissioner under this section, the Secretary of State must—
- (a) publish the report, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the published report before Parliament.
- (5) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Commissioner, exclude from publication any part of a report under this section if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, the publication of that part would be contrary to the public interest or prejudicial to national security.

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I23 S. 21 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

Other provisions

22 Guidance on making national security determinations

- (1) The Secretary of State must give guidance about making or renewing national security determinations under a provision mentioned in section 20(2)(a).
- (2) Any person authorised to make or renew any such national security determination must have regard to any guidance given under this section.
- (3) The Secretary of State may give different guidance for different purposes.
- (4) In the course of preparing the guidance, or revising guidance already given, the Secretary of State must consult the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material and the Lord Advocate.
- (5) Before giving guidance under this section, or revising guidance already given, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament—
 - (a) the proposed guidance or proposed revisions, and
 - (b) a draft of an order providing for the guidance, or revisions to the guidance, to come into force.
- (6) The Secretary of State must make the order, and issue the guidance or (as the case may be) make the revisions to the guidance, if the draft of the order is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (7) Guidance, or revisions to guidance, come into force in accordance with an order under this section.
- (8) Such an order—
 - (a) is to be a statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may contain transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (9) The Secretary of State must publish any guidance given or revised under this section.

Commencement Information

I24 S. 22 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#)

23 Inclusion of DNA profiles on National DNA Database

After section 63A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 insert—

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“63AA Inclusion of DNA profiles on National DNA Database

- (1) This section applies to a DNA profile which is derived from a DNA sample and which is retained under any power conferred by any of sections 63E to 63L (including those sections as applied by section 63P).
- (2) A DNA profile to which this section applies must be recorded on the National DNA Database.”

Commencement Information

I25 S. 23 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(g)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

24 National DNA Database Strategy Board

After section 63AA of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (for which see section 23) insert—

“63AB National DNA Database Strategy Board

- (1) The Secretary of State must make arrangements for a National DNA Database Strategy Board to oversee the operation of the National DNA Database.
- (2) The National DNA Database Strategy Board must issue guidance about the destruction of DNA profiles which are, or may be, retained under this Part of this Act.
- (3) A chief officer of a police force in England and Wales must act in accordance with guidance issued under subsection (2).
- (4) The National DNA Database Strategy Board may issue guidance about the circumstances in which applications may be made to the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material under section 63G.
- (5) Before issuing any such guidance, the National DNA Database Strategy Board must consult the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material.
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish the governance rules of the National DNA Database Strategy Board and lay a copy of the rules before Parliament.
- (7) The National DNA Database Strategy Board must make an annual report to the Secretary of State about the exercise of its functions.
- (8) The Secretary of State must publish the report and lay a copy of the published report before Parliament.
- (9) The Secretary of State may exclude from publication any part of the report if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, the publication of that part would be contrary to the public interest or prejudicial to national security.”

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I26 S. 24 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(g)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

25 Material taken before commencement

- (1) The Secretary of State must by order make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Chapter.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, in particular, provide for the destruction or retention of PACE material taken, or (in the case of a DNA profile) derived from a sample taken, before the commencement day in connection with the investigation of an offence.
- (3) Such provision must, in particular, ensure—
 - (a) in the case of material taken or derived 3 years or more before the commencement day from a person who—
 - (i) was arrested for, or charged with, the offence, and
 - (ii) has not been convicted of the offence,the destruction of the material on the coming into force of the order if the offence was a qualifying offence,
 - (b) in the case of material taken or derived less than 3 years before the commencement day from a person who—
 - (i) was arrested for, or charged with, the offence, and
 - (ii) has not been convicted of the offence,the destruction of the material within the period of 3 years beginning with the day on which the material was taken or derived if the offence was a qualifying offence, and
 - (c) in the case of material taken or derived before the commencement day from a person who—
 - (i) was arrested for, or charged with, the offence, and
 - (ii) has not been convicted of the offence,the destruction of the material on the coming into force of the order if the offence was an offence other than a qualifying offence.
- (4) An order under this section may, in particular, provide for exceptions to provision of the kind mentioned in subsection (3).
- (5) Subsection (6) applies if an order under section 113(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (application of that Act to Armed Forces) makes provision equivalent to sections 63D to 63U of that Act.
- (6) The power to make an order under section 113(1) of the Act of 1984 includes the power to make provision of the kind that may be made by an order under this section; and the duties which apply to the Secretary of State under this section in relation to an order under this section apply accordingly in relation to an order under section 113(1) of that Act.
- (7) An order under this section is to be made by statutory instrument.

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(8) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

(9) In this section—

“the commencement day” means the day on which section 1 comes into force,

“PACE material” means material that would have been material to which section 63D or 63R of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 applied if those provisions had been in force when it was taken or derived.

Commencement Information

I27 S. 25 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(g\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))

CHAPTER 2

PROTECTION OF BIOMETRIC INFORMATION OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS ETC.

26 Requirement to notify and obtain consent before processing biometric information

- (1) This section applies in relation to any processing of a child's biometric information by or on behalf of the relevant authority of—
 - (a) a school,
 - (b) a 16 to 19 Academy, or
 - (c) a further education institution.
- (2) Before the first processing of a child's biometric information on or after the coming into force of subsection (3), the relevant authority must notify each parent of the child—
 - (a) of its intention to process the child's biometric information, and
 - (b) that the parent may object at any time to the processing of the information.
- (3) The relevant authority must ensure that a child's biometric information is not processed unless—
 - (a) at least one parent of the child consents to the information being processed, and
 - (b) no parent of the child has withdrawn his or her consent, or otherwise objected, to the information being processed.
- (4) Section 27 makes further provision about the requirement to notify parents and the obtaining and withdrawal of consent (including when notification and consent are not required).
- (5) But if, at any time, the child—
 - (a) refuses to participate in, or continue to participate in, anything that involves the processing of the child's biometric information, or
 - (b) otherwise objects to the processing of that information,

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the relevant authority must ensure that the information is not processed, irrespective of any consent given by a parent of the child under subsection (3).

- (6) Subsection (7) applies in relation to any child whose biometric information, by virtue of this section, may not be processed.
- (7) The relevant authority must ensure that reasonable alternative means are available by which the child may do, or be subject to, anything which the child would have been able to do, or be subject to, had the child's biometric information been processed.

Commencement Information

I28 S. 26 in force at 1.9.2013 for E. by [S.I. 2013/2104](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

I29 S. 26 in force at 1.9.2013 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2013/1566](#), [art. 2](#)

27 Exceptions and further provision about consent and notification

- (1) For the purposes of section 26(2) and (3), the relevant authority is not required to notify a parent, or obtain the consent of a parent, if the relevant authority is satisfied that—
- the parent cannot be found,
 - the parent lacks capacity (within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005) to object or (as the case may be) consent to the processing of the child's biometric information,
 - the welfare of the child requires that the parent is not contacted, or
 - it is otherwise not reasonably practicable to notify the parent or (as the case may be) obtain the consent of the parent.
- (2) A notification under section 26(2) must be given in writing, and any objection to the processing of a child's biometric information must be made in writing.
- (3) Consent under section 26(3) may be withdrawn at any time.
- (4) Consent under section 26(3) must be given, and (if withdrawn) withdrawn, in writing.
- (5) Section 26 and this section are in addition to the requirements of [^{F5}the data protection legislation].
- [^{F6}(6) In this section, “the data protection legislation” has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

F5 Words in [s. 27\(5\)](#) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), [s. 212\(1\)](#), [Sch. 19 para. 176\(2\)](#) (with [ss. 117, 209, 210](#)); [S.I. 2018/625](#), [reg. 2\(1\)\(g\)](#)

F6 [S. 27\(6\)](#) inserted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), [s. 212\(1\)](#), [Sch. 19 para. 176\(3\)](#) (with [ss. 117, 209, 210](#)); [S.I. 2018/625](#), [reg. 2\(1\)\(g\)](#)

Commencement Information

I30 S. 27 in force at 1.9.2013 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2013/1566](#), [art. 2](#)

I31 S. 27 in force at 1.9.2013 for E. by [S.I. 2013/2104](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

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28 Interpretation: Chapter 2

(1) In this Chapter—

“biometric information” is to be read in accordance with subsections (2) to (4),

“child” means a person under the age of 18,

“further education institution” means an institution within the further education sector (within the meaning given by section 91(3)(a) to (c) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992),

“parent” is to be read in accordance with subsections (5) to (8),

“parental responsibility” is to be read in accordance with the Children Act 1989,

[^{F7}“processing” has the same meaning as in Parts 5 to 7 of the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3(4) and (14) of that Act);]

“proprietor”, in relation to a school or 16 to 19 Academy, has the meaning given by section 579(1) of the Education Act 1996, subject to the modification in subsection (9),

“relevant authority” means—

- (a) in relation to a school, the proprietor of the school,
- (b) in relation to a 16 to 19 Academy, the proprietor of the Academy,
- (c) in relation to a further education institution, the governing body of the institution (within the meaning given by paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of the definition of “governing body” in section 90(1) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992),

“school” has the meaning given by section 4 of the Education Act 1996, subject to the modification in subsection (10),

“16 to 19 Academy” has the meaning given by section 1B of the Academies Act 2010.

(2) “Biometric information” means information about a person's physical or behavioural characteristics or features which—

- (a) is capable of being used in order to establish or verify the identity of the person, and
- (b) is obtained or recorded with the intention that it be used for the purposes of a biometric recognition system.

(3) Biometric information may, in particular, include—

- (a) information about the skin pattern and other physical characteristics or features of a person's fingers or palms,
- (b) information about the features of an iris or any other part of the eye, and
- (c) information about a person's voice or handwriting.

(4) In subsection (2) “biometric recognition system” means a system which, by means of equipment operating automatically—

- (a) obtains or records information about a person's physical or behavioural characteristics or features, and
- (b) compares the information with stored information that has previously been so obtained or recorded, or otherwise processes the information, for the purpose of establishing or verifying the identity of the person, or otherwise determining whether the person is recognised by the system.

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- (5) “Parent” means a parent of the child and any individual who is not a parent of the child but who has parental responsibility for the child.
- (6) In a case where the relevant authority is satisfied that, by virtue of section 27(1), there is no person falling within subsection (5) who must be notified or whose consent is required, “parent” is to be read as including each individual who has care of the child, but this is subject to subsections (7) and (8).
- (7) In a case to which subsection (6) applies where the child is looked after by a local authority (within the meaning given by section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 [F8 or section 74 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014]), “parent” is to be read as meaning the local authority looking after the child.
- (8) In a case to which subsection (6) applies where the child is not looked after by a local authority (within the meaning given by section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989 [F9 or section 74 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014]) but a voluntary organisation has provided accommodation for the child in accordance with section 59(1) of [F10 the Children Act 1989] by—
- (a) placing the child with a foster parent, or
 - (b) maintaining the child in a children's home,
- “parent” is to be read as meaning the voluntary organisation that so placed or maintains the child.
- (9) A reference to the proprietor of a school is to be read, in relation to a pupil referral unit for which there is a management committee established by virtue of paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1996, as a reference to that committee; and for this purpose “pupil referral unit” has the meaning given by section [F11 19(2)][F11 19A(2)] of that Act.
- (10) A reference to a school is to be read as if it included a reference to any independent educational institution (within the meaning given by section 92 of the Education and Skills Act 2008).

Textual Amendments

- F7** Words in s. 28(1) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 212(1), [Sch. 19 para. 177](#) (with [ss. 117, 209, 210](#)); [S.I. 2018/625](#), reg. 2(1)(g)
- F8** Words in s. 28(7) inserted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), [287\(a\)](#)
- F9** Words in s. 28(8) inserted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), [287\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- F10** Words in s. 28(8) substituted (6.4.2016) by [The Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/413\)](#), regs. 2(1), [287\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- F11** Word in s. 28(9) substituted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\)](#), reg. 1(3), [Sch. 2 para. 13](#)

Commencement Information

- I32** S. 28 in force at 1.9.2013 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2013/1566](#), [art. 2](#)
- I33** S. 28 in force at 1.9.2013 for E. by [S.I. 2013/2104](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

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PART 2

REGULATION OF SURVEILLANCE

CHAPTER 1

REGULATION OF CCTV AND OTHER SURVEILLANCE CAMERA TECHNOLOGY

Code of practice

29 Code of practice for surveillance camera systems

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a code of practice containing guidance about surveillance camera systems.
- (2) Such a code must contain guidance about one or more of the following—
 - (a) the development or use of surveillance camera systems,
 - (b) the use or processing of images or other information obtained by virtue of such systems.
- (3) Such a code may, in particular, include provision about—
 - (a) considerations as to whether to use surveillance camera systems,
 - (b) types of systems or apparatus,
 - (c) technical standards for systems or apparatus,
 - (d) locations for systems or apparatus,
 - (e) the publication of information about systems or apparatus,
 - (f) standards applicable to persons using or maintaining systems or apparatus,
 - (g) standards applicable to persons using or processing information obtained by virtue of systems,
 - (h) access to, or disclosure of, information so obtained,
 - (i) procedures for complaints or consultation.
- (4) Such a code—
 - (a) need not contain provision about every type of surveillance camera system,
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes.
- (5) In the course of preparing such a code, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) such persons appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the views of persons who are, or are likely to be, subject to the duty under section 33(1) (duty to have regard to the code) as the Secretary of State considers appropriate,
 - (b) ^[F12]the National Police Chiefs' Council ,
 - (c) the Information Commissioner,
 - (d) ^[F13]the Investigatory Powers Commissioner] ,
 - (e) the Surveillance Camera Commissioner,
 - (f) the Welsh Ministers, and
 - (g) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (6) In this Chapter “surveillance camera systems” means—

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- (a) closed circuit television or automatic number plate recognition systems,
- (b) any other systems for recording or viewing visual images for surveillance purposes,
- (c) any systems for storing, receiving, transmitting, processing or checking images or information obtained by systems falling within paragraph (a) or (b), or
- (d) any other systems associated with, or otherwise connected with, systems falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

(7) In this section—

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[^{F15c}“processing” has the same meaning as in Parts 5 to 7 of the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3(4) and (14) of that Act);]

Textual Amendments

- F12** Words in s. 29(5)(b) substituted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), [Sch. 14 paras. 6, 7\(h\)](#); S.I. 2017/399, [reg. 2](#), [Sch. para. 41](#)
- F13** Words in s. 29(5)(d) substituted (1.9.2017) by [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 272(1), [Sch. 10 para. 97\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); S.I. 2017/859, [reg. 2\(j\)](#)
- F14** Words in s. 29(7) omitted (1.9.2017) by virtue of [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 272(1), [Sch. 10 para. 97\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); S.I. 2017/859, [reg. 2\(j\)](#)
- F15** Words in s. 29(7) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 212(1), [Sch. 19 para. 178](#) (with [ss. 117, 209, 210](#)); S.I. 2018/625, [reg. 2\(1\)\(g\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I34** S. 29 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

Procedural requirements

30 Issuing of code

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament—
 - (a) a code of practice prepared under section 29, and
 - (b) a draft of an order providing for the code to come into force.
- (2) The Secretary of State must make the order and issue the code if the draft of the order is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (3) The Secretary of State must not make the order or issue the code unless the draft of the order is so approved.
- (4) The Secretary of State must prepare another code of practice under section 29 if—
 - (a) the draft of the order is not so approved, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State considers that there is no realistic prospect that it will be so approved.
- (5) A code comes into force in accordance with an order under this section.
- (6) Such an order—

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- (a) is to be a statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may contain transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) If a draft of an instrument containing an order under this section would, apart from this subsection, be treated as a hybrid instrument for the purposes of the standing orders of either House of Parliament, it is to proceed in that House as if it were not a hybrid instrument.

Commencement Information

I35 S. 30 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#)

31 Alteration or replacement of code

- (1) The Secretary of State—
- (a) must keep the surveillance camera code under review, and
 - (b) may prepare an alteration to the code or a replacement code.
- (2) Before preparing an alteration or a replacement code, the Secretary of State must consult the persons mentioned in section 29(5).
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament an alteration or a replacement code prepared under this section.
- (4) If, within the 40-day period, either House of Parliament resolves not to approve the alteration or the replacement code, the Secretary of State must not issue the alteration or code.
- (5) If no such resolution is made within that period, the Secretary of State must issue the alteration or replacement code.
- (6) The alteration or replacement code—
- (a) comes into force when issued, and
 - (b) may include transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) Subsection (4) does not prevent the Secretary of State from laying a new alteration or replacement code before Parliament.
- (8) In this section “the 40-day period” means the period of 40 days beginning with the day on which the alteration or replacement code is laid before Parliament (or, if it is not laid before each House of Parliament on the same day, the later of the two days on which it is laid).
- (9) In calculating the 40-day period, no account is to be taken of any period during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (10) In this Chapter “the surveillance camera code” means the code of practice issued under section 30(2) (as altered or replaced from time to time).

Commencement Information

I36 S. 31 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)

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32 Publication of code

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish the code issued under section 30(2).
- (2) The Secretary of State must publish any replacement code issued under section 31(5).
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish—
 - (a) any alteration issued under section 31(5), or
 - (b) the code or replacement code as altered by it.

Commencement Information

I37 S. 32 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(d\)](#)

Enforcement and Commissioner

33 Effect of code

- (1) A relevant authority must have regard to the surveillance camera code when exercising any functions to which the code relates.
- (2) A failure on the part of any person to act in accordance with any provision of the surveillance camera code does not of itself make that person liable to criminal or civil proceedings.
- (3) The surveillance camera code is admissible in evidence in any such proceedings.
- (4) A court or tribunal may, in particular, take into account a failure by a relevant authority to have regard to the surveillance camera code in determining a question in any such proceedings.
- (5) In this section “relevant authority” means—
 - (a) a local authority within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972,
 - (b) the Greater London Authority,
 - (c) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a local authority,
 - (d) the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple or the Under-Treasurer of the Middle Temple, in their capacity as a local authority,
 - (e) the Council of the Isles of Scilly,
 - (f) a parish meeting constituted under section 13 of the Local Government Act 1972,
 - (g) a police and crime commissioner,
 - (h) the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime,
 - (i) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a police authority,
 - (j) any chief officer of a police force in England and Wales,
 - (k) any person specified or described by the Secretary of State in an order made by statutory instrument.
- (6) An order under subsection (5) may, in particular—
 - (a) restrict the specification or description of a person to that of the person when acting in a specified capacity or exercising specified or described functions,

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- (b) contain transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) So far as an order under subsection (5) contains a restriction of the kind mentioned in subsection (6)(a) in relation to a person, the duty in subsection (1) applies only to the person in that capacity or (as the case may be) only in relation to those functions.
- (8) Before making an order under subsection (5) in relation to any person or description of persons, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) such persons appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the views of the person or persons in relation to whom the order may be made as the Secretary of State considers appropriate,
 - (b) ^[F16]the National Police Chiefs’ Council ,
 - (c) the Information Commissioner,
 - (d) ^[F17]the Investigatory Powers Commissioner] ,
 - (e) the Surveillance Camera Commissioner,
 - (f) the Welsh Ministers, and
 - (g) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (9) No instrument containing an order under subsection (5) is to be made unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (10) If a draft of an instrument containing an order under subsection (5) would, apart from this subsection, be treated as a hybrid instrument for the purposes of the standing orders of either House of Parliament, it is to proceed in that House as if it were not a hybrid instrument.

Textual Amendments

F16 Words in s. 33(8)(b) substituted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), [Sch. 14 paras. 6, 7\(h\)](#); [S.I. 2017/399](#), reg. 2, [Sch. para. 41](#)

F17 Words in s. 33(8)(d) substituted (1.9.2017) by [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 272(1), [Sch. 10 para. 98](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); [S.I. 2017/859](#), reg. 2(j)

Commencement Information

I38 S. 33 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#)

34 Commissioner in relation to code

- (1) The Secretary of State must appoint a person as the Surveillance Camera Commissioner (in this Chapter “the Commissioner”).
- (2) The Commissioner is to have the following functions—
 - (a) encouraging compliance with the surveillance camera code,
 - (b) reviewing the operation of the code, and
 - (c) providing advice about the code (including changes to it or breaches of it).
- (3) The Commissioner is to hold office in accordance with the terms of the Commissioner’s appointment; and the Secretary of State may pay in respect of the Commissioner any expenses, remuneration or allowances that the Secretary of State may determine.

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- (4) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Commissioner, provide the Commissioner with—
- (a) such staff, and
 - (b) such accommodation, equipment and other facilities,
- as the Secretary of State considers necessary for the carrying out of the Commissioner's functions.

Commencement Information

I39 S. 34 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3\(f\)](#)

35 Reports by Commissioner

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting period—
- (a) the Commissioner must—
 - (i) prepare a report about the exercise by the Commissioner during that period of the functions of the Commissioner, and
 - (ii) give a copy of the report to the Secretary of State,
 - (b) the Secretary of State must lay a copy of the report before Parliament, and
 - (c) the Commissioner must publish the report.
- (2) The reporting periods are—
- (a) the period—
 - (i) beginning with the surveillance camera code first coming into force or the making of the first appointment as Commissioner (whichever is the later), and
 - (ii) ending with the next 31 March or, if the period ending with that date is 6 months or less, ending with the next 31 March after that date, and
 - (b) each succeeding period of 12 months.

Commencement Information

I40 S. 35 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3\(g\)](#)

Interpretation

36 Interpretation: Chapter 1

In this Chapter—

- “the Commissioner” has the meaning given by section 34(1),
- “surveillance camera code” has the meaning given by section 31(10),
- “surveillance camera systems” has the meaning given by section 29(6).

Commencement Information

I41 S. 36 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3\(h\)](#)

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CHAPTER 2

SAFEGUARDS FOR CERTAIN SURVEILLANCE UNDER RIPA

F18 37 Judicial approval for obtaining or disclosing communications data

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Textual Amendments

F18 S. 37 repealed (22.7.2020) by *Investigatory Powers Act 2016* (c. 25), s. 272(1), **Sch. 10 Pt. 8** (with **Sch. 9** paras. 7, 8, 10); S.I. 2020/766, reg. 2(e)(iv)

38 Judicial approval for directed surveillance and covert human intelligence sources

- (1) After section 32 of the *Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000* (authorisation of surveillance and human intelligence sources: intrusive surveillance) insert—

“Authorisations requiring judicial approval

32A Authorisations requiring judicial approval

- (1) This section applies where a relevant person has granted an authorisation under section 28 or 29.
- (2) The authorisation is not to take effect until such time (if any) as the relevant judicial authority has made an order approving the grant of the authorisation.
- (3) The relevant judicial authority may give approval under this section to the granting of an authorisation under section 28 if, and only if, the relevant judicial authority is satisfied that—
 - (a) at the time of the grant—
 - (i) there were reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 28(2) were satisfied in relation to the authorisation, and
 - (ii) the relevant conditions were satisfied in relation to the authorisation, and
 - (b) at the time when the relevant judicial authority is considering the matter, there remain reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 28(2) are satisfied in relation to the authorisation.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3) the relevant conditions are—
 - (a) in relation to a grant by an individual holding an office, rank or position in a local authority in England or Wales, that—
 - (i) the individual was a designated person for the purposes of section 28,
 - (ii) the grant of the authorisation was not in breach of any restrictions imposed by virtue of section 30(3), and

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- (iii) any other conditions that may be provided for by an order made by the Secretary of State were satisfied,
 - (b) in relation to a grant, for any purpose relating to a Northern Ireland excepted or reserved matter, by an individual holding an office, rank or position in a district council in Northern Ireland, that—
 - (i) the individual was a designated person for the purposes of section 28,
 - (ii) the grant of the authorisation was not in breach of any restrictions imposed by virtue of section 30(3), and
 - (iii) any other conditions that may be provided for by an order made by the Secretary of State were satisfied, and
 - (c) in relation to any other grant by a relevant person, that any conditions that may be provided for by an order made by the Secretary of State were satisfied.
- (5) The relevant judicial authority may give approval under this section to the granting of an authorisation under section 29 if, and only if, the relevant judicial authority is satisfied that—
 - (a) at the time of the grant—
 - (i) there were reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 29(2), and any requirements imposed by virtue of section 29(7)(b), were satisfied in relation to the authorisation, and
 - (ii) the relevant conditions were satisfied in relation to the authorisation, and
 - (b) at the time when the relevant judicial authority is considering the matter, there remain reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of section 29(2), and any requirements imposed by virtue of section 29(7)(b), are satisfied in relation to the authorisation.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5) the relevant conditions are—
 - (a) in relation to a grant by an individual holding an office, rank or position in a local authority in England or Wales, that—
 - (i) the individual was a designated person for the purposes of section 29,
 - (ii) the grant of the authorisation was not in breach of any prohibition imposed by virtue of section 29(7)(a) or any restriction imposed by virtue of section 30(3), and
 - (iii) any other conditions that may be provided for by an order made by the Secretary of State were satisfied,
 - (b) in relation to a grant, for any purpose relating to a Northern Ireland excepted or reserved matter, by an individual holding an office, rank or position in a district council in Northern Ireland, that—
 - (i) the individual was a designated person for the purposes of section 29,
 - (ii) the grant of the authorisation was not in breach of any prohibition imposed by virtue of section 29(7)(a) or any restriction imposed by virtue of section 30(3), and
 - (iii) any other conditions that may be provided for by an order made by the Secretary of State were satisfied, and

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- (c) in relation to any other grant by a relevant person, that any conditions that may be provided for by an order made by the Secretary of State were satisfied.

(7) In this section—

“local authority in England” means—

- (a) a district or county council in England,
- (b) a London borough council,
- (c) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a local authority, or
- (d) the Council of the Isles of Scilly,

“local authority in Wales” means any county council or county borough council in Wales,

“Northern Ireland excepted or reserved matter” means an excepted or reserved matter (within the meaning of section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998),

“Northern Ireland transferred matter” means a transferred matter (within the meaning of section 4(1) of the Act of 1998),

“relevant judicial authority” means—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, a justice of the peace,
- (b) in relation to Scotland, a sheriff, and
- (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, a district judge (magistrates' courts) in Northern Ireland,

“relevant person” means—

- (a) an individual holding an office, rank or position in a local authority in England or Wales,
- (b) also, in relation to a grant for any purpose relating to a Northern Ireland excepted or reserved matter, an individual holding an office, rank or position in a district council in Northern Ireland, and
- (c) also, in relation to any grant of a description that may be prescribed for the purposes of this subsection by an order made by the Secretary of State or every grant if so prescribed, a person of a description so prescribed.

(8) No order of the Secretary of State—

- (a) may be made under subsection (7) unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House;
- (b) may be made under this section so far as it makes provision which would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament if it were contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
- (c) may be made under this section so far as it makes provision which, if it were contained in an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly, would be within the legislative competence of the Northern Ireland Assembly and would deal with a Northern Ireland transferred matter.

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32B Procedure for judicial approval

- (1) The public authority with which the relevant person holds an office, rank or position may apply to the relevant judicial authority for an order under section 32A approving the grant of an authorisation.
 - (2) The applicant is not required to give notice of the application to—
 - (a) any person to whom the authorisation relates, or
 - (b) such a person's legal representatives.
 - (3) Where, on an application under this section, the relevant judicial authority refuses to approve the grant of the authorisation concerned, the relevant judicial authority may make an order quashing the authorisation.
 - (4) In this section “relevant judicial authority” and “relevant person” have the same meaning as in section 32A.”
- (2) In section 43 of that Act (general rules about grant, renewal and duration of authorisations)—
- (a) after subsection (6) insert—

“(6A) The relevant judicial authority (within the meaning given by subsection (7) of section 32A) shall not make an order under that section approving the renewal of an authorisation for the conduct or the use of a covert human intelligence source unless the relevant judicial authority—

 - (a) is satisfied that a review has been carried out of the matters mentioned in subsection (7) below, and
 - (b) has, for the purpose of deciding whether to make the order, considered the results of that review.”, and
 - (b) in subsection (7) for “subsection (6)” substitute “ subsections (6) and (6A) ”.

Commencement Information

I42 S. 38 in force at 1.11.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 4\(b\)](#) (with [art. 6](#))

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PART 3

PROTECTION OF PROPERTY FROM DISPROPORTIONATE ENFORCEMENT ACTION

CHAPTER 1

POWERS OF ENTRY

Repealing, adding safeguards or rewriting powers of entry

39 Repealing etc. unnecessary or inappropriate powers of entry

- (1) The appropriate national authority may by order repeal any power of entry or associated power which the appropriate national authority considers to be unnecessary or inappropriate.
- (2) Schedule 2 (which contains repeals etc. of certain powers of entry) has effect.

Commencement Information

- I43** S. 39 partly in force; s. 39(2) in force for specified purposes at 1.7.2012 see s. 120(4)(a)
I44 S. 39(1) in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(i\)](#)

40 Adding safeguards to powers of entry

- (1) The appropriate national authority may by order provide for safeguards in relation to any power of entry or associated power.
- (2) Such safeguards may, in particular, include—
 - (a) restrictions as to the premises over which the power may be exercised,
 - (b) restrictions as to the times at which the power may be exercised,
 - (c) restrictions as to the number or description of persons who may exercise the power,
 - (d) a requirement for a judicial or other authorisation before the power may be exercised,
 - (e) a requirement to give notice within a particular period before the power may be exercised,
 - (f) other conditions which must be met before the power may be exercised,
 - (g) modifications of existing conditions which must be met before the power may be exercised,
 - (h) other restrictions on the circumstances in which the power may be exercised,
 - (i) new obligations on the person exercising the power which must be met before, during or after its exercise,
 - (j) modifications of existing obligations which must be met by the person exercising the power before, during or after its exercise,
 - (k) restrictions on any power to use force, or any other power, which may be exercised in connection with the power of entry or associated power.

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Commencement Information

I45 S. 40 in force at 1.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3(j)

41 Rewriting powers of entry

- (1) The appropriate national authority may by order rewrite, with or without modifications—
 - (a) powers of entry, associated powers or any aspects of any such powers, or
 - (b) enactments relating to, or connected with, any such powers or aspects.
- (2) The power under subsection (1) to rewrite a power of entry or associated power includes, in particular, the power to remove an aspect of such a power without replacing it.
- (3) But no order under this section may alter the effect of—
 - (a) a power of entry,
 - (b) any associated power connected with it, or
 - (c) any safeguard relating to, but not forming part of, the power of entry or associated power,

unless, on and after the changes made by the order, the safeguards in relation to the power of entry and associated powers connected with it, taken together, provide a greater level of protection than any safeguards applicable immediately before the changes.

Commencement Information

I46 S. 41 in force at 1.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3(k)

42 Duty to review certain existing powers of entry

- (1) Each Minister of the Crown who is a member of the Cabinet must, within the relevant period—
 - (a) review relevant powers of entry, and relevant associated powers, for which the Minister is responsible with a view to deciding whether to make an order under section 39(1), 40 or 41 in relation to any of them,
 - (b) prepare a report of that review, and
 - (c) lay a copy of the report before Parliament.

- (2) A failure by a Minister of the Crown to comply with a duty under subsection (1) in relation to a power of entry or associated power does not affect the validity of the power.

- (3) In this section—

“relevant associated power” means any associated power in a public general Act or a statutory instrument made under such an Act,

“the relevant period” means the period of two years beginning with the day on which this Act is passed,

“relevant power of entry” means any power of entry in a public general Act or a statutory instrument made under such an Act.

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I47 S. 42 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3\(l\)](#)

43 Consultation requirements before modifying powers of entry

Before making an order under section 39(1), 40 or 41 in relation to a power of entry or associated power, the appropriate national authority must consult—

- (a) such persons appearing to the appropriate national authority to be representative of the views of persons entitled to exercise the power of entry or associated power as the appropriate national authority considers appropriate, and
- (b) such other persons as the appropriate national authority considers appropriate.

Commencement Information

I48 S. 43 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3\(m\)](#)

44 Procedural and supplementary provisions

- (1) An order under section 39(1), 40 or 41—
 - (a) is to be made by statutory instrument,
 - (b) may modify any enactment,
 - (c) may include such incidental, consequential, supplementary, transitory, transitional or saving provision as the appropriate national authority considers appropriate (including provision modifying any enactment).
- (2) Subject to subsection (4), no instrument containing an order of a Minister of the Crown under section 39(1), 40 or 41 is to be made unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (3) If a draft of an instrument containing an order of a Minister of the Crown under section 39(1), 40 or 41 would, apart from this subsection, be treated as a hybrid instrument for the purposes of the standing orders of either House of Parliament, it is to proceed in that House as if it were not a hybrid instrument.
- (4) An instrument containing an order of a Minister of the Crown under section 39(1), 40 or 41 which neither amends nor repeals any provision of primary legislation is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) In subsection (4) “primary legislation” means—
 - (a) a public general Act,
 - (b) an Act of the Scottish Parliament,
 - (c) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (d) Northern Ireland legislation.
- (6) Subject to subsection (7), no instrument containing an order of the Welsh Ministers under section 39(1), 40 or 41 is to be made unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the National Assembly for Wales.

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- (7) An instrument containing an order of the Welsh Ministers under section 39(1), 40 or 41 which neither amends nor repeals any provision of primary legislation is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the National Assembly for Wales.
- (8) In subsection (7) “primary legislation” means—
- (a) a public general Act, and
 - (b) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales.

Commencement Information

I49 S. 44 in force at 1.7.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(n\)](#)

45 Devolution: Scotland and Northern Ireland

- (1) An order under section 39(1), 40 or 41 may not make provision which would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament if it were contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament.
- (2) An order under section 39(1), 40 or 41 may not make provision which, if it were contained in an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly, would be within the legislative competence of the Northern Ireland Assembly and would deal with a transferred matter without being ancillary to other provision (whether in that Act or previously enacted) which deals with an excepted or reserved matter.
- (3) In subsection (2) “excepted matter”, “reserved matter” and “transferred matter” have the meaning given by section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Commencement Information

I50 S. 45 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(o\)](#)

46 Sections 39 to 46: interpretation

In sections 39 to 45 and this section—

“appropriate national authority” means—

- (a) in relation to the making of any provision which would be within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales, the Welsh Ministers,
 - (b) in any other case, a Minister of the Crown,
- “associated power” means any power which—
- (a) is contained in an enactment,
 - (b) is connected with a power of entry, and
 - (c) is a power—
 - (i) to do anything on, or in relation to, the land or other premises entered in pursuance of the power of entry,
 - (ii) to do anything in relation to any person, or anything, found on the land or other premises entered in pursuance of the power of entry, or
 - (iii) otherwise to do anything in connection with the power of entry,

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- and includes any safeguard which forms part of the associated power;
 “enactment” includes—
- (a) an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978),
 - (b) an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under—
 - (i) an Act of the Scottish Parliament,
 - (ii) Northern Ireland legislation, or
 - (iii) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales,
- “Minister of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975,
 “modify” includes amend or repeal (and “modifications” is to be read accordingly),
 “off-shore installation” has the same meaning as in the Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971 (see section 12 of that Act),
 “power of entry” means a power (however expressed) in any enactment to enter land or other premises; and includes any safeguard which forms part of the power,
 “premises” includes any place and, in particular, includes—
- (a) any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or hovercraft,
 - (b) any off-shore installation,
 - (c) any renewable energy installation,
 - (d) any tent or movable structure,
- “renewable energy installation” has the same meaning as in Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Energy Act 2004 (see section 104 of that Act),
 “repeal” includes revoke.

Commencement Information

I51 S. 46 in force at 1.7.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(p\)](#)

Codes of practice in relation to powers of entry

47 Code of practice in relation to non-devolved powers of entry

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a code of practice containing guidance about the exercise of powers of entry and associated powers.
- (2) Such a code may, in particular, include provision about—
 - (a) considerations before exercising, or when exercising, the powers,
 - (b) considerations after exercising the powers (such as the retention of records, or the publication of information, about the exercise of the powers).
- (3) Such a code—
 - (a) must not contain provision about devolved powers of entry and devolved associated powers,
 - (b) need not contain provision about every other type of power of entry or associated power,
 - (c) may make different provision for different purposes.

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- (4) In the course of preparing such a code in relation to any powers, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Lord Advocate,
 - (b) such persons appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the views of persons entitled to exercise the powers concerned as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, and
 - (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) In this section “devolved powers of entry and devolved associated powers” means powers of entry and associated powers—
 - (a) in relation to which the Welsh Ministers may issue a code under Schedule 3,
 - (b) which, if it were contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament, would be within the legislative competence of that Parliament, or
 - (c) which, if it were contained in an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly, would be within the legislative competence of that Assembly and would deal with a transferred matter (within the meaning given by section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998) without being ancillary to other provision (whether in the Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly or previously enacted) which deals with an excepted or reserved matter (within the meaning given by section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998).

Commencement Information

I52 S. 47 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(q\)](#)

48 Issuing of code

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament—
 - (a) a code of practice prepared under section 47, and
 - (b) a draft of an order providing for the code to come into force.
- (2) The Secretary of State must make the order and issue the code if the draft of the order is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (3) The Secretary of State must not make the order or issue the code unless the draft of the order is so approved.
- (4) The Secretary of State must prepare another code of practice under section 47 if—
 - (a) the draft of the order is not so approved, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State considers that there is no realistic prospect that it will be so approved.
- (5) A code comes into force in accordance with an order under this section.
- (6) Such an order—
 - (a) is to be a statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may contain transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) If a draft of an instrument containing an order under this section would, apart from this subsection, be treated as a hybrid instrument for the purposes of the standing orders

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of either House of Parliament, it is to proceed in that House as if it were not a hybrid instrument.

Commencement Information

I53 S. 48 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(r\)](#)

49 Alteration or replacement of code

- (1) The Secretary of State—
 - (a) must keep the powers of entry code under review, and
 - (b) may prepare an alteration to the code or a replacement code.
- (2) Before preparing an alteration or a replacement code in relation to any powers, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Lord Advocate,
 - (b) such persons appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the views of persons entitled to exercise the powers concerned as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, and
 - (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament an alteration or a replacement code prepared under this section.
- (4) If, within the 40-day period, either House of Parliament resolves not to approve the alteration or the replacement code, the Secretary of State must not issue the alteration or code.
- (5) If no such resolution is made within that period, the Secretary of State must issue the alteration or replacement code.
- (6) The alteration or replacement code—
 - (a) comes into force when issued, and
 - (b) may include transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) Subsection (4) does not prevent the Secretary of State from laying a new alteration or replacement code before Parliament.
- (8) In this section “the 40-day period” means the period of 40 days beginning with the day on which the alteration or replacement code is laid before Parliament (or, if it is not laid before each House of Parliament on the same day, the later of the two days on which it is laid).
- (9) In calculating the 40-day period, no account is to be taken of any period during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days.
- (10) In this section “the powers of entry code” means the code of practice issued under section 48(2) (as altered or replaced from time to time).

Commencement Information

I54 S. 49 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(s\)](#)

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50 Publication of code

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish the code issued under section 48(2).
- (2) The Secretary of State must publish any replacement code issued under section 49(5).
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish—
 - (a) any alteration issued under section 49(5), or
 - (b) the code or replacement code as altered by it.

Commencement Information

I55 S. 50 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(t\)](#)

51 Effect of code

- (1) A relevant person must have regard to the powers of entry code when exercising any functions to which the code relates.
- (2) A failure on the part of any person to act in accordance with any provision of the powers of entry code does not of itself make that person liable to criminal or civil proceedings.
- (3) The powers of entry code is admissible in evidence in any such proceedings.
- (4) A court or tribunal may, in particular, take into account a failure by a relevant person to have regard to the powers of entry code in determining a question in any such proceedings.
- (5) In this section “relevant person” means any person specified or described by the Secretary of State in an order made by statutory instrument.
- (6) An order under subsection (5) may, in particular—
 - (a) restrict the specification or description of a person to that of the person when acting in a specified capacity or exercising specified or described functions,
 - (b) contain transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) So far as an order under subsection (5) contains a restriction of the kind mentioned in subsection (6)(a) in relation to a person, the duty in subsection (1) applies only to the person in that capacity or (as the case may be) only in relation to those functions.
- (8) Before making an order under subsection (5) in relation to any person or description of persons, the Secretary of State must consult such persons appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the views of the person or persons in relation to whom the order may be made as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (9) No instrument containing the first order under subsection (5) is to be made unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (10) Subject to this, an instrument containing an order under subsection (5) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (11) If a draft of an instrument containing the first order under subsection (5) would, apart from this subsection, be treated as a hybrid instrument for the purposes of the standing

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orders of either House of Parliament, it is to proceed in that House as if it were not a hybrid instrument.

Commencement Information

I56 S. 51 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(u\)](#)

52 Sections 47 to 51: interpretation

In sections 47 to 51—

“power of entry” and “associated power” have the meaning given by section 46,
 “the powers of entry code” has the meaning given by section 49(10).

Commencement Information

I57 S. 52 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(v\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

53 Corresponding code in relation to Welsh devolved powers of entry

Schedule 3 (which confers a power on the Welsh Ministers to issue a code of practice about Welsh devolved powers of entry and associated powers) has effect.

CHAPTER 2

VEHICLES LEFT ON LAND

Offence of immobilising etc. vehicles

54 Offence of immobilising etc. vehicles

- (1) A person commits an offence who, without lawful authority—
 - (a) immobilises a motor vehicle by the attachment to the vehicle, or a part of it, of an immobilising device, or
 - (b) moves, or restricts the movement of, such a vehicle by any means, intending to prevent or inhibit the removal of the vehicle by a person otherwise entitled to remove it.
- (2) The express or implied consent (whether or not legally binding) of a person otherwise entitled to remove the vehicle to the immobilisation, movement or restriction concerned is not lawful authority for the purposes of subsection (1).
- (3) But, where the restriction of the movement of the vehicle is by means of a fixed barrier and the barrier was present (whether or not lowered into place or otherwise restricting movement) when the vehicle was parked, any express or implied consent (whether or

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not legally binding) of the driver of the vehicle to the restriction is, for the purposes of subsection (1), lawful authority for the restriction.

- (4) A person who is entitled to remove a vehicle cannot commit an offence under this section in relation to that vehicle.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine,
 - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.
- (6) In this section “motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle or a vehicle designed or adapted for towing by a mechanically propelled vehicle.

Commencement Information

I58 S. 54 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

Alternative remedies in relation to vehicles left on land

55 Extension of powers to remove vehicles from land

- (1) Section 99 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (removal of vehicles illegally, obstructively or dangerously parked, or abandoned or broken down) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
 - (a) in paragraph (a), after “road” insert “ or other land ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b)—
 - (i) after “road”, where it appears for the first time, insert “ or other land ”, and
 - (ii) after “road”, where it appears for the second time, insert “ or land concerned ”,
 - (c) in paragraph (c) for “, or on any land in the open air,” substitute “ or other land ”, and
 - (d) at the end insert “ or other land ”.
- (3) In subsection (2)—
 - (a) in paragraph (a), after “road”, where it appears for the third time, insert “ or on land other than a road ”, and
 - (b) after paragraph (a), insert—
 - “(aa) may provide, in the case of a vehicle which may be removed from land other than a road, for the moving of the vehicle from one position on such land to another position on such land or on any road;”.

Commencement Information

I59 S. 55 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#)

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56 Recovery of unpaid parking charges

Schedule 4 (which makes provision for the recovery of unpaid parking charges from the keeper or hirer of a vehicle in certain circumstances) has effect.

Commencement Information

- I60** S. 56 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by [S.I. 2012/2499](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(2\)\(a\)](#)
I61 S. 56 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)

PART 4

COUNTER-TERRORISM POWERS

Pre-charge detention of terrorist suspects

57 Maximum detention period of 14 days

- (1) In paragraph 36(3)(b)(ii) of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (maximum period of pre-charge detention for terrorist suspects) for “28 days” substitute “ 14 days ”.
- (2) Omit section 25 of the Terrorism Act 2006 (which provides for the 28 day limit in paragraph 36(3)(b)(ii) of Schedule 8 to the Act of 2000 to be 14 days subject to a power to raise it to 28 days).

Commencement Information

- I62** S. 57 in force at 10.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 4\(a\)](#)

58 Emergency power for temporary extension and review of extensions

- (1) After Part 3 of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (extension of detention of terrorist suspects) insert—

“PART 4

EMERGENCY POWER WHEN PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED ETC. FOR TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR DETENTION UNDER SECTION 41

- 38 (1) The Secretary of State may make a temporary extension order if—
 - (a) either—
 - (i) Parliament is dissolved, or
 - (ii) Parliament has met after a dissolution but the first Queen's Speech of the Parliament has not yet taken place, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State considers that it is necessary by reason of urgency to make such an order.

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- (2) A temporary extension order is an order which provides, in relation to the period of three months beginning with the coming into force of the order, for paragraphs 36 and 37 to be read as if—
- (a) in paragraph 36(3)(b)(ii) for “14 days” there were substituted “28 days”, and
 - (b) the other modifications in sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) were made.
- (3) The other modifications of paragraph 36 are—
- (a) the insertion at the beginning of sub-paragraph (1) of “Subject to sub-paragraphs (1ZA) to (1ZI),”,
 - (b) the insertion, after sub-paragraph (1), of—
- “(1ZA) Sub-paragraph (1ZB) applies in relation to any proposed application under sub-paragraph (1) for the further extension of the period specified in a warrant of further detention where the grant (otherwise than in accordance with sub-paragraph (3AA) (b)) of the application would extend the specified period to a time that is more than 14 days after the relevant time.
- (1ZB) No person may make such an application—
- (a) in England and Wales, without the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions,
 - (b) in Scotland, without the consent of the Lord Advocate, and
 - (c) in Northern Ireland, without the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland,
- unless the person making the application is the person whose consent is required.
- (1ZC) The Director of Public Prosecutions must exercise personally any function under sub-paragraph (1ZB) of giving consent.
- (1ZD) The only exception is if—
- (a) the Director is unavailable, and
 - (b) there is another person who is designated in writing by the Director acting personally as the person who is authorised to exercise any such function when the Director is unavailable.
- (1ZE) In that case—
- (a) the other person may exercise the function but must do so personally, and
 - (b) the Director acting personally—
 - (i) must review the exercise of the function as soon as practicable, and
 - (ii) may revoke any consent given.
- (1ZF) Where the consent is so revoked after an application has been made or extension granted, the application is to be dismissed or (as the case may be) the extension is to be revoked.

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(1ZG) Sub-paragraphs (1ZC) to (1ZF) apply instead of any other provisions which would otherwise have enabled any function of the Director of Public Prosecutions under sub-paragraph (1ZB) of giving consent to be exercised by a person other than the Director.

(1ZH) The Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland must exercise personally any function under sub-paragraph (1ZB) of giving consent unless the function is exercised personally by the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland by virtue of section 30(4) or (7) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (powers of Deputy Director to exercise functions of Director).

(1ZI) Sub-paragraph (1ZH) applies instead of section 36 of the Act of 2002 (delegation of the functions of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland to persons other than the Deputy Director) in relation to the functions of the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland and the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland under, or (as the case may be) by virtue of, sub-paragraph (1ZB) above of giving consent.”,

(c) the substitution, for “a judicial authority” in sub-paragraph (1A), of “—

- “(a) in the case of an application falling within sub-paragraph (1B), a judicial authority; and
- (b) in any other case, a senior judge”,

(d) the insertion, after sub-paragraph (1A), of—

“(1B) An application for the extension or further extension of a period falls within this sub-paragraph if—

- (a) the grant of the application otherwise than in accordance with sub-paragraph (3AA)(b) would extend that period to a time that is no more than 14 days after the relevant time; and
- (b) no application has previously been made to a senior judge in respect of that period.”,

(e) the insertion, after “judicial authority” in both places in sub-paragraph (3AA) where it appears, of “or senior judge”,

(f) the insertion, after “detention” in sub-paragraph (4), of

“but, in relation to an application made by virtue of sub-paragraph (1A)(b) to a senior judge, as if—

- (a) references to a judicial authority were references to a senior judge; and
- (b) references to the judicial authority in question were references to the senior judge in question”,

(g) the insertion, after “judicial authority” in sub-paragraph (5), of “or senior judge”, and

(h) the insertion, after sub-paragraph (6), of—

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“(7) In this paragraph and paragraph 37 “senior judge” means a judge of the High Court or of the High Court of Justiciary.”

(4) The modification of paragraph 37 is the insertion, in sub-paragraph (2), after “judicial authority”, of “or senior judge”.

(5) A temporary extension order applies, except so far as it provides otherwise, to any person who is being detained under section 41 when the order comes into force (as well as any person who is subsequently detained under that section).

(6) The Secretary of State may by order revoke a temporary extension order if the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to do so (whether or not the conditions mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-paragraph (1) are met).

(7) Sub-paragraph (8) applies if—

(a) any of the following events occurs—

- (i) the revocation without replacement of a temporary extension order,
- (ii) the expiry of the period of three months mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) in relation to such an order,
- (iii) the ceasing to have effect of such an order by virtue of section 123(6B) and (6C), and

(b) at that time—

- (i) a person is being detained by virtue of a further extension under paragraph 36,
- (ii) the person's further detention was authorised by virtue of the temporary extension order concerned (before its revocation, expiry or ceasing to have effect) for a period ending more than 14 days after the relevant time (within the meaning given by paragraph 36(3B)),
- (iii) that 14 days has expired, and
- (iv) the person's detention is not otherwise authorised by law.

(8) The person with custody of that individual must release the individual immediately.

(9) Subject to sub-paragraphs (7) and (8), the fact that—

- (a) a temporary extension order is revoked,
- (b) the period of three months mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) has expired in relation to such an order, or
- (c) such an order ceases to have effect by virtue of section 123(6B) and (6C),

is without prejudice to anything previously done by virtue of the order or to the making of a new order.”

(2) After section 123(6) of that Act (orders and regulations under the Act) insert—

“(6A) As soon as practicable after making an order under paragraph 38 of Schedule 8, the Secretary of State must lay a copy of the order before each House of Parliament.

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- (6B) An order under paragraph 38 of Schedule 8 is to cease to have effect at the end of the period of 20 days beginning with the day on which the Secretary of State makes the order, unless a resolution approving the order is passed by each House of Parliament during that period.
- (6C) For the purposes of subsection (6B) the period of 20 days is to be computed in accordance with section 7(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946.
- (6D) Subsections (6B) and (6C) do not apply to an order under paragraph 38 of Schedule 8 which revokes an order under that paragraph.”
- (3) After section 36(4) of the Terrorism Act 2006 (review of terrorism legislation) insert—
- “(4A) The person appointed under subsection (1) must ensure that a review is carried out (whether by that person or another person) into any case where the period specified in a warrant of further detention issued under Part 3 of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (extension of detention of terrorist suspects) is further extended by virtue of paragraph 36 of that Schedule to a time that is more than 14 days after the relevant time (within the meaning of that paragraph).
- (4B) The person appointed under subsection (1) must ensure that a report on the outcome of the review is sent to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable after the completion of the review.”

Commencement Information

I63 S. 58 in force at 10.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 4\(b\)](#)

Stop and search powers: general

59 Repeal of existing stop and search powers

Omit sections 44 to 47 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (power to stop and search).

Commencement Information

I64 S. 59 in force at 10.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 4\(c\)](#)

60 Replacement powers to stop and search persons and vehicles

- (1) Omit section 43(3) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (requirement for searches of persons to be carried out by someone of the same sex).
- (2) After section 43(4) of that Act insert—
- “(4A) Subsection (4B) applies if a constable, in exercising the power under subsection (1) to stop a person whom the constable reasonably suspects to be a terrorist, stops a vehicle (see section 116(2)).
- (4B) The constable—

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- (a) may search the vehicle and anything in or on it to discover whether there is anything which may constitute evidence that the person concerned is a terrorist, and
 - (b) may seize and retain anything which the constable—
 - (i) discovers in the course of such a search, and
 - (ii) reasonably suspects may constitute evidence that the person is a terrorist.
- (4C) Nothing in subsection (4B) confers a power to search any person but the power to search in that subsection is in addition to the power in subsection (1) to search a person whom the constable reasonably suspects to be a terrorist.”
- (3) After section 43 of that Act insert—

“43A Search of vehicles

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if a constable reasonably suspects that a vehicle is being used for the purposes of terrorism.
- (2) The constable may stop and search—
 - (a) the vehicle;
 - (b) the driver of the vehicle;
 - (c) a passenger in the vehicle;
 - (d) anything in or on the vehicle or carried by the driver or a passenger;
 to discover whether there is anything which may constitute evidence that the vehicle is being used for the purposes of terrorism.
- (3) A constable may seize and retain anything which the constable—
 - (a) discovers in the course of a search under this section, and
 - (b) reasonably suspects may constitute evidence that the vehicle is being used for the purposes of terrorism.
- (4) A person who has the powers of a constable in one Part of the United Kingdom may exercise a power under this section in any Part of the United Kingdom.
- (5) In this section “driver”, in relation to an aircraft, hovercraft or vessel, means the captain, pilot or other person with control of the aircraft, hovercraft or vessel or any member of its crew and, in relation to a train, includes any member of its crew.”

Commencement Information

I65 S. 60 in force at 10.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 4\(d\)](#)

61 Replacement powers to stop and search in specified locations

- (1) Before section 48 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (and the italic cross-heading before it) insert—

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“Powers to stop and search in specified locations

47A Searches in specified areas or places

- (1) A senior police officer may give an authorisation under subsection (2) or (3) in relation to a specified area or place if the officer—
 - (a) reasonably suspects that an act of terrorism will take place; and
 - (b) reasonably considers that—
 - (i) the authorisation is necessary to prevent such an act;
 - (ii) the specified area or place is no greater than is necessary to prevent such an act; and
 - (iii) the duration of the authorisation is no longer than is necessary to prevent such an act.
- (2) An authorisation under this subsection authorises any constable in uniform to stop a vehicle in the specified area or place and to search—
 - (a) the vehicle;
 - (b) the driver of the vehicle;
 - (c) a passenger in the vehicle;
 - (d) anything in or on the vehicle or carried by the driver or a passenger.
- (3) An authorisation under this subsection authorises any constable in uniform to stop a pedestrian in the specified area or place and to search—
 - (a) the pedestrian;
 - (b) anything carried by the pedestrian.
- (4) A constable in uniform may exercise the power conferred by an authorisation under subsection (2) or (3) only for the purpose of discovering whether there is anything which may constitute evidence that the vehicle concerned is being used for the purposes of terrorism or (as the case may be) that the person concerned is a person falling within section 40(1)(b).
- (5) But the power conferred by such an authorisation may be exercised whether or not the constable reasonably suspects that there is such evidence.
- (6) A constable may seize and retain anything which the constable—
 - (a) discovers in the course of a search under such an authorisation; and
 - (b) reasonably suspects may constitute evidence that the vehicle concerned is being used for the purposes of terrorism or (as the case may be) that the person concerned is a person falling within section 40(1)(b).
- (7) Schedule 6B (which makes supplementary provision about authorisations under this section) has effect.
- (8) In this section—

“driver” has the meaning given by section 43A(5);

“senior police officer” has the same meaning as in Schedule 6B (see paragraph 14(1) and (2) of that Schedule);

“specified” means specified in an authorisation.”

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- (2) Schedule 5 (which inserts a new Schedule making supplementary provision about powers to stop and search in specified locations into the Terrorism Act 2000) has effect.

Commencement Information

I66 S. 61 in force at 10.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 4\(e\)](#)

62 Code of practice

After section 47A of the Terrorism Act 2000 (for which see section 61) insert—

“Code of practice relating to sections 43, 43A and 47A

47AA Code of practice relating to sections 43, 43A and 47A

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare a code of practice containing guidance about—
- (a) the exercise of the powers conferred by sections 43 and 43A,
 - (b) the exercise of the powers to give an authorisation under section 47A(2) or (3),
 - (c) the exercise of the powers conferred by such an authorisation and section 47A(6), and
 - (d) such other matters in connection with the exercise of any of the powers mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (2) Such a code may make different provision for different purposes.
- (3) In the course of preparing such a code, the Secretary of State must consult the Lord Advocate and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

47AB Issuing of code

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament—
- (a) a code of practice prepared under section 47AA, and
 - (b) a draft of an order providing for the code to come into force.
- (2) The Secretary of State must make the order and issue the code if the draft of the order is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (3) The Secretary of State must not make the order or issue the code unless the draft of the order is so approved.
- (4) The Secretary of State must prepare another code of practice under section 47AA if—
- (a) the draft of the order is not so approved, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State considers that there is no realistic prospect that it will be so approved.

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- (5) A code comes into force in accordance with an order under this section.

47AC Alteration or replacement of code

- (1) The Secretary of State—
- (a) must keep the search powers code under review, and
 - (b) may prepare an alteration to the code or a replacement code.
- (2) Before preparing an alteration or a replacement code, the Secretary of State must consult the Lord Advocate and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) Section 47AB (other than subsection (4)) applies to an alteration or a replacement code prepared under this section as it applies to a code prepared under section 47AA.
- (4) In this section “the search powers code” means the code of practice issued under section 47AB (2) (as altered or replaced from time to time).

47AD Publication of code

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish the code (and any replacement code) issued under section 47AB (2).
- (2) The Secretary of State must publish—
- (a) any alteration issued under section 47AB (2), or
 - (b) the code or replacement code as altered by it.

47AE Effect of code

- (1) A constable must have regard to the search powers code when exercising any powers to which the code relates.
- (2) A failure on the part of a constable to act in accordance with any provision of the search powers code does not of itself make that person liable to criminal or civil proceedings.
- (3) The search powers code is admissible in evidence in any such proceedings.
- (4) A court or tribunal may, in particular, take into account a failure by a constable to have regard to the search powers code in determining a question in any such proceedings.
- (5) The references in this section to a constable include, in relation to any functions exercisable by a person by virtue of paragraph 15 of Schedule 4 to the Police Reform Act 2002 or paragraph 16 of Schedule 2A to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (search powers in specified areas or places for community support officers), references to that person.
- (6) In this section “the search powers code” means the code of practice issued under section 47AB (2) (as altered or replaced from time to time).”

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I67 S. 62 in force at 9.5.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 2](#)

Stop and search powers: Northern Ireland

63 Stop and search powers in relation to Northern Ireland

Schedule 6 (which makes amendments relating to stop and search powers in Northern Ireland) has effect.

Commencement Information

I68 S. 63 in force at 10.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 4\(f\)](#)

PART 5

SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE GROUPS, CRIMINAL RECORDS ETC.

CHAPTER 1

SAFEGUARDING OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

Restrictions on scope of regulation: England and Wales

64 Restriction of scope of regulated activities: children

- (1) Parts 1 and 3 of Schedule 4 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (regulated activity relating to children and the period condition) are amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1(1)(b) (frequency and period condition for regulated activity), at the beginning, insert “ except in the case of activities falling within sub-paragraph (1A), ”.
- (3) After paragraph 1(1) insert—
 - “(1A) The following activities fall within this sub-paragraph—
 - (a) relevant personal care, and
 - (b) health care provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a health care professional.
 - (1B) In this Part of this Schedule “relevant personal care” means—
 - (a) physical assistance which is given to a child who is in need of it by reason of illness or disability and is given in connection with eating or drinking (including the administration of parenteral nutrition),
 - (b) physical assistance which is given to a child who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability and is given in connection with—
 - (i) toileting (including in relation to the process of menstruation),

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- (ii) washing or bathing, or
- (iii) dressing,
- (c) the prompting (together with supervision) of a child, who is in need of it by reason of illness or disability, in relation to the performance of the activity of eating or drinking where the child is unable to make a decision in relation to performing such an activity without such prompting and supervision,
- (d) the prompting (together with supervision) of a child, who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability, in relation to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (b)(i) to (iii) where the child is unable to make a decision in relation to performing such an activity without such prompting and supervision,
- (e) any form of training, instruction, advice or guidance which—
 - (i) relates to the performance of the activity of eating or drinking,
 - (ii) is given to a child who is in need of it by reason of illness or disability, and
 - (iii) does not fall within paragraph (c), or
- (f) any form of training, instruction, advice or guidance which—
 - (i) relates to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (b)(i) to (iii),
 - (ii) is given to a child who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability, and
 - (iii) does not fall within paragraph (d).

(1C) In this Part of this Schedule —

“health care” includes all forms of health care provided for children, whether relating to physical or mental health and also includes palliative care for children and procedures that are similar to forms of medical or surgical care but are not provided for children in connection with a medical condition,

“health care professional” means a person who is a member of a profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.

(1D) Any reference in this Part of this Schedule to health care provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a health care professional includes a reference to first aid provided to a child by any person acting on behalf of an organisation established for the purpose of providing first aid.”

(4) In paragraph 1(2)(c) (work activities at certain establishments to be regulated activity) for “any form of work (whether or not for gain)” substitute “ any work falling within sub-paragraph (2A) or (2B) ”.

(5) After paragraph 1(2) insert—

“(2A) Work falls within this sub-paragraph if it is any form of work for gain, other than any such work which—

- (a) is undertaken in pursuance of a contract for the provision of occasional or temporary services, and
- (b) is not an activity mentioned in paragraph 2(1) (disregarding paragraph 2(3A) and (3B)(b)).

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- (2B) Work falls within this sub-paragraph if it is any form of work which is not for gain, other than—
- (a) any such work which—
 - (i) is carried out on a temporary or occasional basis, and
 - (ii) is not an activity mentioned in paragraph 2(1) (disregarding paragraph 2(3A) and (3B)(b)), or
 - (b) any such work which is, on a regular basis, subject to the day to day supervision of another person who is engaging in regulated activity relating to children.
- (2C) The reference in subsection (2B)(b) to day to day supervision is a reference to such day to day supervision as is reasonable in all the circumstances for the purpose of protecting any children concerned.”
- (6) Also in paragraph 1—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (7) (meaning of “acting as a child minder”) for “section 79A of that Act” substitute “ section 19 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 ”,
 - (b) omit sub-paragraph (8) (exercise of functions of certain persons to be regulated activity),
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (9) (exercise of functions of persons mentioned in paragraph 4(1) to be regulated activity) for “a person mentioned in paragraph 4(1)” substitute “ the Children's Commissioner for Wales or the deputy Children's Commissioner for Wales ”,
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (9B) (exercise of certain inspection etc. functions to be regulated activity)—
 - (i) omit paragraph (a),
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) for “section 79U(3) of the Children Act 1989” substitute “ section 41 or 42 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 ”,
 - (iii) in paragraph (c) after “taken” insert “ in relation to Wales ” and for “that Act” substitute “ the Children Act 1989 ”,
 - (iv) in paragraph (d) after “inspection”, where it first appears, insert “ in Wales ”,
 - (v) in paragraph (e) after “taken” insert “ in relation to Wales ”,
 - (vi) in paragraph (f) omit “18B or”,
 - (vii) in paragraph (h), after “inspection”, where it first appears, insert “ in Wales ”,
 - (viii) in paragraph (m) omit “48 or”,
 - (ix) in paragraph (n) after “inspection” insert “ in Wales ”, and
 - (x) omit paragraphs (p) to (t),
 - (e) in sub-paragraph (10) (inspectors) omit paragraphs (a), (ba), (d) and (e),
 - (f) omit sub-paragraph (12A) (accessing certain databases to be regulated activity),
 - (g) omit sub-paragraph (13A) (exercise of certain functions of Care Quality Commission to be regulated activity),
 - (h) in sub-paragraph (14) (day to day management or supervision of a person carrying out regulated activity to be regulated activity) for “(8), (9C), (11) or (13A)” substitute “ (9A), (9C) or (11) ”, and

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(i) after sub-paragraph (14) insert—

“(15) Any activity which consists in or involves on a regular basis the day to day management or supervision of a person who would be carrying out an activity mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) or (2) but for the exclusion for supervised activity in paragraph 2(3A) or (3B) (b) or sub-paragraph (2B)(b) above is a regulated activity relating to children.”

(7) In paragraph 2 (activities referred to in paragraph 1(1))—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) omit paragraph (d) (treatment and therapy provided for a child),
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)—
 - (i) for “, (c) and (d)” substitute “ and (c) ”, and
 - (ii) omit paragraph (d), and
- (c) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) Sub-paragraph (1)(a) does not include any form of teaching, training or instruction of children which is, on a regular basis, subject to the day to day supervision of another person who is engaging in regulated activity relating to children.

(3B) Sub-paragraph (1)(b)—

- (a) does not include any health care provided otherwise than by (or under the direction or supervision of) a health care professional, and
- (b) does not, except in the case of relevant personal care or of health care provided by (or under the direction or supervision of) a health care professional, include any form of care for or supervision of children which is, on a regular basis, subject to the day to day supervision of another person who is engaging in regulated activity relating to children.

(3C) The references in subsections (3A) and (3B)(b) to day to day supervision are references to such day to day supervision as is reasonable in all the circumstances for the purpose of protecting any children concerned.

(3D) Sub-paragraph (1)(c) does not include any legal advice.”

(8) In paragraph 3(1) (list of establishments referred to in paragraph 1(2) and (9C)) omit paragraph (c).

(9) Omit paragraph 4 (list of persons referred to in paragraph 1(9)).

(10) In paragraph 10(2) (the period condition) for “, (c) or (d)” substitute “ or (c) ”.

Commencement Information

I69 S. 64 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with [art. 4](#))

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65 Restriction of definition of vulnerable adults

- (1) Omit section 59 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (definition of vulnerable adults).
- (2) In section 60(1) of that Act (interpretation of Act)—
 - (a) after “In this Act—” insert—

““adult” means a person who has attained the age of 18;”, and”
 - (b) in the definition of “vulnerable adult”, for the words “must be construed in accordance with section 59” substitute “ means any adult to whom an activity which is a regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults by virtue of any paragraph of paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 4 is provided ”.

Commencement Information

I70 S. 65 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(b)** (with [art. 4](#))

66 Restriction of scope of regulated activities: vulnerable adults

- (1) Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 4 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults and the period condition) are amended as follows.
- (2) For paragraph 7(1) to (3) (main activities which are regulated activity) substitute—
 - “(1) Each of the following is a regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults—
 - (a) the provision to an adult of health care by, or under the direction or supervision of, a health care professional,
 - (b) the provision to an adult of relevant personal care,
 - (c) the provision by a social care worker of relevant social work to an adult who is a client or potential client,
 - (d) the provision of assistance in relation to general household matters to an adult who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability,
 - (e) any relevant assistance in the conduct of an adult's own affairs,
 - (f) the conveying by persons of a prescribed description in such circumstances as may be prescribed of adults who need to be conveyed by reason of age, illness or disability,
 - (g) such activities—
 - (i) involving, or connected with, the provision of health care or relevant personal care to adults, and
 - (ii) not falling within any of the above paragraphs,as are of a prescribed description.
 - (2) Health care includes all forms of health care provided for individuals, whether relating to physical or mental health and also includes palliative care and procedures that are similar to forms of medical or surgical care but are not provided in connection with a medical condition.

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- (3) A health care professional is a person who is a member of a profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.
- (3A) Any reference in this Part of this Schedule to health care provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a health care professional includes a reference to first aid provided to an adult by any person acting on behalf of an organisation established for the purpose of providing first aid.
- (3B) Relevant personal care means—
- (a) physical assistance, given to a person who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability, in connection with—
 - (i) eating or drinking (including the administration of parenteral nutrition),
 - (ii) toileting (including in relation to the process of menstruation),
 - (iii) washing or bathing,
 - (iv) dressing,
 - (v) oral care, or
 - (vi) the care of skin, hair or nails,
 - (b) the prompting, together with supervision, of a person who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability in relation to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (a) where the person is unable to make a decision in relation to performing such an activity without such prompting and supervision, or
 - (c) any form of training, instruction, advice or guidance which—
 - (i) relates to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (a),
 - (ii) is given to a person who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability, and
 - (iii) does not fall within paragraph (b).
- (3C) Relevant social work has the meaning given by section 55(4) of the Care Standards Act 2000 and social care worker means a person who is a social care worker by virtue of section 55(2)(a) of that Act.
- (3D) Assistance in relation to general household matters is day to day assistance in relation to the running of the household of the person concerned where the assistance is the carrying out of one or more of the following activities on behalf of that person—
- (a) managing the person's cash,
 - (b) paying the person's bills,
 - (c) shopping.
- (3E) Relevant assistance in the conduct of a person's own affairs is anything done on behalf of the person by virtue of—
- (a) a lasting power of attorney created in respect of the person in accordance with section 9 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005,
 - (b) an enduring power of attorney (within the meaning of Schedule 4 to that Act) in respect of the person which is—
 - (i) registered in accordance with that Schedule, or

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- (ii) the subject of an application to be so registered,
 - (c) an order made under section 16 of that Act by the Court of Protection in relation to the making of decisions on the person's behalf,
 - (d) the appointment of an independent mental health advocate or (as the case may be) an independent mental capacity advocate in respect of the person in pursuance of arrangements under section 130A of the Mental Health Act 1983 or section 35 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005,
 - (e) the provision of independent advocacy services (within the meaning of section 248 of the National Health Service Act 2006 or section 187 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006) in respect of the person, or
 - (f) the appointment of a representative to receive payments on behalf of the person in pursuance of regulations made under the Social Security Administration Act 1992.”
- (3) Omit paragraph 7(4) (certain activities in care homes to be regulated activity).
- (4) In paragraph 7(5) (day to day management or supervision of certain activities to be regulated activity) omit “or (4)”.
- (5) In paragraph 7(7)(f) (inspection functions) omit “English local authority social services or”.
- (6) Omit paragraph 7(8A) (certain functions of Care Quality Commission to be regulated activity).
- (7) In paragraph 7(9) (functions of certain persons to be regulated activity) for “a person mentioned in paragraph 8(1)” substitute “the Commissioner for older people in Wales or the deputy Commissioner for older people in Wales”.
- (8) Omit paragraph 8 (the persons referred to in paragraph 7(9) whose functions are to be regulated activity).
- (9) In paragraph 10(2) (the period condition)—
- (a) omit “or 7(1)(a), (b), (c), (d) or (g)”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (b), omit “or vulnerable adults (as the case may be)”.

Commencement Information

I71 S. 66 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

67 Alteration of test for barring decisions

- (1) For sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (automatic inclusion of person to whom paragraph applies in children's barred list) substitute—

“(2) If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that this paragraph might apply to a person, the Secretary of State must refer the matter to ISA.

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- (3) If (whether or not on a reference under sub-paragraph (2)) ISA is satisfied that this paragraph applies to a person, it must include the person in the children's barred list.”
- (2) For sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) of paragraph 2 of that Schedule to that Act (inclusion of person to whom paragraph applies in children's barred list with right to make representation afterwards) substitute—
- “(2) If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that—
- (a) this paragraph might apply to a person, and
 - (b) the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,
- the Secretary of State must refer the matter to ISA.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (4) applies if (whether or not on a reference under sub-paragraph (2)) it appears to ISA that—
- (a) this paragraph applies to a person, and
 - (b) the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children.
- (4) ISA must give the person the opportunity to make representations as to why the person should not be included in the children's barred list.
- (5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies if—
- (a) the person does not make representations before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose, or
 - (b) the duty in sub-paragraph (4) does not apply by virtue of paragraph 16(2).
- (6) If ISA—
- (a) is satisfied that this paragraph applies to the person, and
 - (b) has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,
- it must include the person in the list.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (8) applies if the person makes representations before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose.
- (8) If ISA—
- (a) is satisfied that this paragraph applies to the person,
 - (b) has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children, and
 - (c) is satisfied that it is appropriate to include the person in the children's barred list,
- it must include the person in the list.”
- (3) In paragraph 3 of that Schedule to that Act (inclusion in children's barred list on behaviour grounds)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for the words from “has” to “conduct,” substitute “—
 - (i) has (at any time) engaged in relevant conduct, and
 - (ii) is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,”

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- (b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (a) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—
 - “(aa) it has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,” and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for “appears to ISA” substitute “is satisfied”.
- (4) In paragraph 5 of that Schedule to that Act (inclusion in children's barred list because of risk of harm)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for “falls within sub-paragraph (4)” substitute “—
 - (i) falls within sub-paragraph (4), and
 - (ii) is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (a) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—
 - “(aa) it has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,” and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for “appears to ISA” substitute “is satisfied”.
- (5) For sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 7 of that Schedule to that Act (automatic inclusion of person to whom paragraph applies in adults' barred list) substitute—
- “(2) If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that this paragraph might apply to a person, the Secretary of State must refer the matter to ISA.
 - (3) If (whether or not on a reference under sub-paragraph (2)) ISA is satisfied that this paragraph applies to a person, it must include the person in the adults' barred list.”
- (6) For sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) of paragraph 8 of that Schedule to that Act (inclusion of person to whom paragraph applies in adults' barred list with right to make representation afterwards) substitute—
- “(2) If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that—
 - (a) this paragraph might apply to a person, and
 - (b) the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,
 the Secretary of State must refer the matter to ISA.
 - (3) Sub-paragraph (4) applies if (whether or not on a reference under sub-paragraph (2)) it appears to ISA that—
 - (a) this paragraph applies to a person, and
 - (b) the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults.
 - (4) ISA must give the person the opportunity to make representations as to why the person should not be included in the adults' barred list.
 - (5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies if—
 - (a) the person does not make representations before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose, or

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- (b) the duty in sub-paragraph (4) does not apply by virtue of paragraph 16(2).
- (6) If ISA—
- (a) is satisfied that this paragraph applies to the person, and
 - (b) has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,
- it must include the person in the list.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (8) applies if the person makes representations before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose.
- (8) If ISA—
- (a) is satisfied that this paragraph applies to the person,
 - (b) has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults, and
 - (c) is satisfied that it is appropriate to include the person in the adults' barred list,
- it must include the person in the list.”
- (7) In paragraph 9 of that Schedule to that Act (inclusion in adults' barred list on behaviour grounds)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for the words from “has” to “conduct,” substitute “—
 - (i) has (at any time) engaged in relevant conduct, and
 - (ii) is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,”
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (a) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—
 - “(aa) it has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,” and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for “appears to ISA” substitute “ is satisfied ”.
- (8) In paragraph 11 of that Schedule to that Act (inclusion in adults' barred list because of risk of harm)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for “falls within sub-paragraph (4)” substitute “—
 - (i) falls within sub-paragraph (4), and
 - (ii) is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults”,
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (a) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—
 - “(aa) it has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,” and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for “appears to ISA” substitute “ is satisfied ”.

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Commencement Information

- I72** S. 67 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(d)** (with [arts. 6-16](#)) (as amended (31.3.2014) by [S.I. 2014/831](#), art. 2(2))

Abolition of other areas of regulation: England and Wales

68 Abolition of controlled activity

Omit sections 21 to 23 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (controlled activity).

Commencement Information

- I73** S. 68 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(e)**

69 Abolition of monitoring

Omit sections 24 to 27 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (monitoring).

Commencement Information

- I74** S. 69 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(f)**

Main amendments relating to new arrangements: England and Wales

70 Information for purposes of making barring decisions

- (1) In paragraph 19 of Schedule 3 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (information required by ISA about persons to whom grounds for barring apply)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a) after “applies” insert “ or appears to apply ”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) for “apply” substitute “ applies or appears to apply ”, and
 - (iii) omit paragraph (d),
 - (b) in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) for “thinks might” substitute “ reasonably believes to ”, and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (6)—
 - (i) omit the words from “which” to “it is”, and
 - (ii) omit “or paragraph 20(2)”.
- (2) In paragraph 20 of that Schedule to that Act (provision of information by Secretary of State to ISA) for sub-paragraph (2) substitute—

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“(2) Where the Secretary of State is under a duty under paragraph 1, 2, 7 or 8 to refer a matter to ISA, the Secretary of State must provide to ISA any prescribed details of relevant matter (within the meaning of section 113A of the Police Act 1997) of a prescribed description which has been made available to the Secretary of State for the purposes of Part 5 of that Act.”

Commencement Information

I75 S. 70 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(g)**

71 Review of barring decisions

After paragraph 18 of Schedule 3 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (power to apply for review of a person's inclusion in a barred list) insert—

“18A (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if a person's inclusion in a barred list is not subject to—

- (a) a review under paragraph 18, or
- (b) an application under that paragraph, which has not yet been determined.

(2) ISA may, at any time, review the person's inclusion in the list.

(3) On any such review, ISA may remove the person from the list if, and only if, it is satisfied that, in the light of—

- (a) information which it did not have at the time of the person's inclusion in the list,
- (b) any change of circumstances relating to the person concerned, or
- (c) any error by ISA,

it is not appropriate for the person to be included in the list.”

Commencement Information

I76 S. 71 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(h)**

72 Information about barring decisions

(1) For sections 30 to 32 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (provision of vetting information and information about cessation of monitoring) substitute—

“30A Provision of barring information on request

(1) The Secretary of State must provide a person (A) with the information mentioned in subsection (3) in relation to another (B) if—

- (a) A makes an application for the information and pays any fee payable in respect of the application,

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- (b) the application contains the appropriate declaration, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State has no reason to believe that the declaration is false.
- (2) The appropriate declaration is a declaration by A—
 - (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 7 in relation to B,
 - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
 - (c) that B has consented to the provision of the information to A.
- (3) The information is—
 - (a) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to children, whether B is barred from regulated activity relating to children, and
 - (b) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to vulnerable adults, whether B is barred from regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults.
- (4) If B consents to the provision of information to A in relation to an application under this section, the consent also has effect in relation to any subsequent such application by A.
- (5) The Secretary of State may prescribe any fee payable in respect of an application under this section.
- (6) Fees received by the Secretary of State by virtue of this section must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
- (7) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this section (including the form and manner of a declaration contained in such an application).

30B Provision of barring information on registration

- (1) The Secretary of State must establish and maintain a register for the purposes of this section.
- (2) The Secretary of State must register a person (A) in relation to another (B) if—
 - (a) A makes an application to be registered in relation to B and pays any fee payable in respect of the application,
 - (b) the application contains the appropriate declaration, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State has no reason to believe that the declaration is false.
- (3) The appropriate declaration is a declaration by A—
 - (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 7 in relation to B,
 - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
 - (c) that B has consented to the application.
- (4) A's application and registration relate—
 - (a) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to children, to regulated activity relating to children;

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- (b) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to vulnerable adults, to regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults.
 - (5) The Secretary of State must notify A if B is barred from regulated activity to which A's registration relates.
 - (6) The requirement under subsection (5) is satisfied if notification is sent to any address recorded against A's name in the register.
 - (7) If B consents to the provision of information to A under section 30A, the consent also has effect as consent to any application by A to be registered in relation to B under this section.
 - (8) The Secretary of State may prescribe any fee payable in respect of an application under this section.
 - (9) Fees received by the Secretary of State by virtue of this section must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
 - (10) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this section (including the form and manner of a declaration contained in such an application).”
- (2) In section 33 of that Act (cessation of registration)—
- (a) in subsection (1) for “32” substitute “ 30B ”,
 - (b) in subsection (2) for “(6)” substitute “ (5) ”, and
 - (c) after subsection (3) insert—
 - “(3A) Circumstances prescribed by virtue of subsection (3) may, in particular, include that—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has asked the registered person (A) to make a renewed declaration within the prescribed period in relation to the person (B) in relation to whom A is registered, and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) A has failed to make the declaration within that period, or
 - (ii) A has made the declaration within that period but the Secretary of State has reason to believe that it is false.
 - (3B) A renewed declaration is a declaration by A—
 - (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 7 in relation to B,
 - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
 - (c) that B consents to the registration of A in relation to B.
 - (3C) If B consents to the provision of information to A under section 30A, the consent also has effect as consent to the registration of A in relation to B.
 - (3D) Section 34 applies in relation to the making of a declaration in response to a request from the Secretary of State of the kind mentioned in subsection (3A)(a) as it applies in relation to the

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making of a declaration in an application made for the purposes of section 30B.”

- (3) In section 34 of that Act (declarations under sections 30 and 32)—
 - (a) in the heading for “30 and 32” substitute “ 30A and 30B ”, and
 - (b) in subsection (1) for “30 or 32” substitute “ 30A or 30B ”.
- (4) Omit entry 19 in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to that Act (power to add entries to the table).
- (5) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 to that Act (power to amend entries in the table) for the words from “any” to the end substitute “ this Schedule ”.
- (6) Omit paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 7 to that Act (barring information where certain activities carried on for the purposes of the armed forces of the Crown) and the word “or” before it.

Commencement Information

I77 S. 72(4)-(6) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

73 Duty to check whether person barred

After section 34 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (declarations relating to the provision of barring information) insert—

“34ZA Duty to check whether person barred

- (1) A regulated activity provider who is considering whether to permit an individual (B) to engage in regulated activity relating to children or vulnerable adults must ascertain that B is not barred from the activity concerned before permitting B to engage in it.
- (2) A personnel supplier who—
 - (a) is considering whether to supply an individual (B) to another (P), and
 - (b) knows, or has reason to believe, that P will make arrangements for B (if supplied) to engage in regulated activity relating to children or vulnerable adults,must ascertain that B is not barred from the activity concerned before supplying B to P.
- (3) A person is, in particular, to be treated as having met the duty in subsection (1) or (2) if condition 1, 2 or 3 is met.
- (4) Condition 1 is that the person has, within the prescribed period, been informed under section 30A that B is not barred from the activity concerned.
- (5) Condition 2 is that—

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- (a) the person has, within the prescribed period, checked a relevant enhanced criminal record certificate of B which has been obtained within that period, and
 - (b) the certificate does not show that B is barred from the activity concerned.
- (6) Condition 3 is that—
- (a) the person has, within the prescribed period, checked—
 - (i) a relevant enhanced criminal record certificate of B, and
 - (ii) up-date information given, within that period, under section 116A of the Police Act 1997 in relation to the certificate,
 - (b) the certificate does not show that B is barred from the activity concerned, and
 - (c) the up-date information is not advice to request B to apply for a new enhanced criminal record certificate.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for—
- (a) the duty under subsection (1) not to apply in relation to persons of a prescribed description,
 - (b) the duty under subsection (2) not to apply in relation to persons of a prescribed description.
- (8) In this section—
- “enhanced criminal record certificate” means an enhanced criminal record certificate issued under section 113B of the Police Act 1997,
- “relevant enhanced criminal record certificate” means—
- (a) in the case of regulated activity relating to children, an enhanced criminal record certificate which includes, by virtue of section 113BA of the Police Act 1997, suitability information relating to children, and
 - (b) in the case of regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults, an enhanced criminal record certificate which includes, by virtue of section 113BB of that Act, suitability information relating to vulnerable adults.”

PROSPECTIVE

74 Restrictions on duplication with Scottish and Northern Ireland barred lists

- (1) Before paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (restriction on inclusion in children's barred list for Scottish cases), and after the italic cross-heading before that paragraph, insert—

- “5A (1) ISA must not include a person in the children's barred list if ISA knows that the person is included in a corresponding list.
- (2) ISA must remove a person from the children's barred list if ISA knows that the person is included in a corresponding list.

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- (3) A corresponding list is a list maintained under the law of Scotland or Northern Ireland which the Secretary of State specifies by order as corresponding to the children's barred list.”
- (2) In paragraph 6(1)(a) of that Schedule to that Act—
- (a) after “if” insert “ ISA knows that ”,
 - (b) after “authority” insert “—
(i)”,
and
 - (c) for the words from “(whether” to “list)” substitute “, and
(ii) has decided not to include the person in the list”.
- (3) Before paragraph 12 of that Schedule to that Act (restriction on inclusion in adults' barred list for Scottish cases), and after the italic cross-heading before that paragraph, insert—
- “11A (1) ISA must not include a person in the adults' barred list if ISA knows that the person is included in a corresponding list.
- (2) ISA must remove a person from the adults' barred list if ISA knows that the person is included in a corresponding list.
- (3) A corresponding list is a list maintained under the law of Scotland or Northern Ireland which the Secretary of State specifies by order as corresponding to the adults' barred list.”
- (4) In paragraph 12(1)(a) of that Schedule to that Act—
- (a) after “if” insert “ ISA knows that ”,
 - (b) after “authority” insert “—
(i)”,
and
 - (c) for the words from “(whether” to “list)” substitute “, and
(ii) has decided not to include the person in the list”.

Other amendments relating to new arrangements: England and Wales

75 Professional bodies

- (1) In section 41 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (registers: duty to refer)
- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) for “must” substitute “ may ”, and
 - (ii) omit “prescribed”,
 - (b) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), for “engaged or may engage” substitute “ or has been, or might in future be, engaged ”,
 - (ii) also in paragraph (a), omit “or controlled activity”, and
 - (iii) in paragraph (b) for “, 2, 7 or 8” substitute “ or 7 ”,
 - (c) in subsection (5) omit “prescribed”, and

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(d) in the heading for “duty” substitute “ power ”.

(2) Omit paragraph 9(2)(a) of Schedule 5 to the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182) (which, if section 44(1) of the Act of 2006 were to come into force, would insert subsections (4A) to (4C) into section 41 of the Act of 2006).

(3) In section 43 of the Act of 2006 (registers: notice of barring etc.) for subsections (1) to (5) substitute—

“(1) Subsection (2) applies if—

- (a) ISA knows or thinks that a person (A) appears on a relevant register, and
- (b) either—
 - (i) A is included in a barred list, or
 - (ii) ISA is aware that A is subject to a relevant disqualification.

(2) ISA must—

- (a) notify the keeper of the register of the circumstances mentioned in subsection (1)(b)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii), and
- (b) in the case where A is included in a barred list, provide the keeper of the register with such of the information on which ISA relied in including A in the list as ISA considers—
 - (i) to be relevant to the exercise of any function of the keeper, and
 - (ii) otherwise appropriate to provide.

(3) Subsection (4) applies if the keeper of a relevant register applies to ISA to ascertain in relation to a person (A) whether—

- (a) A is included in a barred list, or
- (b) ISA is aware that A is subject to a relevant disqualification.

(4) ISA must notify the keeper of the register as to whether the circumstances are as mentioned in subsection (3)(a) or (as the case may be) (b).

(5) ISA may (whether on an application by the keeper or otherwise) provide to the keeper of a relevant register such relevant information as ISA considers appropriate.

(5A) Subsection (5B) applies if—

- (a) a keeper of a register has applied to the Secretary of State to be notified in relation to a person (A) if—
 - (i) A is included in a barred list, or
 - (ii) the Secretary of State is aware that A is subject to a relevant disqualification, and
- (b) the application has not been withdrawn.

(5B) The Secretary of State must notify the keeper of the register if the circumstances are, or become, as mentioned in subsection (5A)(a)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii).

(5C) For the purposes of subsection (5A)(b) an application is withdrawn if—

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- (a) the keeper of the register notifies the Secretary of State that the keeper no longer wishes to be notified if the circumstances are, or become, as mentioned in subsection (5A)(a)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii) in relation to A, or
 - (b) the Secretary of State cancels the application on either of the following grounds—
 - (i) that the keeper has not answered, within such reasonable period as was required by the Secretary of State, a request from the Secretary of State as to whether the keeper still wishes to be notified if the circumstances are, or become, as mentioned in subsection (5A)(a)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii), or
 - (ii) that A neither appears in the register nor is being considered for inclusion in the register.
- (5D) A keeper of a relevant register may apply for information under this section, or to be notified under this section, in relation to a person (A) only if—
- (a) A appears in the register, or
 - (b) A is being considered for inclusion in the register.
- (5E) The duties in subsections (2), (4) and (5B) do not apply if ISA or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State is satisfied that the keeper of the register already has the information concerned.
- (5F) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this section.
- (5G) In this section relevant information is information—
- (a) which—
 - (i) relates to the protection of children or vulnerable adults in general, or of any child or vulnerable adult in particular, and
 - (ii) is relevant to the exercise of any function of the keeper of the register, but
 - (b) which is not—
 - (i) information that the circumstances are as mentioned in subsection (1)(b)(i) or (ii) in relation to a person,
 - (ii) any information provided under subsection (2)(b), or
 - (iii) information falling within paragraph 19(5) of Schedule 3.
- (5H) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (5G).”
- (4) In section 43(6)(a) of the Act of 2006 (meaning of “relevant register”) omit “of entry 1 or 8”.
- (5) In the heading of section 43 of that Act for “notice of barring and cessation of monitoring” substitute “ provision of barring information to keepers of registers ”.
- (6) Omit section 44 of that Act (registers: power to apply for vetting information).

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Commencement Information

- I78** S. 75(1)(2) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)
- I79** S. 75(3) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(k\)](#)
- I80** S. 75(4)-(6) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(l\)](#)

76 Supervisory authorities

- (1) In section 45 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (duty of supervisory authorities to refer)—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) for “must” substitute “ may ”, and
 - (ii) omit “prescribed”,
 - (b) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a), for “engaged or may engage” substitute “ or has been, or might in future be, engaged ”,
 - (ii) also in paragraph (a), omit “or controlled activity”, and
 - (iii) in paragraph (b) for “, 2, 7 or 8” substitute “ or 7 ”,
 - (c) in subsection (5) omit “prescribed”,
 - (d) omit subsection (6), and
 - (e) in the heading for “duty” substitute “ power ”.
- (2) In section 47 of that Act (supervisory authorities: power to apply for vetting information)—
- (a) in the heading for “vetting” substitute “ certain barring ”,
 - (b) in subsection (1) for “the Secretary of State”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “ ISA ”,
 - (c) in subsection (2) omit paragraphs (b) to (e),
 - (d) in subsection (3) omit paragraphs (b) to (e),
 - (e) omit subsection (5), and
 - (f) in subsection (7) for “prescribe” substitute “ determine ”.
- (3) In section 48 of that Act (supervisory authorities: notification of barring etc. in respect of children)—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) for “This section” substitute “ Subsection (2) ”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (a) omit “newly”,
 - (iii) at the end of paragraph (a) insert “ or ”,
 - (iv) in paragraph (b) for “becomes” substitute “ is ”, and
 - (v) omit paragraph (c) and the word “or” before it,
 - (b) in subsection (2) for “, (b) or (c)” substitute “ or (b) ”,
 - (c) after subsection (2) insert—

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- “(2A) The duty in subsection (2) does not apply in relation to an interested supervisory authority if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the authority already has the information concerned.”,
- (d) in subsection (3)(a) for the words from “if” to “occurs” substitute “ of any circumstance mentioned in subsection (1) ”,
- (e) in subsection (5)—
- (i) after “withdrawn if” insert “—
(a)”,
 - (ii) for the words from “if”, where it appears for the second time, to “occurs” substitute “ of any circumstance mentioned in subsection (1) ”, and
 - (iii) at the end insert “, or
- (b) the Secretary of State cancels the application on either of the following grounds—
 - (i) that the supervisory authority has not answered, within such reasonable period as was required by the Secretary of State, a request from the Secretary of State as to whether the supervisory authority still wishes to be notified of any circumstance mentioned in subsection (1) in relation to the person, or
 - (ii) that the notification is not required in connection with the exercise of a function of the supervisory authority mentioned in section 45(7).”, and
- (f) in subsection (8) for “prescribe” substitute “ determine ”.
- (4) In section 49 of that Act (supervisory authorities: notification of barring etc. in respect of vulnerable adults)—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) for “This section” substitute “ Subsection (2) ”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (a) omit “newly”,
 - (iii) at the end of paragraph (a) insert “ or ”,
 - (iv) in paragraph (b) for “becomes” substitute “ is ”, and
 - (v) omit paragraph (c) and the word “or” before it,
 - (b) in subsection (2) for “, (b) or (c)” substitute “ or (b) ”,
 - (c) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) The duty in subsection (2) does not apply in relation to an interested supervisory authority if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the authority already has the information concerned.”,

 - (d) in subsection (3)(a) for the words from “if” to “occurs” substitute “ of any circumstance mentioned in subsection (1) ”,
 - (e) in subsection (5)—
 - (i) after “withdrawn if” insert “—
(a)”,

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- (ii) for the words from “if”, where it appears for the second time, to “occurs” substitute “ of any circumstance mentioned in subsection (1)”, and
 - (iii) at the end insert “, or
 - (b) the Secretary of State cancels the application on either of the following grounds—
 - (i) that the supervisory authority has not answered, within such reasonable period as was required by the Secretary of State, a request from the Secretary of State as to whether the supervisory authority still wishes to be notified of any circumstance mentioned in subsection (1) in relation to the person, or
 - (ii) that the notification is not required in connection with the exercise of a function of the supervisory authority mentioned in section 45(7).”, and
 - (f) in subsection (8) for “prescribe” substitute “ determine ”.
- (5) In section 50 of that Act (provision of information to supervisory authorities)—
- (a) in subsection (2) for “must” substitute “ may (whether on an application by the authority or otherwise) ”,
 - (b) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) in paragraph (b), after “the authority” insert “ which is mentioned in section 45(7) ”, and
 - (ii) for the words from “or information” to “occurred” substitute “ or of any circumstance mentioned in section 48(1) or 49(1) ”, and
 - (c) after subsection (3) insert—
 - “(4) A supervisory authority may apply to ISA under this section only if the information is required in connection with the exercise of a function of the supervisory authority which is mentioned in section 45(7).
 - (5) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this section.”

Commencement Information

I81 S. 76(1)(2)(3)(f)(4)(f)(5) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(m\)](#)

77 Minor amendments

- (1) In the Policing and Crime Act 2009 omit—
 - (a) section 87(2) (which, if commenced, would insert sections 34A to 34C into the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 in connection with the notification of proposals to include persons in barred lists), and

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- (b) section 89(6) (which, if commenced, would amend the power of the Secretary of State in the Act of 2006 to examine records of convictions or cautions in connection with barring decisions).
- (2) In section 39 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (duty of local authorities to refer)—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
- (i) for “must” substitute “ may ”, and
- (ii) omit “prescribed”,
- (b) in subsection (4)—
- (i) in paragraph (a), for “engaged or may engage” substitute “ or has been, or might in future be, engaged ”,
- (ii) also in paragraph (a), omit “or controlled activity”, and
- (iii) in paragraph (b) for “ , 2, 7 or 8 ” substitute “ or 7 ”,
- (c) in subsection (5) omit “prescribed”, and
- (d) in the heading for “duty” substitute “ power ”.
- (3) In section 50A(1) of that Act (power for ISA to provide information to the police for use for certain purposes), after paragraph (b), insert—
- “(c) the appointment of persons who are under the direction and control of the chief officer,
- (d) any prescribed purpose”.
- (4) After section 50A(1) of that Act insert—
- “(1A) ISA must, for use for any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1), provide to any chief officer of police who has requested it a barred list or information as to whether a particular person is barred.
- (1B) ISA may, for use for the purposes of the protection of children or vulnerable adults, provide to a relevant authority any information which ISA reasonably believes to be relevant to that authority.
- (1C) ISA must, for use for the purposes of the protection of children or vulnerable adults, provide to any relevant authority who has requested it information as to whether a particular person is barred.”
- (5) After section 50A(3) of that Act insert—
- “(4) In this section “relevant authority” means—
- (a) the Secretary of State exercising functions in relation to prisons, or
- (b) a provider of probation services (within the meaning given by section 3(6) of the Offender Management Act 2007).”
- (6) After paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to that Act (regulated activity relating to children) insert—

“Guidance

- 5A (1) The Secretary of State must give guidance for the purpose of assisting regulated activity providers and personnel suppliers in deciding whether supervision is of such a kind that, as a result of paragraph 1(2B)(b),

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2(3A) or 2(3B)(b), the person being supervised would not be engaging in regulated activity relating to children.

- (2) Before giving guidance under this paragraph, the Secretary of State must consult the Welsh Ministers.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish guidance given under this paragraph.
- (4) A regulated activity provider or a personnel supplier must, in exercising any functions under this Act, have regard to guidance for the time being given under this paragraph.”

Commencement Information

- I82** S. 77 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(n\)](#)

Corresponding amendments relating to Northern Ireland

78 Corresponding amendments in relation to Northern Ireland

Schedule 7 (which makes corresponding amendments in relation to Northern Ireland about the safeguarding of vulnerable groups) has effect.

Commencement Information

- I83** S. 78 in force at 10.8.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)
I84 S. 78 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(o\)](#)

CHAPTER 2

CRIMINAL RECORDS

Safeguards in relation to certificates

79 Restriction on information provided to certain persons

- (1) Omit section 93 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (which, if commenced, would insert section 112(2A) into the Police Act 1997 requiring copies of certain criminal conviction certificates to be given to employers etc.).
- (2) Omit—
 - (a) section 113A(4) of the Police Act 1997 (requirement to send copy of criminal record certificate to registered person), and
 - (b) section 113B(5) and (6) of that Act (requirement to give relevant information, and copy of enhanced criminal record certificate to registered person).

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- (3) After section 120AB of the Police Act 1997 (procedure for certain cancellations or suspensions of registration) insert—

“120AC Registered persons: information on progress of an application

- (1) The Secretary of State must, in response to a request from a person who is acting as the registered person in relation to an application under section 113A or 113B, inform that person whether or not a certificate has been issued in response to the application.
- (2) Subsections (3) and (4) apply if, at the time a request is made under subsection (1), a certificate has been issued.
- (3) In the case of a certificate under section 113A, if it was a certificate stating that there is no relevant matter recorded in central records, the Secretary of State may inform the person who made the request that the certificate was such a certificate.
- (4) In the case of a certificate under section 113B, if it was a certificate—
 - (a) stating that there is no relevant matter recorded in central records and no information provided in accordance with subsection (4) of that section, and
 - (b) if section 113BA(1) or 113BB(1) applies to the certificate, containing no suitability information indicating that the person to whom the certificate is issued—
 - (i) is barred from regulated activity relating to children or to vulnerable adults, or
 - (ii) is subject to a direction under 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 or section 167A of the Education Act 2002,the Secretary of State may inform the person who made the request that the certificate was such a certificate.
- (5) If no certificate has been issued, the Secretary of State must inform the person who made the request of such other matters relating to the processing of the application as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (6) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), nothing in this section permits the Secretary of State to inform a person who is acting as the registered person in relation to an application under section 113A or 113B of the content of any certificate issued in response to the application.
- (7) The Secretary of State may refuse a request under subsection (1) if it is made after the end of a prescribed period beginning with the day on which the certificate was issued.
- (8) In this section—

“central records” and “relevant matter” have the same meaning as in section 113A,

“suitability information” means information required to be included in a certificate under section 113B by virtue of section 113BA or 113BB.

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- (9) Expressions in subsection (4)(b) and in the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 have the same meaning in that paragraph as in that Act.

120AD Registered persons: copies of certificates in certain circumstances

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if—
- (a) the Secretary of State gives up-date information in relation to a criminal record certificate or enhanced criminal record certificate,
 - (b) the up-date information is advice to apply for a new certificate or (as the case may be) request another person to apply for such a certificate, and
 - (c) the person whose certificate it is in respect of which the up-date information is given applies for a new criminal record certificate or (as the case may be) enhanced criminal record certificate.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, in response to a request made within the prescribed period by the person who is acting as the registered person in relation to the application, send to that person a copy of any certificate issued in response to the application if the registered person—
- (a) has counter-signed the application or transmitted it to the Secretary of State under section 113A(2A) or 113B(2A),
 - (b) has informed the Secretary of State that the applicant for the new certificate has not, within such period as may be prescribed, sent a copy of it to a person of such description as may be prescribed, and
 - (c) no prescribed circumstances apply.
- (3) The power under subsection (2)(b) to prescribe a description of person may be exercised to describe the registered person or any other person.
- (4) In this section “up-date information” has the same meaning as in section 116A.”

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 79 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(1)(2), [Sch. 1](#)
- C3** S. 79 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), art. 1(2)(3)4(1)(2)(a), [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 5)
- C4** S. 79 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(a), [Sch. 1](#)

Commencement Information

- I85** S. 79(1) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(p\)](#)
- I86** S. 79(2)(a) in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- I87** S. 79(2)(b) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(q\)](#)
- I88** S. 79(2)(b)(3) in force at 17.6.2013 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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- 189** S. 79(3) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by S.I. 2012/2234, **art. 2(r)**

80 Minimum age for applicants for certificates or to be registered

- (1) In sections 112(1), 113A(1), 113B(1), 114(1) and 116(1) of the Police Act 1997 (applications for certificates), before the word “and” at the end of paragraph (a), insert—
- “(aa) is aged 16 or over at the time of making the application,”.
- (2) In section 120(4) of that Act (registered persons)—
- (a) in paragraph (b)—
- (i) after “person” insert “ who is ”, and
- (ii) after “enactment” insert “ and who, in the case of an individual, is aged 18 or over ”, and
- (b) in paragraph (c) after “individual” insert “ aged 18 or over ”.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** S. 80 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by **The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Guernsey) (Amendment) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/1762)**, art. 4(1)(2), **Sch. 1**
- C6** S. 80 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) by **The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2591)**, art. 1(2)(3)4(1)(2)(b), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- C7** S. 80 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by **The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2598)**, arts. 1(2), 4(1)(b), **Sch. 1**

Commencement Information

- I90** S. 80 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, **art. 2(s)** (with art. 5)

81 Additional grounds for refusing an application to be registered

After subsection (3) of section 120AA of the Police Act 1997 (refusal, etc. of registration on grounds not related to disclosure) insert—

- “(4) Subsection (6) applies if an application is made under section 120 by an individual who—
- (a) has previously been a registered person; and
- (b) has been removed from the register (otherwise than at that individual's own request).
- (5) Subsection (6) also applies if an application is made under section 120 by a body corporate or unincorporate which—
- (a) has previously been a registered person; and
- (b) has been removed from the register (otherwise than at its own request).

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(6) The Secretary of State may refuse the application.”

Commencement Information

I91 S. 81 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(t\)](#)

82 Enhanced criminal record certificates: additional safeguards

(1) In subsection (4) of section 113B of the Police Act 1997 (enhanced criminal record certificates: requests by the Secretary of State to chief officers for information)—

- (a) for “the chief officer of every relevant police force” substitute “ any relevant chief officer ”,
- (b) omit “, in the chief officer's opinion”,
- (c) in paragraph (a), for “might” substitute “ the chief officer reasonably believes to ”, and
- (d) in paragraph (b), at the beginning insert “ in the chief officer's opinion, ”.

(2) After subsection (4) of that section of that Act insert—

“(4A) In exercising functions under subsection (4) a relevant chief officer must have regard to any guidance for the time being published by the Secretary of State.”

(3) In subsection (9) of that section of that Act—

- (a) before the definition of “relevant police force” insert—

““relevant chief officer” means any chief officer of a police force who is identified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of making a request under subsection (4).”, and”

- (b) omit the definition of “relevant police force”.

(4) After section 117(1) of that Act (disputes about accuracy of certificates) insert—

“(1A) Where any person other than the applicant believes that the information contained in a certificate under any of sections 112 to 116 is inaccurate, that person may make an application in writing to the Secretary of State for a decision as to whether or not the information is inaccurate.”

(5) After section 117 of that Act insert—

“117A Other disputes about section 113B(4) information

(1) Subsection (2) applies if a person believes that information provided in accordance with section 113B(4) and included in a certificate under section 113B or 116 —

- (a) is not relevant for the purpose described in the statement under section 113B(2) or (as the case may be) 116(2), or
- (b) ought not to be included in the certificate.

(2) The person may apply in writing to the independent monitor appointed under section 119B for a decision as to whether the information is information which falls within subsection (1)(a) or (b) above.

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- (3) The independent monitor, on receiving such an application, must ask such chief officer of a police force as the independent monitor considers appropriate to review whether the information concerned is information which—
 - (a) the chief officer reasonably believes to be relevant for the purpose described in the statement under section 113B(2) or (as the case may be) 116(2), and
 - (b) in the chief officer's opinion, ought to be included in the certificate.
- (4) In exercising functions under subsection (3), the chief officer concerned must have regard to any guidance for the time being published under section 113B(4A).
- (5) If, following a review under subsection (3), the independent monitor considers that any of the information concerned is information which falls within subsection (1)(a) or (b)—
 - (a) the independent monitor must inform the Secretary of State of that fact, and
 - (b) on being so informed, the Secretary of State must issue a new certificate.
- (6) In issuing such a certificate, the Secretary of State must proceed as if the information which falls within subsection (1)(a) or (b) had not been provided under section 113B(4).
- (7) In deciding for the purposes of this section whether information is information which falls within subsection (1)(a) or (b), the independent monitor must have regard to any guidance for the time being published under section 113B(4A).
- (8) Subsections (10) and (11) of section 113B apply for the purposes of this section as they apply for the purposes of that section.”

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C8** S. 82 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(1)(2), **Sch. 1**
- C9** S. 82 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), art. 1(2)(3)4(1)(2)(c), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- C10** S. 82 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(c), **Sch. 1**

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- I92** S. 82 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(u)**

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Up-dating and content of certificates

83 Up-dating certificates

After section 116 of the Police Act 1997 (enhanced criminal record certificates: judicial appointments and Crown employment) insert—

“116A Up-dating certificates

- (1) The Secretary of State must, on the request of a relevant person and subject to subsection (2), give up-date information to that person about—
 - (a) a criminal conviction certificate,
 - (b) a criminal record certificate, or
 - (c) an enhanced criminal record certificate,
 which is subject to up-date arrangements.
- (2) The Secretary of State may impose conditions about—
 - (a) the information to be supplied in connection with such a request for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of State to decide whether the person is a relevant person,
 - (b) any other information to be supplied in connection with such a request.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1) a certificate is subject to up-date arrangements if condition A, B or C is met and the arrangements have not ceased to have effect in accordance with a notice given under section 118(3B).
- (4) Condition A is that—
 - (a) the individual who applied for the certificate made an application at the same time to the Secretary of State for the certificate to be subject to up-date arrangements,
 - (b) the individual has paid in the prescribed manner any prescribed fee,
 - (c) the Secretary of State has granted the application for the certificate to be subject to up-date arrangements, and
 - (d) the period of 12 months beginning with the date on which the grant comes into force has not expired.
- (5) Condition B is that—
 - (a) the individual whose certificate it is has made an application to the Secretary of State to renew or (as the case may be) further renew unexpired up-date arrangements in relation to the certificate,
 - (b) the individual has paid in the prescribed manner any prescribed fee,
 - (c) the Secretary of State has granted the application,
 - (d) the grant has come into force on the expiry of the previous up-date arrangements, and
 - (e) the period of 12 months beginning with the date on which the grant has come into force has not expired.
- (6) Condition C is that—
 - (a) the certificate was issued under section 117(2) or 117A(5)(b), and
 - (b) the certificate which it superseded—

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- (i) was subject to up-date arrangements immediately before it was superseded, and
 - (ii) would still be subject to those arrangements had it not been superseded.
- (7) The Secretary of State must not grant an application as mentioned in subsection (4)(c) or (5)(c) unless any fee prescribed under subsection (4)(b) or (as the case may be) (5)(b) has been paid in the manner so prescribed.
- (8) In this section “up-date information” means—
 - (a) in relation to a criminal conviction certificate or a criminal record certificate—
 - (i) information that there is no information recorded in central records which would be included in a new certificate but is not included in the current certificate, or
 - (ii) advice to apply for a new certificate or (as the case may be) request another person to apply for such a certificate,
 - (b) in relation to an enhanced criminal record certificate which includes suitability information relating to children or vulnerable adults—
 - (i) information that there is no information recorded in central records, no information of the kind mentioned in section 113B(4), and no information of the kind mentioned in section 113BA(2) or (as the case may be) 113BB(2), which would be included in a new certificate but is not included in the current certificate, or
 - (ii) advice to apply for a new certificate or (as the case may be) request another person to apply for such a certificate, and
 - (c) in relation to any other enhanced criminal record certificate—
 - (i) information that there is no information recorded in central records, nor any information of the kind mentioned in section 113B(4), which would be included in a new certificate but is not included in the current certificate, or
 - (ii) advice to apply for a new certificate or (as the case may be) request another person to apply for such a certificate.
- (9) If up-date information is given under subsection (8)(a)(i), (8)(b)(i) or (8)(c)(i) and the certificate to which that information relates is one to which subsection (10) applies, the up-date information must include that fact.
- (10) This subsection applies to a certificate which—
 - (a) in the case of a criminal conviction certificate, states that there are no convictions or conditional cautions of the applicant recorded in central records,
 - (b) in the case of a criminal record certificate, is as described in section 120AC(3), and
 - (c) in the case of an enhanced criminal record certificate, is as described in section 120AC(4).
- (11) In this section—
 - “central records” has the same meaning as in section 113A,
 - “criminal record certificate” includes a certificate under section 114,

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“enhanced criminal record certificate” includes a certificate under section 116,

“exempted question” has the same meaning as in section 113A,

“relevant person” means—

- (a) in relation to a criminal conviction certificate—
 - (i) the individual whose certificate it is, or
 - (ii) any person authorised by the individual,
- (b) in relation to a criminal record certificate—
 - (i) the individual whose certificate it is, or
 - (ii) any person who is authorised by the individual and is seeking the information for the purposes of an exempted question, and
- (c) in relation to an enhanced criminal record certificate—
 - (i) the individual whose certificate it is, or
 - (ii) any person who is authorised by the individual and is seeking the information for the purposes of an exempted question asked for a purpose prescribed under section 113B(2)(b).”

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C11** S. 83 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(1)(2), **Sch. 1**
- C12** S. 83 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), art. 1(2)(3)4(1)(2)(d), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- C13** S. 83 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(d), **Sch. 1**

Commencement Information

- I93** S. 83 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(b)**

84 Criminal conviction certificates: conditional cautions

In section 112(2) of the Police Act 1997 (contents of a criminal conviction certificate)

- (a) in paragraph (a) after “conviction” insert “ or conditional caution ”, and
- (b) in paragraph (b) for “is no such conviction” substitute “ are no such convictions and conditional cautions ”.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C14** S. 84 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(1)(2), **Sch. 1**

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- C15** S. 84 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), art. 1(2)(3)4(1)(2)(e), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- C16** S. 84 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(e), **Sch. 1**

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- I94** S. 84 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(v)**

Other

85 Inclusion of cautions etc. in national police records

After subsection (4) of section 27 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (recordable offences) insert—

“(4A) In subsection (4) “conviction” includes—

- (a) a caution within the meaning of Part 5 of the Police Act 1997; and
- (b) a reprimand or warning given under section 65 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.”

Commencement Information

- I95** S. 85 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), **art. 3(w)**

86 Out of date references to certificates of criminal records

In section 75(4) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (commencement of section 56 of that Act not to be earlier than the first day on which certain sections of the Police Act 1997 relating to certificates of criminal records are all in force) for “sections 112, 113 and 115” substitute “ sections 112, 113A and 113B ”.

Commencement Information

- I96** S. 86 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(w)**

CHAPTER 3

THE DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE

General

87 Formation and constitution of DBS

- (1) There is to be a body corporate known as the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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- (2) In this Chapter “DBS” means the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- (3) Schedule 8 (which makes further provision about DBS) has effect.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C17** S. 87 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(1)(2), **Sch. 1**
- C18** S. 87 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 4(1)(2)(f), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- C19** S. 87 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(f), **Sch. 1**

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- I97** S. 87(1)(2) in force at 15.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2521](#), **art. 2(a)**
- I98** S. 87(3) in force for specified purposes at 15.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2521](#), **art. 2(b)**
- I99** S. 87(3) in force for specified purposes at 1.12.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2521](#), **art. 3(a)**

88 Transfer of functions to DBS and dissolution of ISA

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order transfer any function of ISA to DBS.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order transfer to DBS any function of the Secretary of State under, or in connection with—
- (a) Part 5 of the Police Act 1997 (criminal records),
 - (b) the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, or
 - (c) the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1351 (N.I. 11)).
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order provide for the dissolution of ISA.
- (4) In this section—
- “function” does not include any power of the Secretary of State to make an order or regulations,
- “ISA” means the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C20** S. 88 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(1)(2), **Sch. 1**
- C21** S. 88 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3)) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), art. 1(2)(3)4(1)(2)(g), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- C22** S. 88 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(g), **Sch. 1**

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Supplementary

89 Orders under section 88

- (1) Any power to make an order under section 88—
 - (a) is exercisable by statutory instrument,
 - (b) includes power to make consequential, supplementary, incidental, transitional, transitory or saving provision,
 - (c) may, in particular, be exercised by amending, repealing, revoking or otherwise modifying any provision made by or under an enactment (whenever passed or made and including this Act).
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), a statutory instrument containing an order under section 88 is not to be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing an order under section 88 which neither amends nor repeals any provision of primary legislation is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) If a draft of an instrument containing an order under section 88 (alone or with other provision) would, apart from this subsection, be treated as a hybrid instrument for the purposes of the standing orders of either House of Parliament, it is to proceed in that House as if it were not a hybrid instrument.
- (5) In this section—
 - “enactment” includes a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales and Northern Ireland legislation,
 - “primary legislation” means—
 - (a) a public general Act,
 - (b) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (c) Northern Ireland legislation.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C23** S. 89 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(1)(2), **Sch. 1**
- C24** S. 89 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), art. 1(2)(3)4(1)(2)(h), **Sch. 1** (with art. 5)
- C25** S. 89 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(h), **Sch. 1**

90 Transfer schemes in connection with orders under section 88

- (1) The Secretary of State may, in connection with an order under section 88, make a scheme for the transfer to DBS of property, rights or liabilities of ISA or the Secretary of State.
- (2) The things that may be transferred under a transfer scheme include—

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- (a) property, rights and liabilities which could not otherwise be transferred,
 - (b) property acquired, and rights and liabilities arising, after the making of the scheme.
- (3) A transfer scheme may make consequential, supplementary, incidental, transitional, transitory or saving provision and may, in particular—
- (a) create rights, or impose liabilities, in relation to property or rights transferred,
 - (b) make provision about the continuing effect of things done by, on behalf of or in relation to the transferor in respect of anything transferred,
 - (c) make provision about the continuation of things (including legal proceedings) in the process of being done by, on behalf of or in relation to the transferor in respect of anything transferred,
 - (d) make provision for references to the transferor in an instrument or other document in respect of anything transferred to be treated as references to the transferee,
 - (e) make provision for the shared ownership or use of property,
 - (f) if the TUPE regulations do not apply in relation to the transfer, make provision which is the same or similar.
- (4) A transfer scheme may provide—
- (a) for modification by agreement,
 - (b) for modifications to have effect from the date when the original scheme came into effect.
- (5) A transfer scheme may confer a discretion on the Secretary of State to pay compensation to any person whose interests are adversely affected by the scheme.
- (6) A transfer scheme may be included in an order under section 88 but, if not so included, must be laid before Parliament after being made.
- (7) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) references to rights and liabilities of ISA include references to rights and liabilities of ISA relating to a contract of employment, and
 - (b) references to rights and liabilities of the Secretary of State include references to rights and liabilities of the Crown relating to the terms of employment of individuals in the civil service.
- (8) Accordingly, a transfer scheme may, in particular, provide—
- (a) for an employee of ISA or (as the case may be) an individual employed in the civil service to become an employee of DBS,
 - (b) for the individual's contract of employment with ISA or (as the case may be) terms of employment in the civil service to have effect (subject to any necessary modifications) as the terms of the individual's contract of employment with DBS,
 - (c) for the transfer to DBS of rights and liabilities of ISA or (as the case may be) the Crown under or in connection with the individual's terms of employment.
- (9) In this section—
- “civil service” means the civil service of the State,
 - “ISA” means the Independent Safeguarding Authority,
 - “TUPE regulations” means the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/246),

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references to the transfer of property include the grant of a lease.

91 Tax in connection with transfer schemes

- (1) The Treasury may by order make provision varying the way in which a relevant tax has effect in relation to—
 - (a) anything transferred under a transfer scheme, or
 - (b) anything done for the purposes of, or in relation to, a transfer under a transfer scheme.
- (2) The provision which may be made under subsection (1)(a) includes, in particular, provision for—
 - (a) a tax provision not to apply, or to apply with modifications, in relation to anything transferred,
 - (b) anything transferred to be treated in a specified way for the purposes of a tax provision,
 - (c) the Secretary of State to be required or permitted to determine, or specify the method for determining, anything which needs to be determined for the purposes of any tax provision so far as relating to anything transferred.
- (3) The provision which may be made under subsection (1)(b) includes, in particular, provision for—
 - (a) a tax provision not to apply, or to apply with modifications, in relation to anything done for the purposes of, or in relation to, the transfer,
 - (b) anything done for the purposes of, or in relation to, the transfer to have or not have a specified consequence or be treated in a specified way,
 - (c) the Secretary of State to be required or permitted to determine, or specify the method for determining, anything which needs to be determined for the purposes of any tax provision so far as relating to anything done for the purposes of, or in relation to, the transfer.
- (4) The power to make an order under this section—
 - (a) is exercisable by statutory instrument,
 - (b) includes power to make consequential, supplementary, incidental, transitional, transitory or saving provision,
 - (c) may, in particular, be exercised by amending, repealing, revoking or otherwise modifying any provision made by or under an enactment (whenever passed or made).
- (5) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the House of Commons.
- (6) In this section—

“enactment” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament, a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales and Northern Ireland legislation,

“relevant tax” means income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax or stamp duty land tax,

“tax provision” means any provision—

 - (a) about a relevant tax, and
 - (b) made by or under an enactment,

“transfer scheme” means a transfer scheme under section 88,

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and references to the transfer of property include the grant of a lease.

CHAPTER 4

DISREGARDING CERTAIN CONVICTIONS FOR BUGGERY ETC. [F19: ENGLAND AND WALES]

Textual Amendments

F19 Words in Pt. 5 Ch. 4 heading inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 28.6.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), ss. 168\(3\), 183\(4\)\(5\)\(e\); S.R. 2018/128, art. 2\(a\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C26 Pt. 5 Ch. 4: power to amend conferred (31.1.2017 for specified purposes) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), ss. 166, 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\)](#) (with s. 167)

General

92 Power of Secretary of State to disregard convictions or cautions

- (1) A person who has been convicted of, or cautioned for, an offence [F20 in circumstances where the conduct constituting the offence was sexual activity between persons of the same sex] may apply to the Secretary of State for the conviction or caution to become a disregarded conviction or caution.
- (2) A conviction or caution becomes a disregarded conviction or caution when conditions A and B are met.
- (3) Condition A is that the Secretary of State decides that it appears that—
 - (a) [F21 any] other person involved in the [F22 sexual activity] was aged 16 or over,
[F23 ...]
 - [F24 (b) the offence has been repealed or, in the case of an offence at common law, abolished by enactment (whether or not it has been re-enacted or replaced), and
 - (c) the sexual activity would not, if occurring in the same circumstances at the point of decision, constitute an offence.]
- (4) Condition B is that—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has given notice of the decision to the applicant under section 94(4)(b), and
 - (b) the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the notice was given has ended.
- (5) Sections 95 to 98 explain the effect of a conviction or caution becoming a disregarded conviction or caution.
- [F25 (6) Except in relation to service disciplinary proceedings, this section applies only in relation to persons convicted or cautioned in England and Wales.]
- [F26 (7) In this section “sexual activity” includes—

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- (a) any physical or affectionate activity which is of a type characteristic of people involved in an intimate personal relationship, and
- (b) conduct intended to lead to sexual activity.]

Textual Amendments

- F20** Words in s. 92(1) substituted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(3\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F21** Word in s. 92(3)(a) substituted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F22** Words in s. 92(3)(a) substituted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F23** Word in s. 92(3)(a) omitted (13.6.2023) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(4\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F24** S. 92(3)(b)(c) substituted for s. 92(3)(b) (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(4\)\(b\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F25** S. 92(6) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 28.6.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 168\(4\)](#), 183(4)(5)(e); S.R. 2018/128, [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F26** S. 92(7) inserted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(5\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C27** S. 92: power to amend conferred (31.1.2017 for specified purposes) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 166](#), 183(1)(5)(e) (with s. 167)

Commencement Information

- I100** S. 92 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)

93 Applications to the Secretary of State

- (1) An application under section 92 must be in writing.
- (2) It must state—
 - (a) the name, address and date of birth of the applicant,
 - (b) the name and address of the applicant at the time of the conviction or caution,
 - (c) so far as known to the applicant, the time when and the place where the conviction was made or the caution given and, for a conviction, the case number, and
 - (d) such other information as the Secretary of State may require.
- (3) It may include representations by the applicant or written evidence about ^{F27}—
 - (a) whether a conviction or caution is of a kind mentioned in section 92(1);
 - (b) the matters mentioned in condition A in that section.]

Textual Amendments

- F27** S. 93(3)(a)(b) substituted for words in s. 93(3) (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(6\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

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Commencement Information

I101 S. 93 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(d\)](#)

94 Procedure for decisions by the Secretary of State

- (1) In considering [^{F28}whether a conviction or caution is of a kind mentioned in section 92(1) or] whether to make a decision of the kind mentioned in condition A in [^{F29}that section], the Secretary of State must, in particular, consider—
- (a) any representations or evidence included in the application, and
 - (b) any available record of the investigation of the offence and of any proceedings relating to it that the Secretary of State considers to be relevant.
- (2) The Secretary of State may not hold an oral hearing for the purpose of deciding [^{F30}whether a conviction or caution is of a kind mentioned in section 92(1) or] whether to make a decision of the kind mentioned in condition A in [^{F31}that section].
- [^{F32}(2A) If the Secretary of State refuses an application on the basis that the caution or conviction is not of a kind mentioned in section 92(1), the Secretary of State must—
- (a) record the decision in writing, and
 - (b) give notice of it to the applicant.]
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if the Secretary of State—
- (a) decides that it appears as mentioned in condition A in section 92, or
 - (b) makes a different decision in relation to the matters mentioned in that condition.
- (4) The Secretary of State must—
- (a) record the decision in writing, and
 - (b) give notice of it to the applicant.

Textual Amendments

- F28** Words in s. 94(1) inserted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(7\)\(a\)\(i\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); [S.I. 2023/641](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F29** Words in s. 94(1) substituted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(7\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); [S.I. 2023/641](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F30** Words in s. 94(2) inserted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(7\)\(b\)\(i\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); [S.I. 2023/641](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F31** Words in s. 94(2) substituted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(7\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); [S.I. 2023/641](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F32** S. 94(2A) inserted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(7\)\(c\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); [S.I. 2023/641](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

Commencement Information

I102 S. 94 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#)

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Effect of disregard

95 Effect of disregard on police and other records

- (1) The Secretary of State must by notice direct the relevant data controller to delete details, contained in relevant official records, of a disregarded conviction or caution.
- (2) A notice under subsection (1) may be given at any time after condition A in section 92 is met but no deletion may have effect before condition B in that section is met.
- (3) Subject to that, the relevant data controller must delete the details as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (4) Having done so, the relevant data controller must give notice to the person who has the disregarded conviction or caution that the details of it have been deleted.
- (5) In this section—
 - “delete”, in relation to such relevant official records as may be prescribed, means record with the details of the conviction or caution concerned—
 - (a) the fact that it is a disregarded conviction or caution, and
 - (b) the effect of it being such a conviction or caution,
 - “the names database” means the names database held by the ^{F33}Secretary of State] for the use of constables,
 - “official records” means records containing information about persons convicted of, or cautioned for, offences and kept by any court, police force, government department or local or other public authority in England and Wales for the purposes of its functions,
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by order of the Secretary of State,
 - “relevant data controller” means—
 - (a) in relation to the names database, any chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales who is a data controller in relation to the details concerned,
 - (b) in relation to other relevant official records, such person as may be prescribed,
 - “relevant official records” means—
 - (a) the names database, and
 - (b) such other official records as may be prescribed.
- (6) An order under this section—
 - (a) may make different provision for different purposes,
 - (b) is to be made by statutory instrument which is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F33 Words in s. 95(5) substituted (7.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(2), [Sch. 8 para. 185](#); [S.I. 2013/1682](#), art. 3(v)

Commencement Information

I103 S. 95 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), art. 3(f)

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96 Effect of disregard for disclosure and other purposes

- (1) A person who has a disregarded conviction or caution is to be treated for all purposes in law as if the person has not—
 - (a) committed the offence,
 - (b) been charged with, or prosecuted for, the offence,
 - (c) been convicted of the offence,
 - (d) been sentenced for the offence, or
 - (e) been cautioned for the offence.
- (2) In particular—
 - (a) no evidence is to be admissible in any proceedings before a judicial authority exercising its jurisdiction or functions in England and Wales to prove that the person has done, or undergone, anything within subsection (1)(a) to (e), and
 - (b) the person is not, in any such proceedings, to be asked (and, if asked, is not to be required to answer) any question relating to the person's past which cannot be answered without acknowledging or referring to the conviction or caution or any circumstances ancillary to it.
- (3) Where a question is put to a person, other than in such proceedings, seeking information with respect to the previous convictions, cautions, offences, conduct or circumstances of any person—
 - (a) the question is to be treated as not relating to any disregarded conviction or caution, or any circumstances ancillary to it (and the answer to the question may be framed accordingly), and
 - (b) the person questioned is not to be subjected to any liability or otherwise prejudiced in law by reason of any failure to acknowledge or disclose that conviction or caution or any circumstances ancillary to it in answering the question.
- (4) Any obligation imposed on any person by any enactment or rule of law or by the provisions of any agreement or arrangement to disclose any matters to any other person is not to extend to requiring the disclosure of a disregarded conviction or caution or any circumstances ancillary to it.
- (5) A disregarded conviction or caution, or any circumstances ancillary to it, is not a proper ground for—
 - (a) dismissing or excluding a person from any office, profession, occupation or employment, or
 - (b) prejudicing the person in any way in any office, profession, occupation or employment.
- (6) This section is subject to section 97 but otherwise applies despite any enactment or rule of law to the contrary.
- (7) See also section 98 (meaning of “proceedings before a judicial authority” and “circumstances ancillary to a conviction or caution”).

Commencement Information

I104 S. 96 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(g\)](#)

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97 Saving for Royal pardons etc.

Nothing in section 96 affects any right of Her Majesty, by virtue of Her Royal prerogative or otherwise, to grant a free pardon, to quash any conviction or sentence, or to commute any sentence.

Commencement Information

I105 S. 97 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(h\)](#)

98 Section 96: supplementary

- (1) In section 96 “proceedings before a judicial authority” includes (in addition to proceedings before any of the ordinary courts of law) proceedings before any tribunal, body or person having power—
- (a) by virtue of any enactment, law, custom or practice,
 - (b) under the rules governing any association, institution, profession, occupation or employment, or
 - (c) under any provision of an agreement providing for arbitration with respect to questions arising under that agreement,
- to determine any question affecting the rights, privileges, obligations or liabilities of any person, or to receive evidence affecting the determination of any such question.
- (2) For the purposes of section 96, circumstances ancillary to a conviction are any circumstances of—
- (a) the offence which was the subject of the conviction;
 - (b) the conduct constituting the offence;
 - (c) any process or proceedings preliminary to the conviction;
 - (d) any sentence imposed in respect of the conviction;
 - (e) any proceedings (whether by way of appeal or otherwise) for reviewing the conviction or any such sentence;
 - (f) anything done in pursuance of, or undergone in compliance with, any such sentence.
- (3) For the purposes of section 96, circumstances ancillary to a caution are any circumstances of—
- (a) the offence which was the subject of the caution;
 - (b) the conduct constituting the offence;
 - (c) any process preliminary to the caution (including consideration by any person of how to deal with the offence and the procedure for giving the caution);
 - (d) any proceedings for the offence which take place before the caution is given;
 - (e) anything which happens after the caution is given for the purpose of bringing any such proceedings to an end;
 - (f) any judicial review proceedings relating to the caution;
 - (g) in the case of a warning under section 65 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (reprimands and warnings for persons aged under 18), anything done in pursuance of, or undergone in compliance with, a requirement to participate in a rehabilitation programme under section 66(2) of that Act.

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Commencement Information

I106 S. 98 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(i\)](#)

Appeals and other supplementary provision

99 Appeal against refusal to disregard convictions or cautions

- (1) The applicant may appeal to the High Court if—
 - (a) the Secretary of State [^{F34}refuses an application on the basis mentioned in section 94(2A) or] makes a decision of the kind mentioned in section 94(3)(b), and
 - (b) the High Court gives permission for an appeal against the decision.
- (2) On such an appeal, the High Court must make its decision only on the basis of the evidence that was available to the Secretary of State.
- (3) If the High Court decides [^{F35}—
 - (a) that the conviction or caution is of a kind mentioned in section 92(1), it must make an order to that effect;
 - (b) that it appears as mentioned in condition A of that section, it must make an order to that effect.]
- (4) Otherwise it must dismiss the appeal.
- (5) A conviction or caution to which an order under subsection (3) [^{F36}(b)] relates becomes a disregarded conviction or caution when the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the order was made has ended.
- (6) There is no appeal from a decision of the High Court under this section.

Textual Amendments

- F34** Words in s. 99(1)(a) inserted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(8\)\(a\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); [S.I. 2023/641](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F35** S. 99(3)(a)(b) substituted for words in s. 99(3) (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(8\)\(b\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); [S.I. 2023/641](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F36** Word in s. 99(5) inserted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(8\)\(c\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); [S.I. 2023/641](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

Commencement Information

I107 S. 99 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(j\)](#)

100 Advisers

- (1) The Secretary of State may appoint persons to advise whether, in any case referred to them by the [^{F37}Secretary of State—
 - (a) the caution or conviction is of a kind mentioned in section 92(1), or]
 - [^{F38}(b)] the Secretary of State should decide as mentioned in condition A in [^{F39}that section].

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- (2) The Secretary of State may disclose to a person so appointed such information (including anything within section 94(1)(a) or (b)) as the Secretary of State considers relevant to the provision of such advice.
- (3) The Secretary of State may pay expenses and allowances to a person so appointed.

Textual Amendments

- F37** Words in s. 100(1) substituted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(9\)\(a\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with reg. 3)
- F38** Words in s. 100(1) renumbered as s. 100(1)(b) (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(9\)\(b\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with reg. 3)
- F39** Words in s. 100(1)(b) substituted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(9\)\(c\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, [reg. 2\(a\)](#) (with reg. 3)

Commencement Information

- I108** S. 100 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(k\)](#)

101 Interpretation: Chapter 4

- (1) In this Chapter—

“caution” means—

- (a) a caution given to a person in England and Wales in respect of an offence which, at the time the caution is given, that person has admitted, or
- (b) a reprimand or warning given under section 65 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (reprimands and warnings for persons aged under 18),

“conviction” includes—

- (a) a finding that a person is guilty of an offence in respect of conduct which was the subject of service disciplinary proceedings [^{F40}(including anything that under section 376(1) and (2) of the Armed Forces Act 2006 is to be treated as a conviction for the purposes of that Act)],
- (b) a conviction in respect of which an order has been made discharging the person concerned absolutely or conditionally, and
- (c) a finding in any criminal proceedings (including a finding linked with a finding of insanity) that a person has committed an offence or done the act or made the omission charged,

“disregarded caution” is a caution which has become a disregarded caution by virtue of this Chapter,

“disregarded conviction” is a conviction which has become a disregarded conviction by virtue of this Chapter,

“document” includes information recorded in any form and, in relation to information recorded otherwise than in legible form, references to its provision or production include providing or producing a copy of the information in legible form,

[^{F41}“enactment” includes an enactment contained in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978),]

“information” includes documents,

“notice” means notice in writing,

“official records” has the meaning given by section 95(5),

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“sentence” includes—

- (a) any punishment awarded, and
- (b) any order made by virtue of Schedule 5A to the Army Act 1955, Schedule 5A to the Air Force Act 1955 or Schedule 4A to the Naval Discipline Act 1957,

in respect of a finding that a person is guilty of an offence in respect of conduct which was the subject of service disciplinary proceedings, [^{F42} (including anything that under section 376(1) and (3) of the Armed Forces Act 2006 is to be treated as a sentence for the purposes of that Act),]

“service disciplinary proceedings” means any proceedings (whether in England and Wales or elsewhere)—

- (a) under the Naval Discipline Act 1866, the Army Act 1881, the Air Force Act 1917, the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 or the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (whether before a court-martial or before any other court or person authorised under the enactment concerned to award a punishment in respect of an offence), ^{F43} ...
- (b) before a Standing Civilian Court established under the Armed Forces Act 1976 [^{F44}, or
- (c) in respect of a service offence (whether or not before a court but excepting proceedings before a civilian court within the meaning of the Armed Forces Act 2006);

and for the purposes of paragraph (c) “service offence” means a service offence within the meaning of the Armed Forces Act 2006, or an SDA offence within the meaning of the Armed Forces Act 2006 (Transitional Provisions etc) Order 2009 (SI 2009/1059).]

- (2) Paragraph (b) of the definition of “conviction” applies despite the following (which deem a conviction of a person discharged not to be a conviction)—
 - (a) section 14 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000, and
 - (b) section 187 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 or any corresponding earlier enactment.

^{F45}(3)

^{F46}(4)

- (5) In this Chapter a reference to an offence includes [^{F47}a reference to an inchoate or ancillary offence relating to the offence.]

- (6) In the case of an attempt, conspiracy [^{F48}, incitement, encouraging or assisting], the references in this Chapter to the conduct constituting the offence are references to the conduct to which the attempt, conspiracy [^{F49}, incitement, encouraging or assisting] related (whether or not that conduct occurred).

[^{F50}(6A) For the purposes of section 92, an inchoate or ancillary offence is to be treated as repealed or abolished to the extent that the offence to which it relates is repealed or abolished.

- (6B) A reference to an inchoate or ancillary offence in relation to an offence is a reference to an offence of—
 - (a) attempting, conspiracy or incitement to commit the offence,
 - (b) encouraging or assisting the commission of the offence, or

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- (c) aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of the offence.
- (6C) For the purposes of section 92, an offence under an enactment mentioned in subsection (6D) is to be treated as repealed to the extent that the conduct constituting the offence under the enactment—
- (a) was punishable by reference to an offence under the law of England and Wales which has been repealed or abolished, or
 - (b) if the conduct was not punishable by the law of England and Wales, was punishable by reference to equivalent conduct constituting an offence under the law of England and Wales which has been repealed or abolished.
- (6D) The enactments are—
- (a) section 45 of the Naval Discipline Act 1866,
 - (b) section 41 of the Army Act 1881,
 - (c) section 41 of the Air Force Act 1917,
 - (d) section 70 of the Army Act 1955,
 - (e) section 70 of the Air Force Act 1955,
 - (f) section 42 of the Naval Discipline Act 1957, and
 - (g) section 42 of the Armed Forces Act 2006.]
- (7) For the purposes of subsections [F51(5), (6) and (6B)] an attempt to commit an offence includes conduct which—
- (a) consisted of frequenting with intent to commit the offence any river, canal, street, highway, place of public resort or other location mentioned in section 4 of the Vagrancy Act 1824 (as it then had effect) in connection with frequenting by suspected persons or reputed thieves, and
 - (b) was itself an offence under that section.

Textual Amendments

- F40** Words in s. 101(1) inserted (13.6.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(a)(i)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F41** Words in s. 101(1) inserted (13.6.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(a)(v)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F42** Words in s. 101(1) inserted (13.6.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(a)(ii)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F43** Word in s. 101(1) omitted (13.6.2023) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(a)(iii)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F44** Words in s. 101(1) inserted (13.6.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(a)(iv)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F45** S. 101(3) omitted (13.6.2023) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(b)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F46** S. 101(4) omitted (13.6.2023) by virtue of Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(b)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F47** Words in s. 101(5) substituted for s. 101(5)(a)(b) (13.6.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(c)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F48** Words in s. 101(6) substituted (13.6.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(d)(i)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F49** Words in s. 101(6) substituted (13.6.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(d)(ii)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)
- F50** S. 101(6A)-(6D) inserted (13.6.2023) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), ss. **194(10)(e)**, 208(1) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)

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F51 Words in s. 101(7) substituted (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 194\(10\)\(f\), 208\(1\)](#) (with s. 194(11)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(a) (with reg. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C28 S. 101 applied in part (with modifications) (31.1.2017) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 164\(7\)-\(8A\), 183\(5\)\(b\)\(e\)](#) (with ss. 164(9), 167) (as amended (13.6.2023) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [s. 195\(6\)-\(8\)\(13\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 195(14)); S.I. 2023/641, reg. 2(b))

Commencement Information

I109 S. 101 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(I\)](#)

[^{F52}CHAPTER 5

DISREGARDING CERTAIN CONVICTIONS FOR BUGGERY ETC: NORTHERN IRELAND

Textual Amendments

F52 Pt. 5 Ch. 5 inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 28.6.2018) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 168\(1\), 183\(4\)\(5\)\(e\)](#); S.R. 2018/128, art. 2(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C29 Pt. 5 Ch. 5: power to amend conferred (N.I.) (31.1.2017 for specified purposes) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 171, 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\)](#) (with s. 172)

General

101A Power of Department of Justice to disregard certain convictions or cautions

- (1) A person who has in Northern Ireland been convicted of, or cautioned for, an offence under—
 - (a) Article 19 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 ([S.I. 2003/1247 \(N.I. 13\)](#)) (buggery),
 - (b) Article 7 of the Homosexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 ([S.I. 1982/1536 \(N.I. 19\)](#)) (procuring others to commit homosexual acts),
 - (c) section 61 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 (buggery), or
 - (d) section 11 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 (indecent acts between men),
 may apply to the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland for the conviction or caution to become a disregarded conviction or caution.
- (2) A conviction or caution becomes a disregarded conviction or caution when conditions A and B are met.
- (3) In relation to an offence under Article 7 of the Homosexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1982, Condition A is that the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland decides that it appears that—
 - (a) the conduct procured was conduct involving persons who consented to it and were aged 17 or over (whether or not that conduct occurred), and

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- (b) the conduct procured would not now be an offence under Article 75 of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1769 (N.I. 2)) (sexual activity in a public lavatory).
- (4) In relation to any other offence mentioned in subsection (1), Condition A is that the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland decides that it appears that—
- (a) the other person involved in the conduct constituting the offence consented to it and was aged 17 or over, and
 - (b) any such conduct now would not be an offence under Article 75 of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1769 (N.I. 2)).
- (5) Condition B is that—
- (a) the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland has given notice of the decision to the applicant under section 101C(4)(b), and
 - (b) the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the notice was given has ended.
- (6) Sections 101D to 101G explain the effect of a conviction or caution becoming a disregarded conviction or caution.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C30 S. 101A: power to amend conferred (N.I.) (31.1.2017 for specified purposes) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 171, 183\(1\)\(5\)\(e\)](#) (with [s. 172](#))

101B Applications to the Department of Justice

- (1) An application under section 101A must be in writing.
- (2) It must state—
- (a) the name, address and date of birth of the applicant,
 - (b) the name and address of the applicant at the time of the conviction or caution,
 - (c) so far as known to the applicant, the time when and the place where the conviction was made or the caution given and, for a conviction, the case number, and
 - (d) such other information as the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland may require.
- (3) It may include representations by the applicant or written evidence about the matters mentioned in condition A in section 101A.

101C Procedure for decisions by the Department of Justice

- (1) In considering whether to make a decision of the kind mentioned in condition A in section 101A, the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland must, in particular, consider—
- (a) any representations or evidence included in the application, and
 - (b) any available record of the investigation of the offence and of any proceedings relating to it that the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland considers to be relevant.

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- (2) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland may not hold an oral hearing for the purpose of deciding whether to make a decision of the kind mentioned in condition A in section 101A.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland—
 - (a) decides that it appears as mentioned in condition A in section 101A, or
 - (b) makes a different decision in relation to the matters mentioned in that condition.
- (4) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland must—
 - (a) record the decision in writing, and
 - (b) give notice of it to the applicant.

Effect of disregard

101D Effect of disregard on police and other records

- (1) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland must by notice direct the relevant data controller to delete details, contained in relevant official records, of a disregarded conviction or caution.
- (2) A notice under subsection (1) may be given at any time after condition A in section 101A is met but no deletion may have effect before condition B in that section is met.
- (3) Subject to that, the relevant data controller must delete the details as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (4) Having done so, the relevant data controller must give notice to the person who has the disregarded conviction or caution that the details of it have been deleted.
- (5) In this section—
 - “delete”, in relation to such relevant official records as may be prescribed, means record with the details of the conviction or caution concerned—
 - (a) the fact that it is a disregarded conviction or caution, and
 - (b) the effect of it being such a conviction or caution,
 - “the general names database” means the names database held by the Secretary of State for the use of constables,
 - “the Northern Ireland names database” means the names database maintained by the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland for the purpose of recording convictions and cautions,
 - “official records” means records containing information about persons convicted of, or cautioned for, offences and kept by any court, police force, government department or local or other public authority in Northern Ireland for the purposes of its functions,
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by order of the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland,
 - “relevant data controller” means—
 - (a) in relation to the general names database or the Northern Ireland names database, the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland,

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- (b) in relation to other relevant official records, such persons as may be prescribed,
“relevant official records” means—
 - (a) the general names database,
 - (b) the Northern Ireland names database, and
 - (c) such other official records as may be prescribed.
- (6) An order under this section may make different provision for different purposes.
- (7) Any power to make an order under this section is exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1573 (N.I. 12)).
- (8) A statutory rule containing an order under this section is subject to negative resolution (within the meaning of section 41(6) of the [Interpretation Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1954](#) (c. 33 (N.I))).

101E Effect of disregard for disclosure and other purposes

- (1) A person who has a disregarded conviction or caution is to be treated for all purposes in law as if the person has not—
 - (a) committed the offence,
 - (b) been charged with, or prosecuted for, the offence,
 - (c) been convicted of the offence,
 - (d) been sentenced for the offence, or
 - (e) been cautioned for the offence.
- (2) In particular—
 - (a) no evidence is to be admissible in any proceedings before a judicial authority exercising its jurisdiction or functions in Northern Ireland to prove that the person has done, or undergone, anything within subsection (1)(a) to (e), and
 - (b) the person is not, in any such proceedings, to be asked (and, if asked, is not to be required to answer) any question relating to the person’s past which cannot be answered without acknowledging or referring to the conviction or caution or any circumstances ancillary to it.
- (3) Where a question is put to a person, other than in such proceedings, seeking information with respect to the previous convictions, cautions, offences, conduct or circumstances of any person—
 - (a) the question is to be treated as not relating to any disregarded conviction or caution, or any circumstances ancillary to it (and the answer to the question may be framed accordingly), and
 - (b) the person questioned is not to be subjected to any liability or otherwise prejudiced in law by reason of any failure to acknowledge or disclose that conviction or caution or any circumstances ancillary to it in answering the question.
- (4) Any obligation imposed on any person by any enactment or rule of law or by the provisions of any agreement or arrangement to disclose any matters to any other person is not to extend to requiring the disclosure of a disregarded conviction or caution or any circumstances ancillary to it.

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- (5) A disregarded conviction or caution, or any circumstances ancillary to it, is not a proper ground for—
- (a) dismissing or excluding a person from any office, profession, occupation or employment, or
 - (b) prejudicing the person in any way in any office, profession, occupation or employment.
- (6) This section is subject to section 101F but otherwise applies despite any enactment or rule of law to the contrary.
- (7) See also section 101G (meaning of “proceedings before a judicial authority” and “circumstances ancillary to a conviction or caution”).

101F Saving for Royal pardons etc

Nothing in section 101E affects any right of Her Majesty, by virtue of Her Royal prerogative or otherwise, to grant a free pardon, to quash any conviction or sentence, or to commute any sentence.

101G Section 101E: supplementary

- (1) In section 101E, “proceedings before a judicial authority” includes (in addition to proceedings before any of the ordinary courts of law) proceedings before any tribunal, body or person having power—
- (a) by virtue of any enactment, law, custom or practice,
 - (b) under the rules governing any association, institution, profession, occupation or employment, or
 - (c) under any provision of an agreement providing for arbitration with respect to questions arising under that agreement,
- to determine any question affecting the rights, privileges, obligations or liabilities of any person, or to receive evidence affecting the determination of any such question.
- (2) For the purposes of section 101E, circumstances ancillary to a conviction are any circumstances of—
- (a) the offence which was the subject of the conviction;
 - (b) the conduct constituting the offence;
 - (c) any process or proceedings preliminary to the conviction;
 - (d) any sentence imposed in respect of the conviction;
 - (e) any proceedings (whether by appeal or otherwise) for reviewing the conviction or any such sentence;
 - (f) anything done in pursuance of, or undergone in compliance with, any such sentence.
- (3) For the purposes of section 101E, circumstances ancillary to a caution are any circumstances of—
- (a) the offence which was the subject of the caution;
 - (b) the conduct constituting the offence;
 - (c) any process preliminary to the caution (including consideration by any person of how to deal with the offence and the procedure for giving the caution);
 - (d) any proceedings for the offence which take place before the caution is given;

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- (e) anything which happens after the caution is given for the purposes of bringing any such proceedings to an end;
- (f) any judicial review proceedings relating to the caution.

Appeals and other supplementary provision

101H Appeal against refusal to disregard convictions or caution

- (1) The applicant may appeal to the High Court in Northern Ireland if—
 - (a) the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland makes a decision of the kind mentioned in section 101C(3)(b), and
 - (b) the High Court gives permission for an appeal against the decision.
- (2) On such an appeal, the High Court must make its decision only on the basis of the evidence that was available to the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland.
- (3) If the High Court decides that it appears as mentioned in condition A in section 101A, it must make an order to that effect.
- (4) Otherwise, it must dismiss the appeal.
- (5) A conviction or caution to which an order under subsection (3) relates becomes a disregarded conviction or caution when the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the order was made has ended.
- (6) There is no appeal from a decision of the High Court under this section.

101I Advisers

- (1) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland may appoint persons to advise whether, in any case referred to them by the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland, the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland should decide as mentioned in condition A in section 101A.
- (2) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland may disclose to a person so appointed such information (including anything within section 101C(1)(a) or (b)) as the Department of Justice considers relevant to the provision of such advice.
- (3) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland may pay expenses and allowances to a person so appointed.

101J Interpretation: Chapter 5

- (1) In this Chapter—
 - “caution” means a caution or a warning given to a person in Northern Ireland in respect of an offence which, at the time the caution or warning is given, that person has admitted,
 - “conviction” includes—
 - (a) a conviction in respect of which an order has been made discharging the person concerned absolutely or conditionally, and
 - (b) a finding in any criminal proceedings (including a finding linked with a finding of insanity) that a person has committed an offence or done the act or made the omission charged,

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“disregarded caution” is a caution which has become a disregarded caution by virtue of this Chapter,

“disregarded conviction” is a conviction which has become a disregarded conviction by virtue of this Chapter,

“document” includes information recorded in any form and, in relation to information recorded otherwise than in legible form, references to its provision or production include providing or producing a copy of the information in legible form,

“information” includes documents,

“notice” means notice in writing,

“official records” has the meaning given by section 101D(5).

- (2) Paragraph (a) of the definition of “conviction” applies despite Article 6 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/3160 (N.I. 24)) (which deems a conviction of a person discharged not to be a conviction).
- (3) In this Chapter, a reference to an offence includes—
- (a) a reference to an attempt, conspiracy or incitement to commit that offence, and
 - (b) a reference to aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of that offence.
- (4) In the case of an attempt, conspiracy or incitement, the references in this Chapter to the conduct constituting the offence are references to the conduct to which the attempt, conspiracy or incitement related (whether or not that conduct occurred).
- (5) For the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) an attempt to commit an offence includes conduct which—
- (a) consisted of frequenting with intent to commit the offence any river, canal, street, highway, place of public resort or other location mentioned in section 4 of the Vagrancy Act 1824 (as it then had effect) in connection with frequenting by suspected persons or reputed thieves, and
 - (b) was itself an offence under that section.]

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C32 Ss. 101J(2)-(5) applied (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 28.6.2018) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017](#) (c. 3), ss. 169(5)(b), 183(4)(5)(e) (with s. 172); S.R. 2018/128, art. 2(b)

PART 6

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND DATA PROTECTION

Publication of certain datasets

102 Release and publication of datasets held by public authorities

- (1) The Freedom of Information Act 2000 is amended as follows.

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(2) In section 11 (means by which communication to be made)—

(a) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) Where—

- (a) an applicant makes a request for information to a public authority in respect of information that is, or forms part of, a dataset held by the public authority, and
- (b) on making the request for information, the applicant expresses a preference for communication by means of the provision to the applicant of a copy of the information in electronic form,

the public authority must, so far as reasonably practicable, provide the information to the applicant in an electronic form which is capable of re-use.”,

(b) in subsection (4), for “subsection (1)” substitute “ subsections (1) and (1A) ”, and

(c) after subsection (4) insert—

“(5) In this Act “dataset” means information comprising a collection of information held in electronic form where all or most of the information in the collection—

- (a) has been obtained or recorded for the purpose of providing a public authority with information in connection with the provision of a service by the authority or the carrying out of any other function of the authority,
- (b) is factual information which—
 - (i) is not the product of analysis or interpretation other than calculation, and
 - (ii) is not an official statistic (within the meaning given by section 6(1) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007), and
- (c) remains presented in a way that (except for the purpose of forming part of the collection) has not been organised, adapted or otherwise materially altered since it was obtained or recorded.”

(3) After section 11 (means by which communication to be made) insert—

“11A Release of datasets for re-use

(1) This section applies where—

- (a) a person makes a request for information to a public authority in respect of information that is, or forms part of, a dataset held by the authority,
- (b) any of the dataset or part of a dataset so requested is a relevant copyright work,
- (c) the public authority is the only owner of the relevant copyright work, and
- (d) the public authority is communicating the relevant copyright work to the applicant in accordance with this Act.

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- (2) When communicating the relevant copyright work to the applicant, the public authority must make the relevant copyright work available for re-use by the applicant in accordance with the terms of the specified licence.
- (3) The public authority may exercise any power that it has by virtue of regulations under section 11B to charge a fee in connection with making the relevant copyright work available for re-use in accordance with subsection (2).
- (4) Nothing in this section or section 11B prevents a public authority which is subject to a duty under subsection (2) from exercising any power that it has by or under an enactment other than this Act to charge a fee in connection with making the relevant copyright work available for re-use.
- (5) Where a public authority intends to charge a fee (whether in accordance with regulations under section 11B or as mentioned in subsection (4)) in connection with making a relevant copyright work available for re-use by an applicant, the authority must give the applicant a notice in writing (in this section referred to as a “re-use fee notice”) stating that a fee of an amount specified in, or determined in accordance with, the notice is to be charged by the authority in connection with complying with subsection (2).
- (6) Where a re-use fee notice has been given to the applicant, the public authority is not obliged to comply with subsection (2) while any part of the fee which is required to be paid is unpaid.
- (7) Where a public authority intends to charge a fee as mentioned in subsection (4), the re-use fee notice may be combined with any other notice which is to be given under the power which enables the fee to be charged.
- (8) In this section—
 - “copyright owner” has the meaning given by Part 1 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (see section 173 of that Act);
 - “copyright work” has the meaning given by Part 1 of the Act of 1988 (see section 1(2) of that Act);
 - “database” has the meaning given by section 3A of the Act of 1988;
 - “database right” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the Copyright and Rights in Databases Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/3032);
 - “owner”, in relation to a relevant copyright work, means—
 - (a) the copyright owner, or
 - (b) the owner of the database right in the database;
 - “relevant copyright work” means—
 - (a) a copyright work, or
 - (b) a database subject to a database right,
 but excludes a relevant Crown work or a relevant Parliamentary work;
 - “relevant Crown work” means—
 - (a) a copyright work in relation to which the Crown is the copyright owner, or
 - (b) a database in relation to which the Crown is the owner of the database right;

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“relevant Parliamentary work” means—

- (a) a copyright work in relation to which the House of Commons or the House of Lords is the copyright owner, or
- (b) a database in relation to which the House of Commons or the House of Lords is the owner of the database right;

“the specified licence” is the licence specified by the Secretary of State in a code of practice issued under section 45, and the Secretary of State may specify different licences for different purposes.

11B Power to charge fees in relation to release of datasets for re-use

- (1) The Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Treasury, make provision by regulations about the charging of fees by public authorities in connection with making relevant copyright works available for re-use under section 11A(2) or by virtue of section 19(2A)(c).
- (2) Regulations under this section may, in particular—
 - (a) prescribe cases in which fees may, or may not, be charged,
 - (b) prescribe the amount of any fee payable or provide for any such amount to be determined in such manner as may be prescribed,
 - (c) prescribe, or otherwise provide for, times at which fees, or parts of fees, are payable,
 - (d) require the provision of information about the manner in which amounts of fees are determined,
 - (e) make different provision for different purposes.
- (3) Regulations under this section may, in prescribing the amount of any fee payable or providing for any such amount to be determined in such manner as may be prescribed, provide for a reasonable return on investment.
- (4) In this section “relevant copyright work” has the meaning given by section 11A(8).”

(4) In section 19 (publication schemes)—

(a) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) A publication scheme must, in particular, include a requirement for the public authority concerned—

(a) to publish—

- (i) any dataset held by the authority in relation to which a person makes a request for information to the authority, and
- (ii) any up-dated version held by the authority of such a dataset,

unless the authority is satisfied that it is not appropriate for the dataset to be published,

- (b) where reasonably practicable, to publish any dataset the authority publishes by virtue of paragraph (a) in an electronic form which is capable of re-use,
- (c) where any information in a dataset published by virtue of paragraph (a) is a relevant copyright work in relation to which the authority is the only owner, to make the information

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available for re-use in accordance with the terms of the specified licence.

- (2B) The public authority may exercise any power that it has by virtue of regulations under section 11B to charge a fee in connection with making the relevant copyright work available for re-use in accordance with a requirement imposed by virtue of subsection (2A)(c).
- (2C) Nothing in this section or section 11B prevents a public authority which is subject to such a requirement from exercising any power that it has by or under an enactment other than this Act to charge a fee in connection with making the relevant copyright work available for re-use.
- (2D) Where a public authority intends to charge a fee (whether in accordance with regulations under section 11B or as mentioned in subsection (2C)) in connection with making a relevant copyright work available for re-use by an applicant, the authority must give the applicant a notice in writing (in this section referred to as a “re-use fee notice”) stating that a fee of an amount specified in, or determined in accordance with, the notice is to be charged by the authority in connection with complying with the requirement imposed by virtue of subsection (2A)(c).
- (2E) Where a re-use fee notice has been given to the applicant, the public authority is not obliged to comply with the requirement imposed by virtue of subsection (2A)(c) while any part of the fee which is required to be paid is unpaid.
- (2F) Where a public authority intends to charge a fee as mentioned in subsection (2C), the re-use fee notice may be combined with any other notice which is to be given under the power which enables the fee to be charged.”, and
- (b) after subsection (7) insert—
- “(8) In this section—
- “copyright owner” has the meaning given by Part 1 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (see section 173 of that Act);
- “copyright work” has the meaning given by Part 1 of the Act of 1988 (see section 1(2) of that Act);
- “database” has the meaning given by section 3A of the Act of 1988;
- “database right” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the Copyright and Rights in Databases Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/3032);
- “owner”, in relation to a relevant copyright work, means—
- (a) the copyright owner, or
- (b) the owner of the database right in the database;
- “relevant copyright work” means—
- (a) a copyright work, or
- (b) a database subject to a database right,

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but excludes a relevant Crown work or a relevant Parliamentary work;

“relevant Crown work” means—

- (a) a copyright work in relation to which the Crown is the copyright owner, or
- (b) a database in relation to which the Crown is the owner of the database right;

“relevant Parliamentary work” means—

- (a) a copyright work in relation to which the House of Commons or the House of Lords is the copyright owner, or
- (b) a database in relation to which the House of Commons or the House of Lords is the owner of the database right;

“the specified licence” has the meaning given by section 11A(8).”

(5) In section 45 (issue of code of practice)—

(a) in subsection (2), after paragraph (d) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—

“(da) the disclosure by public authorities of datasets held by them,”

(b) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Provision of the kind mentioned in subsection (2)(da) may, in particular, include provision relating to—

- (a) the giving of permission for datasets to be re-used,
- (b) the disclosure of datasets in an electronic form which is capable of re-use,
- (c) the making of datasets available for re-use in accordance with the terms of a licence,
- (d) other matters relating to the making of datasets available for re-use,
- (e) standards applicable to public authorities in connection with the disclosure of datasets.”

(c) in subsection (3) for “The code” substitute “ Any code under this section ”.

(6) In section 84 (interpretation), after the definition of “the Commissioner”, insert—

““dataset” has the meaning given by section 11(5);”.

Commencement Information

1110 S. 102 in force at 31.7.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/1906, art. 2](#)

1111 S. 102 in force at 1.9.2013 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2013/1906, art. 3\(a\)](#)

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Other amendments relating to freedom of information

103 Meaning of “publicly-owned company”

(1) Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (publicly-owned companies) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) omit “or” at the end of paragraph (a),
- (b) in paragraph (b) for the words from “any public authority” to “particular information” substitute “the wider public sector”, and
- (c) after paragraph (b) insert “, or
 (c) it is wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector.”

(3) For subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) a company is wholly owned by the Crown if, and only if, every member is a person falling within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii)—
 - (i) a Minister of the Crown, government department or company wholly owned by the Crown, or
 - (ii) a person acting on behalf of a Minister of the Crown, government department or company wholly owned by the Crown,
- (b) a company is wholly owned by the wider public sector if, and only if, every member is a person falling within sub-paragraph (i) or (ii)—
 - (i) a relevant public authority or a company wholly owned by the wider public sector, or
 - (ii) a person acting on behalf of a relevant public authority or of a company wholly owned by the wider public sector, and
- (c) a company is wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector if, and only if, condition A, B or C is met.

(2A) In subsection (2)(c)—

- (a) condition A is met if—
 - (i) at least one member is a person falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii),
 - (ii) at least one member is a person falling within subsection (2)(b)(i) or (ii), and
 - (iii) every member is a person falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)(i) or (ii),
- (b) condition B is met if—
 - (i) at least one member is a person falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)(i) or (ii),
 - (ii) at least one member is a company wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector, and
 - (iii) every member is a person falling within subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)(i) or (ii) or a company wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector, and
- (c) condition C is met if every member is a company wholly owned by the Crown and the wider public sector.”

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(4) In subsection (3), at the end, insert—

““relevant public authority” means any public authority listed in Schedule 1 other than—

- (a) a government department, or
- (b) any authority which is listed only in relation to particular information”.

Commencement Information

I112 S. 103 in force at 1.9.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1906](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#)

104 Extension of certain provisions to Northern Ireland bodies

(1) Omit—

- (a) section 80A of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (which modifies, in relation to information held by Northern Ireland bodies, certain provisions of the Act relating to historical records etc.), and
- (b) paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (which inserts section 80A into the Act of 2000).

(2) The power of the Secretary of State under section 46(2) to (5) of the Act of 2010 to make transitional, transitory or saving provision in connection with the coming into force of paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to that Act includes power to make such provision in connection with the coming into force of that paragraph of that Schedule as it has effect by virtue of this section.

Commencement Information

I113 S. 104 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(x\)](#)

The Information Commissioner

105 Appointment and tenure of Information Commissioner

(1) In paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 5 to the Data Protection Act 1998 (maximum term of appointment for the Information Commissioner) for “five years” substitute “ seven years ”.

(2) After paragraph 2(3) of that Schedule to that Act (removal of the Information Commissioner from office) insert—

“(3A) No motion is to be made in either House of Parliament for such an Address unless a Minister of the Crown has presented a report to that House stating that the Minister is satisfied that one or more of the following grounds is made out—

- (a) the Commissioner has failed to discharge the functions of the office for a continuous period of at least 3 months,
- (b) the Commissioner has failed to comply with the terms of appointment,

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- (c) the Commissioner has been convicted of a criminal offence,
- (d) the Commissioner is an undischarged bankrupt or the Commissioner's estate has been sequestrated in Scotland and the Commissioner has not been discharged,
- (e) the Commissioner has made an arrangement or composition contract with, or has granted a trust deed for, the Commissioner's creditors,
- (f) the Commissioner is otherwise unfit to hold the office or unable to carry out its functions.

(3B) No recommendation may be made to Her Majesty for the appointment of a person as the Commissioner unless the person concerned has been selected on merit on the basis of fair and open competition.

(3C) A person appointed as the Commissioner may not be appointed again for a further term of office.”

- (3) Omit paragraph 2(4) and (5) of that Schedule to that Act (termination of term of office on attaining 65 years of age etc. and eligibility for re-appointment).
- (4) In the italic heading to paragraph 2 of that Schedule to that Act, after “office” insert “ and appointment ”.
- (5) Omit section 18(5) to (7) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (spent provisions about period of office of Data Protection Commissioner as first Information Commissioner and application of paragraph 2(4)(b) and (5) of Schedule 5 to the Act of 1998 to that person).

Commencement Information

II14 S. 105 in force at 16.3.2015 by [S.I. 2015/587](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

106 Alteration of role of Secretary of State in relation to guidance powers

- (1) For section 41C(7) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (code of practice about assessment notices: requirement for approval of Secretary of State) substitute—
 - “(7) The Commissioner must consult the Secretary of State before issuing the code (or an altered or replacement code).”
- (2) In section 52B of that Act (data-sharing code: approval by the Secretary of State)—
 - (a) for subsections (1) to (3) substitute—
 - “(1) When a code is prepared under section 52A, the Commissioner must—
 - (a) consult the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) submit the final version of the code to the Secretary of State.
 - (2) The Secretary of State must lay the code before Parliament.”, and”
 - (b) in subsection (6) for the words from the beginning to “the Commissioner” substitute “ Where such a resolution is passed, the Commissioner ”.
- (3) For section 55C(5) of that Act (guidance about monetary penalty notices: requirement for approval of Secretary of State) substitute—

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“(5) The Commissioner must consult the Secretary of State before issuing any guidance under this section.”

Commencement Information

I115 S. 106 in force at 1.9.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1906](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)

107 Removal of Secretary of State consent for fee-charging powers etc.

(1) In section 51 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (general duties of the Information Commissioner)—

(a) in subsection (8) (power to charge fees, with the consent of the Secretary of State, in relation to any Part 6 services)—

(i) omit “with the consent of the Secretary of State”, and

(ii) before “services” insert “ relevant ”, and

(b) after subsection (8) insert—

“(8A) In subsection (8) “relevant services” means—

(a) the provision to the same person of more than one copy of any published material where each of the copies of the material is either provided on paper, a portable disk which stores the material electronically or a similar medium,

(b) the provision of training, or

(c) the provision of conferences.

(8B) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (8A).”

(2) In section 67(5)(a) of that Act (orders under the Act subject to negative procedure) after “51(3)” insert “ or (8B) ”.

(3) In section 47 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (general functions of the Information Commissioner)—

(a) in subsection (4) (power to charge fees, with the consent of the Secretary of State, in relation to services provided under that section)—

(i) omit “with the consent of the Secretary of State”, and

(ii) before “services” insert “ relevant ”, and

(b) after subsection (4) insert—

“(4A) In subsection (4) “relevant services” means—

(a) the provision to the same person of more than one copy of any published material where each of the copies of the material is either provided on paper, a portable disk which stores the material electronically or a similar medium,

(b) the provision of training, or

(c) the provision of conferences.

(4B) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (4A).

(4C) An order under subsection (4B) may include such transitional or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

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(4D) The Secretary of State must consult the Commissioner before making an order under subsection (4B).”

(4) In section 82(3)(a) of that Act (orders under the Act subject to negative procedure) after “4(1)” insert “ or 47(4B) ”.

Commencement Information

I116 S. 107 in force at 1.9.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1906, art. 3\(d\)](#)

108 Removal of Secretary of State approval for staff numbers, terms etc.

(1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 5 to the Data Protection Act 1998 (appointment of officers and staff of the Information Commissioner) is amended as follows.

(2) After sub-paragraph (4) insert—

“(4A) In making appointments under this paragraph, the Commissioner must have regard to the principle of selection on merit on the basis of fair and open competition.”

(3) Omit sub-paragraph (5) (approval of Secretary of State required for number, and terms and conditions, of persons to be appointed).

Commencement Information

I117 S. 108 in force at 1.9.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1906, art. 3\(e\)](#)

PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Trafficking people for exploitation

^{F53}109 Trafficking people for sexual exploitation

Textual Amendments

F53 S. 109 omitted (31.7.2015) by virtue of [Modern Slavery Act 2015 \(c. 30\), s. 61\(1\), Sch. 5 para. 9\(2\); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2\(j\)](#) (with regs. 38)

Commencement Information

I118 S. 109 in force at 6.4.2013 by [S.I. 2013/470, art. 2\(a\)](#) (with arts. 3(a), 5-8)

^{F54}110 Trafficking people for labour and other exploitation

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Textual Amendments

F54 S. 110 omitted (31.7.2015) by virtue of [Modern Slavery Act 2015 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 61(1), [Sch. 5 para. 9\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2015/1476](#), reg. 2(j) (with regs. 38)

Commencement Information

I119 S. 110 in force at 6.4.2013 by [S.I. 2013/470](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#) (with arts. 3(a), 4-8)

Stalking

111 Offences in relation to stalking

- (1) After section 2 of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (offence of harassment) insert—

“2A Offence of stalking

- (1) A person is guilty of an offence if—
- (a) the person pursues a course of conduct in breach of section 1(1), and
 - (b) the course of conduct amounts to stalking.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) (and section 4A(1)(a)) a person's course of conduct amounts to stalking of another person if—
- (a) it amounts to harassment of that person,
 - (b) the acts or omissions involved are ones associated with stalking, and
 - (c) the person whose course of conduct it is knows or ought to know that the course of conduct amounts to harassment of the other person.
- (3) The following are examples of acts or omissions which, in particular circumstances, are ones associated with stalking—
- (a) following a person,
 - (b) contacting, or attempting to contact, a person by any means,
 - (c) publishing any statement or other material—
 - (i) relating or purporting to relate to a person, or
 - (ii) purporting to originate from a person,
 - (d) monitoring the use by a person of the internet, email or any other form of electronic communication,
 - (e) loitering in any place (whether public or private),
 - (f) interfering with any property in the possession of a person,
 - (g) watching or spying on a person.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or both.
- (5) In relation to an offence committed before the commencement of section 281(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003, the reference in subsection (4) to 51 weeks is to be read as a reference to six months.
- (6) This section is without prejudice to the generality of section 2.”

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(2) After section 4 of that Act (putting people in fear of violence) insert—

“4A Stalking involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress

- (1) A person (“A”) whose course of conduct—
 - (a) amounts to stalking, and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) causes another (“B”) to fear, on at least two occasions, that violence will be used against B, or
 - (ii) causes B serious alarm or distress which has a substantial adverse effect on B's usual day-to-day activities,
 is guilty of an offence if A knows or ought to know that A's course of conduct will cause B so to fear on each of those occasions or (as the case may be) will cause such alarm or distress.
- (2) For the purposes of this section A ought to know that A's course of conduct will cause B to fear that violence will be used against B on any occasion if a reasonable person in possession of the same information would think the course of conduct would cause B so to fear on that occasion.
- (3) For the purposes of this section A ought to know that A's course of conduct will cause B serious alarm or distress which has a substantial adverse effect on B's usual day-to-day activities if a reasonable person in possession of the same information would think the course of conduct would cause B such alarm or distress.
- (4) It is a defence for A to show that—
 - (a) A's course of conduct was pursued for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime,
 - (b) A's course of conduct was pursued under any enactment or rule of law or to comply with any condition or requirement imposed by any person under any enactment, or
 - (c) the pursuit of A's course of conduct was reasonable for the protection of A or another or for the protection of A's or another's property.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or a fine, or both, or
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or both.
- (6) In relation to an offence committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003, the reference in subsection (5) (b) to twelve months is to be read as a reference to six months.
- (7) If on the trial on indictment of a person charged with an offence under this section the jury find the person not guilty of the offence charged, they may find the person guilty of an offence under section 2 or 2A.
- (8) The Crown Court has the same powers and duties in relation to a person who is by virtue of subsection (7) convicted before it of an offence under section 2 or 2A as a magistrates' court would have on convicting the person of the offence.

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(9) This section is without prejudice to the generality of section 4.”

Commencement Information

I120 S. 111 in force at 25.11.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 5\(a\)](#)

112 Power of entry in relation to stalking

After section 2A of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (for which see section 111) insert—

“2B Power of entry in relation to offence of stalking

- (1) A justice of the peace may, on an application by a constable, issue a warrant authorising a constable to enter and search premises if the justice of the peace is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that—
- (a) an offence under section 2A has been, or is being, committed,
 - (b) there is material on the premises which is likely to be of substantial value (whether by itself or together with other material) to the investigation of the offence,
 - (c) the material—
 - (i) is likely to be admissible in evidence at a trial for the offence, and
 - (ii) does not consist of, or include, items subject to legal privilege, excluded material or special procedure material (within the meanings given by sections 10, 11 and 14 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984), and
 - (d) either—
 - (i) entry to the premises will not be granted unless a warrant is produced, or
 - (ii) the purpose of a search may be frustrated or seriously prejudiced unless a constable arriving at the premises can secure immediate entry to them.
- (2) A constable may seize and retain anything for which a search has been authorised under subsection (1).
- (3) A constable may use reasonable force, if necessary, in the exercise of any power conferred by virtue of this section.
- (4) In this section “premises” has the same meaning as in section 23 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.”

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I121 S. 112 in force at 25.11.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 5\(b\)](#)

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Miscellaneous repeals of enactments

113 Repeal of provisions for conducting certain fraud cases without jury

Omit section 43 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (applications by prosecution for certain fraud cases to be conducted without a jury).

114 Removal of restrictions on times for marriage or civil partnership

- (1) In the Marriage Act 1949—
 - (a) omit section 4 (solemnization of marriages to take place at any time between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.), and
 - (b) omit section 75(1)(a) (offence of solemnizing a marriage outside the permitted hours).
- (2) In section 16(4) of the Marriage (Registrar General's Licence) Act 1970 (disapplication of certain provisions of the Act of 1949) for “sections 75(1)(a) and” substitute “section”.
- (3) In section 17(2) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (registration as civil partners under the standard procedure to take place on any day in the applicable period between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.)—
 - (a) for “on any day in” substitute “at any time during”, and
 - (b) omit “between 8 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock in the evening”.
- (4) Omit section 31(2)(ab) of that Act (offence of officiating at the signing of a civil partnership schedule outside the permitted hours).

Commencement Information

I122 S. 114 in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 3\(m\)](#)

General

115 Consequential amendments, repeals and revocations

- (1) Schedule 9 (consequential amendments) has effect.
- (2) The provisions listed in Schedule 10 are repealed or (as the case may be) revoked to the extent specified.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order make such provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in consequence of this Act.
- (4) The power to make an order under subsection (3)—
 - (a) is exercisable by statutory instrument,
 - (b) includes power to make transitional, transitory or saving provision,
 - (c) may, in particular, be exercised by amending, repealing, revoking or otherwise modifying any provision made by or under an enactment (including any Act passed in the same Session as this Act).

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- (5) Subject to subsection (6), a statutory instrument containing an order under this section is not to be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section which neither amends nor repeals any provision of primary legislation is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (7) In this section—
- “enactment” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament, a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales and Northern Ireland legislation,
- “primary legislation” means—
- (a) a public general Act,
 - (b) an Act of the Scottish Parliament,
 - (c) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (d) Northern Ireland legislation.

Commencement Information

- I123** S. 115 partly in force; s. 115(3)-(7) wholly in force at Royal Assent, s. 115(1)(2) in force at Royal Assent for certain purposes and s. 115(2) in force at 1.7.2012 for certain further purposes see s. 120(1)(4)(b)(5)(b)(c)
- I124** S. 115(1) in force at 1.7.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3\(y\)](#)
- I125** S. 115(1) in force at 10.7.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4\(i\)](#)
- I126** S. 115(1) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(x\)](#)
- I127** S. 115(1) in force at 1.10.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234, art. 3\(n\)](#)
- I128** S. 115(1) in force at 1.10.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3\(d\)](#)
- I129** S. 115(1) in force at 15.10.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2\(c\)](#)
- I130** S. 115(1) in force at 1.11.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2075, art. 4\(c\)](#)
- I131** S. 115(1) in force at 25.11.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2075, art. 5\(c\)](#)
- I132** S. 115(1) in force at 6.4.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/470, art. 2\(c\)](#) (with arts. 3(b), 5-8)
- I133** S. 115(1) in force at 17.6.2013 for specified purposes for E.W. by [S.I. 2013/1180, art. 2\(c\)](#)
- I134** S. 115(1) in force at 31.10.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3\(a\)](#)
- I135** S. 115(2) in force at 1.7.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3\(z\)](#)
- I136** S. 115(2) in force at 10.7.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4\(j\)](#)
- I137** S. 115(2) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2\(y\)](#)
- I138** S. 115(2) in force at 1.10.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3\(e\)](#)
- I139** S. 115(2) in force at 6.4.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/470, art. 2\(e\)](#) (with arts. 5-8)
- I140** S. 115(2) in force at 17.6.2013 for specified purposes for E.W. by [S.I. 2013/1180, art. 2\(d\)](#)
- I141** S. 115(2) in force at 31.10.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3\(b\)](#)
- I142** S. 115(2) in force at 16.3.2015 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2015/587, art. 2\(b\)](#)

116 Transitional, transitory or saving provision

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Secretary of State considers

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appropriate in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Act (other than Chapter 1 of Part 1 and any Welsh provision).

- (2) The Welsh Ministers may by order made by statutory instrument make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate in connection with the coming into force of any Welsh provision.
- (3) In this section “Welsh provision” means any provision of this Act so far as it falls within section 120(3).

117 Financial provisions

- (1) There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament—
 - (a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of this Act, and
 - (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided.
- (2) There is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund any sums received by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of this Act.

118 Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Her Majesty may by Order in Council provide for any of the provisions of—

- (a) Chapters 1 to 3 of Part 5 (and Parts 6 to 8 of Schedule 9 and Parts 5 and 6 of Schedule 10), or
- (b) section 110 (and Part 10 of Schedule 9, and Part 9 of Schedule 10, so far as relating to the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004),

to extend, with or without modifications, to any of the Channel Islands or to the Isle of Man.

119 Extent

- (1) The following provisions extend to England and Wales only—
 - (a) sections 1 to 18, 23 and 24,
 - (b) Chapter 2 of Part 1,
 - (c) Chapter 1 of Part 2,
 - (d) section 53 and Schedule 3,
 - (e) Chapter 2 of Part 3,
 - (e) Chapter 1 of Part 5 (excluding section 78 and Schedule 7),
 - (f) Chapter 2 of Part 5 (excluding section 86),
 - (g) Chapter 4 of Part 5,
 - (h) sections 109 to 114,
 - (i) Parts 4, 6, 7 and 9 to 12 of Schedule 9 (subject to subsections (2), (3), (5) and (8) (k) and (m)),
 - (j) Parts 3, 5, 6 and 9 to 11 of Schedule 10 (subject to subsections (3), (5) and (8) (m)), and
 - (k) any provision which extends to England and Wales only by virtue of subsection (6) or (7).
- (2) The following provisions extend to England and Wales and Scotland only—

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- (a) paragraph 119(a) of Schedule 9,
 - (b) the repeal of section 22 of the Crime and Security Act 2010 in paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 9 and Part 1 of Schedule 10, and
 - (c) any provision which extends to England and Wales and Scotland only by virtue of subsection (6) or (7).
- (3) The following provisions extend to England and Wales and Northern Ireland only—
- (a) Part 2 of Schedule 1,
 - (b) Chapter 3 of Part 5 (excluding paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 8 and section 91),
 - (c) in Part 6 of Schedule 9 and Part 5 of Schedule 10, the amendments and repeals in respect of—
 - (i) the Police Act 1997 (excluding sections 113A(10) and 113B(13) of that Act), and
 - (ii) paragraph 14(7)(c) of Schedule 9 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, and
 - (d) any provision which extends to England and Wales and Northern Ireland only by virtue of subsection (7).
- (4) The following provisions extend to Scotland only—
- (a) Part 5 of Schedule 1, and
 - (b) any provision which extends to Scotland only by virtue of subsection (7).
- (5) The following provisions extend to Northern Ireland only—
- (a) Part 6 of Schedule 1,
 - (b) section 63 and Schedule 6,
 - (c) section 78 and Schedule 7,
 - (d) in Part 6 of Schedule 9 and Part 5 of Schedule 10, the amendments, repeals and revocations in respect of—
 - (i) the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1351 (N.I. 11)) and any order made under that Order,
 - (ii) Part 3 of Schedule 5 to the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182), and
 - (iii) sections 90 and 92 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, and
 - (e) any provision which extends to Northern Ireland only by virtue of subsection (7).
- (6) The following provisions have the extent provided for in those provisions—
- (a) Schedule 2 (see each paragraph), and
 - (b) Part 2 of Schedule 10 (see the notes to that Part).
- (7) The amendments, repeals and revocations made by Parts 1 and 5 of Schedule 9 and Parts 1 and 4 of Schedule 10 have (subject to subsection (2)(b)) the same extent as the enactment amended, repealed or revoked.
- (8) The following provisions extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland—
- (a) sections 19 to 22 (excluding Parts 2, 5 and 6 of Schedule 1) and 25,
 - (b) Chapter 2 of Part 2,
 - (c) Chapter 1 of Part 3 (excluding section 53 and Schedules 2 and 3),
 - (d) Part 4 (excluding section 63 and Schedule 6),

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- (e) section 86,
- (f) paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 8,
- (g) section 91,
- (h) Part 6,
- (i) sections 115 to 117 (excluding Schedules 9 and 10), this section and sections 120 and 121,
- (j) Parts 2, 3 and 8 of Schedule 9,
- (k) the amendments of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, and Schedule 5 to the Sexual Offences Act 2003, in Part 11 of Schedule 9,
- (l) Parts 7 and 8 of Schedule 10,
- (m) the repeal of section 330(5)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 in Part 12 of Schedule 9 and Part 10 of Schedule 10, and
- (n) any provision which extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by virtue of subsection (6) or (7).

120 Commencement

- (1) Subject as follows, this Act comes into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint; and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
- (2) The provisions mentioned in subsection (3) come into force on such day as the Welsh Ministers may by order made by statutory instrument appoint; and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
- (3) The provisions are—
 - (a) Chapter 2 of Part 1 so far as relating to schools in Wales and further education institutions in Wales,
 - (b) sections 39(1), 40, 41 and 43 to 46 so far as they confer functions on the Welsh Ministers,
 - (c) section 53 and Schedule 3, and
 - (d) section 56 and Schedule 4 so far as relating to land in Wales.
- (4) The following provisions come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed—
 - (a) section 39(2) and Schedule 2, and
 - (b) Part 2 of Schedule 10 (and section 115(2) so far as relating to that Part of that Schedule).
- (5) The following provisions come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
 - (a) sections 88 to 91,
 - (b) section 113, Part 12 of Schedule 9 and Part 10 of Schedule 10 (and section 115(1) and (2) so far as relating to those Parts of those Schedules), and
 - (c) sections 115(3) to (7) and 116 to 119, this section and section 121.

121 Short title

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 19

AMENDMENTS OF REGIMES OTHER THAN PACE

PART 1

MATERIAL SUBJECT TO THE TERRORISM ACT 2000

- 1 (1) Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (treatment of persons detained under section 41 or Schedule 7 of that Act) is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit paragraph 14 (retention of material: England and Wales and Northern Ireland).
- (3) In paragraph 20 (retention of material: Scotland)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (3), omit the words from “but” to the end of the sub-paragraph, and
- (b) omit sub-paragraph (4).
- (4) After paragraph 20 insert—

“Destruction and retention of fingerprints and samples etc: United Kingdom

- 20A(1) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) fingerprints taken under paragraph 10,
- (b) a DNA profile derived from a DNA sample taken under paragraph 10 or 12,
- (c) relevant physical data taken or provided by virtue of paragraph 20, and
- (d) a DNA profile derived from a DNA sample taken by virtue of paragraph 20.
- (2) Fingerprints, relevant physical data and DNA profiles to which this paragraph applies (“paragraph 20A material”) must be destroyed if it appears to the responsible chief officer of police that—
- (a) the taking or providing of the material or, in the case of a DNA profile, the taking of the sample from which the DNA profile was derived, was unlawful, or
- (b) the material was taken or provided, or (in the case of a DNA profile) was derived from a sample taken, from a person in connection with that person's arrest under section 41 and the arrest was unlawful or based on mistaken identity.
- (3) In any other case, paragraph 20A material must be destroyed unless it is retained under any power conferred by paragraphs 20B to 20E.

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- (4) Paragraph 20A material which ceases to be retained under a power mentioned in sub-paragraph (3) may continue to be retained under any other such power which applies to it.
- (5) Nothing in this paragraph prevents a relevant search, in relation to paragraph 20A material, from being carried out within such time as may reasonably be required for the search if the responsible chief officer of police considers the search to be desirable.
- (6) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (5), “a relevant search” is a search carried out for the purpose of checking the material against—
- (a) other fingerprints or samples taken under paragraph 10 or 12 or a DNA profile derived from such a sample,
 - (b) any of the relevant physical data, samples or information mentioned in section 19C(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,
 - (c) any of the relevant physical data, samples or information held by virtue of section 56 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003,
 - (d) material to which section 18 of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 applies,
 - (e) any of the fingerprints, data or samples obtained under paragraph 1 or 4 of Schedule 6 to the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011, or information derived from such samples,
 - (f) any of the fingerprints, samples and information mentioned in section 63A(1)(a) and (b) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (checking of fingerprints and samples), and
 - (g) any of the fingerprints, samples and information mentioned in Article 63A(1)(a) and (b) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (checking of fingerprints and samples).
- 20B (1) This paragraph applies to paragraph 20A material relating to a person who is detained under section 41.
- (2) In the case of a person who has previously been convicted of a recordable offence (other than a single exempt conviction), or an offence in Scotland which is punishable by imprisonment, or is so convicted before the end of the period within which the material may be retained by virtue of this paragraph, the material may be retained indefinitely.
- (3) In the case of a person who has no previous convictions, or only one exempt conviction, the material may be retained until the end of the retention period specified in sub-paragraph (4).
- (4) The retention period is—
- (a) in the case of fingerprints or relevant physical data, the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the fingerprints or relevant physical data were taken or provided, and
 - (b) in the case of a DNA profile, the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the DNA sample from which the profile was derived was taken (or, if the profile was derived from more than one DNA sample, the date on which the first of those samples was taken).

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- (5) The responsible chief officer of police or a specified chief officer of police may apply to a relevant court for an order extending the retention period.
- (6) An application for an order under sub-paragraph (5) must be made within the period of 3 months ending on the last day of the retention period.
- (7) An order under sub-paragraph (5) may extend the retention period by a period which—
 - (a) begins with the date on which the material would otherwise be required to be destroyed under this paragraph, and
 - (b) ends with the end of the period of 2 years beginning with that date.
- (8) The following persons may appeal to the relevant appeal court against an order under sub-paragraph (5), or a refusal to make such an order—
 - (a) the responsible chief officer of police;
 - (b) a specified chief officer of police;
 - (c) the person from whom the material was taken.
- (9) In Scotland—
 - (a) an application for an order under sub-paragraph (5) is to be made by summary application;
 - (b) an appeal against an order under sub-paragraph (5), or a refusal to make such an order, must be made within 21 days of the relevant court's decision, and the relevant appeal court's decision on any such appeal is final.
- (10) In this paragraph—

“relevant court” means—

 - (a) in England and Wales, a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts),
 - (b) in Scotland, the sheriff—
 - (i) in whose sheriffdom the person to whom the material relates resides,
 - (ii) in whose sheriffdom that person is believed by the applicant to be, or
 - (iii) to whose sheriffdom that person is believed by the applicant to be intending to come; and
 - (c) in Northern Ireland, a district judge (magistrates' court) in Northern Ireland;

“the relevant appeal court” means—

 - (a) in England and Wales, the Crown Court,
 - (b) in Scotland, the sheriff principal, and
 - (c) in Northern Ireland, the County Court in Northern Ireland;

“a specified chief officer of police” means—

 - (a) in England and Wales and Northern Ireland—
 - (i) the chief officer of the police force of the area in which the person from whom the material was taken resides, or
 - (ii) a chief officer of police who believes that the person is in, or is intending to come to, the chief officer's police area, and

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(b) in Scotland—

- (i) the chief constable of the police force in the area in which the person who provided the material, or from whom it was taken, resides, or
- (ii) a chief constable who believes that the person is in, or is intending to come to, the area of the chief constable's police force.

20C (1) This paragraph applies to paragraph 20A material relating to a person who is detained under Schedule 7.

- (2) In the case of a person who has previously been convicted of a recordable offence (other than a single exempt conviction), or an offence in Scotland which is punishable by imprisonment, or is so convicted before the end of the period within which the material may be retained by virtue of this paragraph, the material may be retained indefinitely.
- (3) In the case of a person who has no previous convictions, or only one exempt conviction, the material may be retained until the end of the retention period specified in sub-paragraph (4).
- (4) The retention period is—
 - (a) in the case of fingerprints or relevant physical data, the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the fingerprints or relevant physical data were taken or provided, and
 - (b) in the case of a DNA profile, the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the DNA sample from which the profile was derived was taken (or, if the profile was derived from more than one DNA sample, the date on which the first of those samples was taken).

20D (1) For the purposes of paragraphs 20B and 20C, a person is to be treated as having been convicted of an offence if—

- (a) in relation to a recordable offence in England and Wales or Northern Ireland—
 - (i) the person has been given a caution in respect of the offence which, at the time of the caution, the person has admitted,
 - (ii) the person has been found not guilty of the offence by reason of insanity,
 - (iii) the person has been found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged in respect of the offence, or
 - (iv) the person has been warned or reprimanded under section 65 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for the offence,
- (b) the person, in relation to an offence in Scotland punishable by imprisonment, has accepted or has been deemed to accept—
 - (i) a conditional offer under section 302 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,
 - (ii) a compensation offer under section 302A of that Act,
 - (iii) a combined offer under section 302B of that Act, or
 - (iv) a work offer under section 303ZA of that Act,
- (c) the person, in relation to an offence in Scotland punishable by imprisonment, has been acquitted on account of the person's insanity

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- at the time of the offence or (as the case may be) by virtue of section 51A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,
- (d) a finding in respect of the person has been made under section 55(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 in relation to an offence in Scotland punishable by imprisonment,
 - (e) the person, having been given a fixed penalty notice under section 129(1) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 in connection with an offence in Scotland punishable by imprisonment, has paid—
 - (i) the fixed penalty, or
 - (ii) (as the case may be) the sum which the person is liable to pay by virtue of section 131(5) of that Act, or
 - (f) the person, in relation to an offence in Scotland punishable by imprisonment, has been discharged absolutely by order under section 246(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.
- (2) Paragraphs 20B and 20C and this paragraph, so far as they relate to persons convicted of an offence, have effect despite anything in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- (3) But a person is not to be treated as having been convicted of an offence if that conviction is a disregarded conviction or caution by virtue of section 92 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraphs 20B and 20C—
- (a) a person has no previous convictions if the person has not previously been convicted—
 - (i) in England and Wales or Northern Ireland of a recordable offence, or
 - (ii) in Scotland of an offence which is punishable by imprisonment, and
 - (b) if the person has previously been convicted of a recordable offence in England and Wales or Northern Ireland, the conviction is exempt if it is in respect of a recordable offence, other than a qualifying offence, committed when the person was aged under 18.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (4), “qualifying offence” has—
- (a) in relation to a conviction in respect of a recordable offence committed in England and Wales, the meaning given by section 65A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, and
 - (b) in relation to a conviction in respect of a recordable offence committed in Northern Ireland, the meaning given by Article 53A of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12)).
- (6) If a person is convicted of more than one offence arising out of a single course of action, those convictions are to be treated as a single conviction for the purposes of calculating under paragraph 20B or 20C whether the person has been convicted of only one offence.
- (7) Nothing in paragraph 20B or 20C prevents the start of a new retention period in relation to paragraph 20A material if a person is detained again under

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- section 41 or (as the case may be) Schedule 7 when an existing retention period (whether or not extended) is still in force in relation to that material.
- 20E (1) Paragraph 20A material may be retained for as long as a national security determination made by the responsible chief officer of police has effect in relation to it.
- (2) A national security determination is made if the responsible chief officer of police determines that it is necessary for any paragraph 20A material to be retained for the purposes of national security.
- (3) A national security determination—
- (a) must be made in writing,
 - (b) has effect for a maximum of 2 years beginning with the date on which the determination is made, and
 - (c) may be renewed.
- 20F (1) If fingerprints or relevant physical data are required by paragraph 20A to be destroyed, any copies of the fingerprints or relevant physical data held by a police force must also be destroyed.
- (2) If a DNA profile is required by that paragraph to be destroyed, no copy may be retained by a police force except in a form which does not include information which identifies the person to whom the DNA profile relates.
- 20G(1) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) samples taken under paragraph 10 or 12, or
 - (b) samples taken by virtue of paragraph 20.
- (2) Samples to which this paragraph applies must be destroyed if it appears to the responsible chief officer of police that—
- (a) the taking of the sample was unlawful, or
 - (b) the sample was taken from a person in connection with that person's arrest under section 41 and the arrest was unlawful or based on mistaken identity.
- (3) Subject to this, the rule in sub-paragraph (4) or (as the case may be) (5) applies.
- (4) A DNA sample to which this paragraph applies must be destroyed—
- (a) as soon as a DNA profile has been derived from the sample, or
 - (b) if sooner, before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the sample was taken.
- (5) Any other sample to which this paragraph applies must be destroyed before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which it was taken.
- (6) The responsible chief officer of police may apply to a relevant court for an order to retain a sample to which this paragraph applies beyond the date on which the sample would otherwise be required to be destroyed by virtue of sub-paragraph (4) or (5) if—
- (a) the sample was taken from a person detained under section 41 in connection with the investigation of a qualifying offence, and

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- (b) the responsible chief officer of police considers that the condition in sub-paragraph (7) is met.
- (7) The condition is that, having regard to the nature and complexity of other material that is evidence in relation to the offence, the sample is likely to be needed in any proceedings for the offence for the purposes of—
 - (a) disclosure to, or use by, a defendant, or
 - (b) responding to any challenge by a defendant in respect of the admissibility of material that is evidence on which the prosecution proposes to rely.
- (8) An application under sub-paragraph (6) must be made before the date on which the sample would otherwise be required to be destroyed by virtue of sub-paragraph (4) or (5).
- (9) If, on an application made by the responsible chief officer of police under sub-paragraph (6), the relevant court is satisfied that the condition in sub-paragraph (7) is met, it may make an order under this sub-paragraph which—
 - (a) allows the sample to be retained for a period of 12 months beginning with the date on which the sample would otherwise be required to be destroyed by virtue of sub-paragraph (4) or (5), and
 - (b) may be renewed (on one or more occasions) for a further period of not more than 12 months from the end of the period when the order would otherwise cease to have effect.
- (10) An application for an order under sub-paragraph (9) (other than an application for renewal)—
 - (a) may be made without notice of the application having been given to the person from whom the sample was taken, and
 - (b) may be heard and determined in private in the absence of that person.
- (11) In Scotland, an application for an order under sub-paragraph (9) (including an application for renewal) is to be made by summary application.
- (12) A sample retained by virtue of an order under sub-paragraph (9) must not be used other than for the purposes of any proceedings for the offence in connection with which the sample was taken.
- (13) A sample that ceases to be retained by virtue of an order under sub-paragraph (9) must be destroyed.
- (14) Nothing in this paragraph prevents a relevant search, in relation to samples to which this paragraph applies, from being carried out within such time as may reasonably be required for the search if the responsible chief officer of police considers the search to be desirable.
- (15) In this paragraph—
 - “ancillary offence”, in relation to an offence for the time being listed in section 41(1) of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008, means—
 - (a) aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of the offence, or
 - (b) inciting, attempting or conspiring to commit the offence;
 - “qualifying offence”—

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- (a) in relation to the investigation of an offence committed in England and Wales, has the meaning given by section 65A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984,
- (b) in relation to the investigation of an offence committed in Scotland, means a relevant offence, an offence for the time being listed in section 41(1) of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 or an ancillary offence to an offence so listed, and
- (c) in relation to the investigation of an offence committed in Northern Ireland, has the meaning given by Article 53A of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12)).

“relevant court” means—

- (a) in England and Wales, a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts),
- (b) in Scotland, the sheriff—
 - (i) in whose sheriffdom the person to whom the sample relates resides,
 - (ii) in whose sheriffdom that person is believed by the responsible chief officer of police to be, or
 - (iii) to whose sheriffdom that person is believed by the responsible chief officer of police to be intending to come; and
- (c) in Northern Ireland, a district judge (magistrates' court) in Northern Ireland;

“relevant offence” has the same meaning as in section 19A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995;

“a relevant search” has the meaning given by paragraph 20A(6).

20H(1) Any material to which paragraph 20A or 20G applies must not be used other than—

- (a) in the interests of national security,
 - (b) for the purposes of a terrorist investigation,
 - (c) for purposes related to the prevention or detection of crime, the investigation of an offence or the conduct of a prosecution, or
 - (d) for purposes related to the identification of a deceased person or of the person to whom the material relates.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (1), a relevant search (within the meaning given by paragraph 20A(6)) may be carried out in relation to material to which paragraph 20A or 20G applies if the responsible chief officer of police considers the search to be desirable.
- (3) Material which is required by paragraph 20A or 20G to be destroyed must not at any time after it is required to be destroyed be used—
- (a) in evidence against the person to whom the material relates, or
 - (b) for the purposes of the investigation of any offence.
- (4) In this paragraph—
- (a) the reference to using material includes a reference to allowing any check to be made against it and to disclosing it to any person,
 - (b) the reference to crime includes a reference to any conduct which—

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- (i) constitutes one or more criminal offences (whether under the law of a part of the United Kingdom or of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom), or
 - (ii) is, or corresponds to, any conduct which, if it all took place in any one part of the United Kingdom, would constitute one or more criminal offences, and
 - (c) the references to an investigation and to a prosecution include references, respectively, to any investigation outside the United Kingdom of any crime or suspected crime and to a prosecution brought in respect of any crime in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom.
- (5) Sub-paragraphs (1), (2) and (4) do not form part of the law of Scotland.
- 20I Paragraphs 20A to 20F and 20H do not apply to paragraph 20A material relating to a person detained under section 41 which is, or may become, disclosable under—
 - (a) the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, or
 - (b) a code of practice prepared under section 23 of that Act and in operation by virtue of an order under section 25 of that Act.
- 20J In paragraphs 20A to 20I—
 - “DNA profile” means any information derived from a DNA sample;
 - “DNA sample” means any material that has come from a human body and consists of or includes human cells;
 - “fingerprints” has the meaning given by section 65(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Part 5 definitions);
 - “paragraph 20A material” has the meaning given by paragraph 20A(2);
 - “police force” means any of the following—
 - (a) the metropolitan police force;
 - (b) a police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996 (police forces in England and Wales outside London);
 - (c) the City of London police force;
 - (d) any police force maintained under or by virtue of section 1 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967;
 - (e) the Scottish Police Services Authority;
 - (f) the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
 - (g) the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve;
 - (h) the Ministry of Defence Police;
 - (i) the Royal Navy Police;
 - (j) the Royal Military Police;
 - (k) the Royal Air Force Police;
 - (l) the British Transport Police;
 - “recordable offence” has—
 - (a) in relation to a conviction in England and Wales, the meaning given by section 118(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, and

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(b) in relation to a conviction in Northern Ireland, the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;

“relevant physical data” has the meaning given by section 18(7A) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995;

“responsible chief officer of police” means, in relation to fingerprints or samples taken in England or Wales, or a DNA profile derived from a sample so taken, the chief officer of police for the police area—

- (a) in which the material concerned was taken, or
- (b) in the case of a DNA profile, in which the sample from which the DNA profile was derived was taken;

“responsible chief officer of police” means, in relation to relevant physical data or samples taken or provided in Scotland, or a DNA profile derived from a sample so taken or provided, the chief constable of the police force for the area—

- (a) in which the material concerned was taken or provided, or
- (b) in the case of a DNA profile, in which the sample from which the DNA profile was derived was taken;

“responsible chief officer of police” means, in relation to fingerprints or samples taken in Northern Ireland, or a DNA profile derived from a sample so taken, the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland.”

(5) In paragraph 11(1)(a), for “paragraph 14(4),” substitute “ a relevant search (within the meaning given by paragraph 20A(6)) or for the purposes of ”.

(6) In paragraph 15(1) for “paragraphs 10 to 14” substitute “ paragraphs 10 to 13 ”.

(7) After paragraph 15(1) insert—

“(1A) In the application of section 65(2A) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, the reference to the destruction of a sample under section 63R of that Act is a reference to the destruction of a sample under paragraph 20G of this Schedule.”

(8) In paragraph 15(2) for “paragraphs 10 to 14” substitute “ paragraphs 10 to 13 ”.

Commencement Information

- I143** Sch. 1 para. 1(1)-(3) in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(h)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#) (as amended (30.10.2016) by [S.I. 2016/682](#), arts. 1, 3, 4))
- I144** Sch. 1 para. 1(4) in force at 31.10.2013 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(i)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#) (as amended (30.10.2016) by [S.I. 2016/682](#), arts. 1, 3, 4))
- I145** Sch. 1 para. 1(4) in force at 31.1.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 3(b)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#))
- I146** Sch. 1 para. 1(5)-(8) in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(j)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#) (as amended (30.10.2016) by [S.I. 2016/682](#), arts. 1, 3, 4))

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PART 2

MATERIAL SUBJECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT ACT 2001

2 In Schedule 4 of the International Criminal Court Act 2001 (taking of fingerprints or non-intimate samples) for paragraph 8 substitute—

- “8 (1) This paragraph applies to the following material—
- (a) fingerprints and samples taken under this Schedule, and
 - (b) DNA profiles derived from such samples.
- (2) The material must be destroyed—
- (a) before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which the material was transmitted to the ICC (see paragraph 6(2)), or
 - (b) if later, as soon as it has fulfilled the purpose for which it was taken or derived.
- (3) If fingerprints are required to be destroyed by virtue of subparagraph (2), any copies of the fingerprints held by the police must also be destroyed.
- (4) If a DNA profile is required to be destroyed by virtue of subparagraph (2), no copy may be retained by the police except in a form which does not include information from which the person to whom the DNA profile relates can be identified.
- (5) In this paragraph—
- “DNA profile” means any information derived from a DNA sample;
 - “DNA sample” means any material that has come from a human body and consists of or includes human cells.”

Commencement Information

I147 Sch. 1 para. 2 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(k\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#) (as amended (30.10.2016) by [S.I. 2016/682](#), [arts. 1, 3, 4](#)))

PART 3

MATERIAL SUBJECT TO SECTION 18 OF THE COUNTER-TERRORISM ACT 2008

3 The Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 is amended as follows.

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I148 Sch. 1 para. 3 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(k\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#) (as amended (30.10.2016) by [S.I. 2016/682](#), [arts. 1, 3, 4](#)))

4 For section 18 (material not subject to existing statutory restrictions) substitute—

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“18 Destruction of national security material not subject to existing statutory restrictions

- (1) This section applies to fingerprints, DNA samples and DNA profiles that—
 - (a) are held for the purposes of national security by a law enforcement authority under the law of England and Wales or Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) are not held subject to existing statutory restrictions.
- (2) Material to which this section applies (“section 18 material”) must be destroyed if it appears to the responsible officer that the condition in subsection (3) is not met.
- (3) The condition is that the material has been—
 - (a) obtained by the law enforcement authority pursuant to an authorisation under Part 3 of the Police Act 1997 (authorisation of action in respect of property),
 - (b) obtained by the law enforcement authority in the course of surveillance, or use of a covert human intelligence source, authorised under Part 2 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000,
 - (c) supplied to the law enforcement authority by another law enforcement authority, or
 - (d) otherwise lawfully obtained or acquired by the law enforcement authority for any of the purposes mentioned in section 18D(1).
- (4) In any other case, section 18 material must be destroyed unless it is retained by the law enforcement authority under any power conferred by section 18A or 18B, but this is subject to subsection (5).
- (5) A DNA sample to which this section applies must be destroyed—
 - (a) as soon as a DNA profile has been derived from the sample, or
 - (b) if sooner, before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the date on which it was taken.
- (6) Section 18 material which ceases to be retained under a power mentioned in subsection (4) may continue to be retained under any other such power which applies to it.
- (7) Nothing in this section prevents section 18 material from being checked against other fingerprints, DNA samples or DNA profiles held by a law enforcement authority within such time as may reasonably be required for the check, if the responsible officer considers the check to be desirable.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (1), the following are “existing statutory restrictions”—
 - (a) paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971;
 - (b) sections 22, 63A and 63D to 63U of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and any corresponding provision in an order under section 113 of that Act;
 - (c) Articles 24, 63A and 64 of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12));

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- (d) section 2(2) of the Security Service Act 1989;
- (e) section 2(2) of the Intelligence Services Act 1994;
- (f) paragraphs 20(3) and 20A to 20J of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000;
- (g) section 56 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001;
- (h) paragraph 8 of Schedule 4 to the International Criminal Court Act 2001;
- (i) sections 73, 83, 87, 88 and 89 of the Armed Forces Act 2006 and any provision relating to the retention of material in an order made under section 74, 93 or 323 of that Act;
- (j) paragraphs 5 to 14 of Schedule 6 to the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011.

18A Retention of material: general

- (1) Section 18 material which is not a DNA sample and relates to a person who has no previous convictions or only one exempt conviction may be retained by the law enforcement authority until the end of the retention period specified in subsection (2), but this is subject to subsection (5).
- (2) The retention period is—
 - (a) in the case of fingerprints, the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the fingerprints were taken, and
 - (b) in the case of a DNA profile, the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the DNA sample from which the profile was derived was taken (or, if the profile was derived from more than one DNA sample, the date on which the first of those samples was taken).
- (3) Section 18 material which is not a DNA sample and relates to a person who has previously been convicted of a recordable offence (other than a single exempt conviction), or is so convicted before the material is required to be destroyed by virtue of this section, may be retained indefinitely.
- (4) Section 18 material which is not a DNA sample may be retained indefinitely if—
 - (a) it is held by the law enforcement authority in a form which does not include information which identifies the person to whom the material relates, and
 - (b) the law enforcement authority does not know, and has never known, the identity of the person to whom the material relates.
- (5) In a case where section 18 material is being retained by a law enforcement authority under subsection (4), if—
 - (a) the law enforcement authority comes to know the identity of the person to whom the material relates, and
 - (b) the material relates to a person who has no previous convictions or only one exempt conviction,the material may be retained by the law enforcement authority until the end of the retention period specified in subsection (6).

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- (6) The retention period is the period of 3 years beginning with the date on which the identity of the person to whom the material relates comes to be known by the law enforcement authority.

18B Retention for purposes of national security

- (1) Section 18 material which is not a DNA sample may be retained for as long as a national security determination made by the responsible officer has effect in relation to it.
- (2) A national security determination is made if the responsible officer determines that it is necessary for any such section 18 material to be retained for the purposes of national security.
- (3) A national security determination—
- (a) must be made in writing,
 - (b) has effect for a maximum of 2 years beginning with the date on which the determination is made, and
 - (c) may be renewed.

18C Destruction of copies

- (1) If fingerprints are required by section 18 to be destroyed, any copies of the fingerprints held by the law enforcement authority concerned must also be destroyed.
- (2) If a DNA profile is required by that section to be destroyed, no copy may be retained by the law enforcement authority concerned except in a form which does not include information which identifies the person to whom the DNA profile relates.

18D Use of retained material

- (1) Section 18 material must not be used other than—
- (a) in the interests of national security,
 - (b) for the purposes of a terrorist investigation,
 - (c) for purposes related to the prevention or detection of crime, the investigation of an offence or the conduct of a prosecution, or
 - (d) for purposes related to the identification of a deceased person or of the person to whom the material relates.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1), section 18 material may be checked against other fingerprints, DNA samples or DNA profiles held by a law enforcement authority or the Scottish Police Services Authority if the responsible officer considers the check to be desirable.
- (3) Material which is required by section 18 to be destroyed must not at any time after it is required to be destroyed be used—
- (a) in evidence against the person to whom the material relates, or
 - (b) for the purposes of the investigation of any offence.
- (4) In this section—

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- (a) the reference to using material includes a reference to allowing any check to be made against it and to disclosing it to any person,
- (b) the reference to crime includes a reference to any conduct which—
 - (i) constitutes one or more criminal offences (whether under the law of a part of the United Kingdom or of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom), or
 - (ii) is, or corresponds to, any conduct which, if it all took place in any one part of the United Kingdom, would constitute one or more criminal offences, and
- (c) the references to an investigation and to a prosecution include references, respectively, to any investigation outside the United Kingdom of any crime or suspected crime and to a prosecution brought in respect of any crime in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom.

18E Sections 18 to 18E: supplementary provisions

- (1) In sections 18 to 18D and this section—

“DNA profile” means any information derived from a DNA sample;

“DNA sample” means any material that has come from a human body and consists of or includes human cells;

“fingerprints” means a record (in any form and produced by any method) of the skin pattern and other physical characteristics or features of a person's fingers or either of a person's palms;

“law enforcement authority” means—

- (a) a police force,
- (b) the Serious Organised Crime Agency,
- (c) the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, or
- (d) a person formed or existing under the law of a country or territory outside the United Kingdom so far as exercising functions which—
 - (i) correspond to those of a police force, or
 - (ii) otherwise involve the investigation or prosecution of offences;

“police force” means any of the following—

- (a) the metropolitan police force;
- (b) a police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996 (police forces in England and Wales outside London);
- (c) the City of London police force;
- (d) any police force maintained under or by virtue of section 1 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967;
- (e) the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
- (f) the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve;
- (g) the Ministry of Defence Police;
- (h) the Royal Navy Police;
- (i) the Royal Military Police;

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- (j) the Royal Air Force Police;
 - (k) the British Transport Police;
- “recordable offence” has—
- (a) in relation to a conviction in England and Wales, the meaning given by section 118(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, and
 - (b) in relation to a conviction in Northern Ireland, the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12));
- “the responsible officer” means—
- (a) in relation to material obtained or acquired by a police force in England and Wales, the chief officer of the police force;
 - (b) in relation to material obtained or acquired by the Police Service of Northern Ireland or the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve, the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
 - (c) in relation to material obtained or acquired by the Ministry of Defence Police, the Chief Constable of the Ministry of Defence Police;
 - (d) in relation to material obtained or acquired by the Royal Navy Police, the Royal Military Police or the Royal Air Force Police, the Provost Marshal for the police force which obtained or acquired the material;
 - (e) in relation to material obtained or acquired by the British Transport Police, the Chief Constable of the British Transport Police;
 - (f) in relation to material obtained or acquired by the Serious Organised Crime Agency, the Director General of the Serious Organised Crime Agency;
 - (g) in relation to material obtained or acquired by the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, any of those Commissioners;
 - (h) in relation to any other material, such person as the Secretary of State may by order specify;
- “section 18 material” has the meaning given by section 18(2);
- “terrorist investigation” has the meaning given by section 32 of the Terrorism Act 2000.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) is subject to negative resolution procedure.
 - (3) For the purposes of section 18A, a person is to be treated as having been convicted of an offence if the person—
 - (a) has been given a caution in respect of the offence which, at the time of the caution, the person has admitted,
 - (b) has been warned or reprimanded under section 65 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for the offence,
 - (c) has been found not guilty of the offence by reason of insanity, or
 - (d) has been found to be under a disability and to have done the act charged in respect of the offence.

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- (4) Sections 18A and this section, so far as they relate to persons convicted of an offence, have effect despite anything in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.
- (5) But a person is not to be treated as having been convicted of an offence if that conviction is a disregarded conviction or caution by virtue of section 92 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.
- (6) For the purposes of section 18A—
 - (a) a person has no previous convictions if the person has not previously been convicted in England and Wales or Northern Ireland of a recordable offence, and
 - (b) if the person has been previously so convicted of a recordable offence, the conviction is exempt if it is in respect of a recordable offence, other than a qualifying offence, committed when the person was aged under 18.
- (7) In subsection (6), “qualifying offence” has—
 - (a) in relation to a conviction in respect of a recordable offence committed in England and Wales, the meaning given by section 65A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, and
 - (b) in relation to a conviction in respect of a recordable offence committed in Northern Ireland, the meaning given by Article 53A of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12)).
- (8) If a person is convicted of more than one offence arising out of a single course of action, those convictions are to be treated as a single conviction for the purposes of calculating under section 18A whether the person has been convicted of only one offence.”

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I149 Sch. 1 para. 4 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), [art. 2\(k\)](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#) (as amended (30.10.2016) by [S.I. 2016/682](#), [arts. 1, 3, 4](#)))

PART 4

MATERIAL SUBJECT TO THE TERRORISM PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION MEASURES ACT 2011

- 5 After paragraph 10(2) of Schedule 6 to the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 (fingerprints and samples) insert—
 - “(2A) But a person is not to be treated as having been convicted of an offence if that conviction is a disregarded conviction or caution by virtue of section 92 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.”

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I150 Sch. 1 para. 5 in force at 31.10.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1814](#), **art. 2(k)** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2013/1813](#) (as amended (30.10.2016) by [S.I. 2016/682](#), arts. 1, 3, 4))

PART 5

MATERIAL SUBJECT TO THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

- 6 (1) The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 18(3), for “18F” substitute “ 18G ”.
- (3) After section 18F insert—

“18G Retention of samples etc: national security

- (1) This section applies to—
- (a) relevant physical data taken from or provided by a person under section 18(2) (including any taken or provided by virtue of paragraph 20 of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000),
 - (b) any sample, or any information derived from a sample, taken from a person under section 18(6) or (6A) (including any taken by virtue of paragraph 20 of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000),
 - (c) any relevant physical data, sample or information derived from a sample taken from, or provided by, a person under section 19AA(3),
 - (d) any relevant physical data, sample or information derived from a sample which is held by virtue of section 56 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003, and
 - (e) any relevant physical data, sample or information derived from a sample taken from a person—
 - (i) by virtue of any power of search,
 - (ii) by virtue of any power to take possession of evidence where there is immediate danger of its being lost or destroyed, or
 - (iii) under the authority of a warrant.
- (2) The relevant physical data, sample or information derived from a sample may be retained for so long as a national security determination made by the relevant chief constable has effect in relation to it.
- (3) A national security determination is made if the relevant chief constable determines that is necessary for the relevant physical data, sample or information derived from a sample to be retained for the purposes of national security.
- (4) A national security determination—
- (a) must be made in writing,
 - (b) has effect for a maximum of 2 years beginning with the date on which the determination is made, and
 - (c) may be renewed.

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- (5) Any relevant physical data, sample or information derived from a sample which is retained in pursuance of a national security determination must be destroyed as soon as possible after the determination ceases to have effect (except where its retention is permitted by any other enactment).
- (6) In this section, “the relevant chief constable” means the chief constable of the police force of which the constable who took the relevant physical data, or to whom it was provided, or who took or directed the taking of the sample, was a member.”

Commencement Information

I151 Sch. 1 para. 6 in force at 31.10.2013 by S.I. 2013/1814, art. 2(k) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2013/1813)

PROSPECTIVE

PART 6

MATERIAL SUBJECT TO THE POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1989

- 7 (1) This paragraph applies to the following material—
 - (a) a DNA profile to which Article 64 of the 1989 Order (destruction of fingerprints and samples) applies, or
 - (b) fingerprints to which Article 64 of the 1989 Order applies, other than fingerprints taken under Article 61(6A) of that Order.
- (2) If the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland determines that it is necessary for any material to which this paragraph applies to be retained for the purposes of national security—
 - (a) the material is not required to be destroyed in accordance with Article 64 of the 1989 Order, and
 - (b) Article 64(3AB) of that Order does not apply to the material, for as long as the determination has effect.
- (3) A determination under sub-paragraph (2) (“a national security determination”)—
 - (a) must be made in writing,
 - (b) has effect for a maximum of 2 years beginning with the date on which the material would (but for this paragraph) first become liable for destruction under the 1989 Order, and
 - (c) may be renewed.
- (4) Material retained under this paragraph must not be used other than—
 - (a) in the interests of national security,
 - (b) for the purposes of a terrorist investigation,
 - (c) for purposes related to the prevention or detection of crime, the investigation of an offence or the conduct of a prosecution, or

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(d) for purposes related to the identification of a deceased person or of the person to whom the material relates.

(5) This paragraph has effect despite any provision to the contrary in the 1989 Order.

(6) In this paragraph—

(a) the reference to using material includes a reference to allowing any check to be made against it and to disclosing it to any person,

(b) the reference to crime includes a reference to any conduct which—

(i) constitutes one or more criminal offences (whether under the law of Northern Ireland or of any country or territory outside Northern Ireland), or

(ii) is, or corresponds to, any conduct which, if it all took place in Northern Ireland, would constitute one or more criminal offences, and

(c) the references to an investigation and to a prosecution include references, respectively, to any investigation outside Northern Ireland of any crime or suspected crime and to a prosecution brought in respect of any crime in a country or territory outside Northern Ireland.

(7) In this paragraph—

“the 1989 Order” means the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12));

“DNA profile” means any information derived from a DNA sample;

“DNA sample” means any material that has come from a human body and consists of or includes human cells;

“offence”, in relation to any country or territory outside Northern Ireland, includes an act punishable under the law of that country or territory, however it is described;

“terrorist investigation” has the meaning given by section 32 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

PART 7

CORRESPONDING NORTHERN IRELAND PROVISION FOR EXCEPTED OR RESERVED MATTERS ETC.

8 (1) The Secretary of State may make an order under sub-paragraph (2) or (3) if the Secretary of State considers that the subject-matter in relation to Northern Ireland of any provision of an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly made in [^{F55}2013 or 2014] is the same as the subject-matter in relation to England and Wales of any provision made by any of sections 1 to 18 and 23 to 25 of this Act.

(2) The Secretary of State may by order make excepted or reserved provision in relation to Northern Ireland which is about the same subject-matter as any provision made in relation to England and Wales by any of sections 1 to 18 and 23 to 25 of this Act.

(3) The Secretary of State may by order make such provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in consequence of the Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly or an order under sub-paragraph (2).

(4) The power to make an order under this paragraph—

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- (a) is exercisable by statutory instrument,
 - (b) includes power to make incidental, supplementary, transitional, transitory or saving provision,
 - (c) may, in particular, be exercised by amending, repealing, revoking or otherwise modifying any provision made by or under an enactment (including this Act).
- (5) An order under this paragraph may not make provision which—
- (a) if it were contained in an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly, would be within the legislative competence of the Northern Ireland Assembly and would deal with a transferred matter without being ancillary to other provision (whether in the Act or previously enacted) which deals with an excepted or reserved matter,
 - (b) if it were contained in an Act of the Scottish Parliament, would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, or
 - (c) if it were contained in an Act of the National Assembly for Wales, would be within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales.
- (6) Subject to sub-paragraph (7), a statutory instrument containing an order under this paragraph is not to be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (7) A statutory instrument containing an order under this paragraph which neither amends nor repeals any provision of primary legislation is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (8) In this paragraph—
- “enactment” includes an Act of the Scottish Parliament, a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales and Northern Ireland legislation,
 - “excepted or reserved matter” have the meanings given by section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998,
 - “excepted or reserved provision” means provision which—
 - (a) forms part of the law of Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) is not prohibited by sub-paragraph (5)(a),
 - “primary legislation” means—
 - (a) a public general Act,
 - (b) an Act of the Scottish Parliament,
 - (c) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales, and
 - (d) Northern Ireland legislation,
 - “transferred matter” has the meaning given by section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Textual Amendments

F55 Words in Sch. 1 para. 8(1) substituted (13.3.2014) by [Northern Ireland \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2014 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 24, 28(1)(h)(3)**

Commencement Information

I152 Sch. 1 para. 8 in force at 16.12.2014 by [S.I. 2014/3315](#), **art. 2**

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SCHEDULE 2

Section 39(2)

REPEALS ETC. OF POWERS OF ENTRY

PART 1

WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984

- 1 (1) Omit section 50 of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (power in relation to England and Wales to enter and inspect canal boats).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales only.

Merchant Shipping Act 1995

- 2 (1) Omit section 258(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (power of surveyor of ships etc. to enter premises to determine whether provisions or water intended for UK ships, including government ships, would be in accordance with safety regulations).
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to section 258(4) of the Act of 1995 so far as it applies for the purposes of section 256A of that Act (extension of power of entry to any member of the staff of the Scottish Administration authorised by the Scottish Ministers).
- (3) This paragraph extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Environment Act 1995

- 3 (1) Section 108(15) of the Environment Act 1995 (powers of entry etc. of persons authorised by enforcing authorities: interpretation) is amended as follows.
- (2) After the definition of “authorised person” insert—
- ““domestic property” has the meaning given by section 75(5)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990;”.
- (3) After the definition of “enforcing authority” insert—
- ““English waste collection authority” has the same meaning as in section 45A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990;”.
- (4) In the definition of “pollution control functions” in relation to a waste collection authority after “means” insert “—
- (a) in relation to an English waste collection authority, the functions conferred or imposed on it by or under Part 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (other than sections 45, 45A and 46 of that Act so far as relating to the collection of household waste from domestic property); and
- (b) in relation to any other waste collection authority;”.
- (5) This paragraph extends to England and Wales only.

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PART 2

AGRICULTURE

Dairy Herd Conversion Premium Regulations 1973 (S.I. 1973/1642)

- 4 (1) Omit regulation 5 of the Dairy Herd Conversion Premium Regulations 1973 (power of authorised officer to enter land to inspect livestock in respect of which a premium has been applied for etc.).
- (2) Also—
- (a) in regulation 2(1) of those Regulations omit the definition of “authorised officer”, and
 - (b) in regulation 7 of those Regulations, omit sub-paragraph (b) and the word “or” before it.
- (3) This paragraph extends to England and Wales only.

Milk (Cessation of Production) Act 1985

- 5 (1) Omit section 2(1) of the Milk (Cessation of Production) Act 1985 (powers of entry in connection with compensation payments).
- (2) Also, in section 3(1) of that Act, omit paragraph (b) and the word “or” before it.
- (3) This paragraph extends to England and Wales only.

Cereals Co-responsibility Levy Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/1001)

- 6 (1) Omit regulation 8 of the Cereals Co-responsibility Levy Regulations 1988 (power of authorised officer to enter premises used in relation to cereals).
- (2) Also—
- (a) in regulation 9 of those Regulations omit “or 8”, and
 - (b) in regulation 11(d) of those Regulations for “regulations 7 or 8” substitute “regulation 7”.
- (3) This paragraph extends to England and Wales only.

Oilseeds Producers (Support System) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/695)

- 7 (1) Omit regulation 5 of the Oilseeds Producers (Support System) Regulations 1992 (power of authorised officer to enter and inspect oilseeds producers' premises).
- (2) Also—
- (a) in regulation 2(1) of those Regulations omit the definitions of “authorised officer”, “oilseeds” and “specified control measure”, and
 - (b) omit regulations 6, 9 and 10 of those Regulations.
- (3) This paragraph extends to England and Wales only.

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Older Cattle (Disposal) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3522)

- 8 (1) Omit regulation 5 of the Older Cattle (Disposal) (England) Regulations 2005 (power of inspector to enter premises for the purposes of ensuring that regulations are being complied with).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Salmonella in Turkey Flocks and Slaughter Pigs (Survey Powers) (England) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2821)

- 9 (1) Omit regulation 6 of the Salmonella in Turkey Flocks and Slaughter Pigs (Survey Powers) (England) Regulations 2006 (power of inspector to enter a turkey holding or slaughterhouse for purposes relating to salmonella).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS

Distribution of German Enemy Property (No 1) Order 1950 (S.I. 1950/1642)

- 10 (1) Omit article 22 of the Distribution of German Enemy Property (No 1) Order 1950 (power of constable to enter premises under warrant to search for and seize German enemy property).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Hypnotism Act 1952

- 11 (1) Omit section 4 of the Hypnotism Act 1952 (constable's power to enter premises where entertainment is held if there is reasonable cause to believe that there is a contravention of the Act).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales only.

Landlord and Tenant Act 1985

- 12 (1) Omit section 8(2) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 (power of landlord to enter premises to view their state and condition).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales only.

Gas Appliances (Safety) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1629)

- 13 (1) Omit regulation 24(6) of the Gas Appliances (Safety) Regulations 1995 (power of authorised officer to enter premises for the purposes of surveillance of manufacturer's compliance with requirements).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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Cross-border Railway Services (Working Time) Regulations 2008 (2008/1660)

- 14 (1) Omit paragraph 2(2)(a), (b) and (c) of Schedule 2 to the Cross-border Railway Services (Working Time) Regulations 2008 (power of Office of Rail Regulation's inspector to enter premises for the purpose of carrying the regulations into effect).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales and Scotland only.

Payment Services Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/209)

- 15 (1) Omit regulation 83 of the Payment Services Regulations 2009 (power of an officer of the Financial Services Authority to enter premises used in relation to payment services).
- (2) This paragraph extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

PROSPECTIVE

SCHEDULE 3

Section 53

CORRESPONDING CODE OF PRACTICE FOR WELSH DEVOLVED POWERS OF ENTRY

Code of practice

- 1 (1) The Welsh Ministers may prepare a code of practice containing guidance about the exercise of—
- (a) powers of entry, or
 - [^{F56}(b) associated powers.
- The code may only contain provision that would be within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales if contained in an Act of the Assembly.]
- (2) Such a code may, in particular, include provision about—
- (a) considerations before exercising, or when exercising, any such powers,
 - (b) considerations after exercising any such powers (such as the retention of records, or the publication of information, about the exercise of any such powers).
- (3) Such a code—
- (a) need not contain provision about every type of power of entry or associated power,
 - (b) may make different provision for different purposes.
- (4) In the course of preparing such a code in relation to any powers, the Welsh Ministers must consult—
- (a) such persons appearing to the Welsh Ministers to be representative of the views of persons entitled to exercise the powers concerned as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate, and
 - (b) such other persons as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.

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Textual Amendments

F56 Words in [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)](#) substituted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), s. 71\(4\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 93](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(r\)](#)

Issuing of code

- 2
- (1) The Welsh Ministers must lay before the National Assembly for Wales—
 - (a) any code of practice prepared under paragraph 1, and
 - (b) a draft of any order providing for the code to come into force.
 - (2) The Welsh Ministers may make the order and issue the code if the draft of the order is approved by a resolution of the National Assembly for Wales.
 - (3) The Welsh Ministers must not make the order or issue the code unless the draft of the order is so approved.
 - (4) The Welsh Ministers may prepare another code of practice under paragraph 1 if the draft of the order is not so approved.
 - (5) A code comes into force in accordance with an order under this paragraph.
 - (6) Such an order—
 - (a) is to be a statutory instrument, and
 - (b) may contain transitional, transitory or saving provision.

Alteration or replacement of code

- 3
- (1) The Welsh Ministers—
 - (a) must keep the devolved powers of entry code under review, and
 - (b) may prepare an alteration to the code or a replacement code.
 - (2) Before preparing an alteration or a replacement code in relation to any powers, the Welsh Ministers must consult—
 - (a) such persons appearing to the Welsh Ministers to be representative of the views of persons entitled to exercise the powers concerned as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate, and
 - (b) such other persons as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.
 - (3) The Welsh Ministers must lay before the National Assembly for Wales an alteration or a replacement code prepared under this paragraph.
 - (4) If, within the 40-day period, the National Assembly for Wales resolves not to approve the alteration or the replacement code, the Welsh Ministers must not issue the alteration or code.
 - (5) If no such resolution is made within that period, the Welsh Ministers must issue the alteration or replacement code.
 - (6) The alteration or replacement code—
 - (a) comes into force when issued, and
 - (b) may include transitional, transitory or saving provision.

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- (7) Sub-paragraph (4) does not prevent the Welsh Ministers from laying a new alteration or replacement code before the National Assembly for Wales.
- (8) In this paragraph “the 40-day period” means the period of 40 days beginning with the day on which the alteration or replacement code is laid before the National Assembly for Wales.
- (9) In calculating the 40-day period, no account is to be taken of—
- (a) any period during which the National Assembly for Wales is dissolved, and
 - (b) any period of more than four days during which the National Assembly for Wales is in recess.
- (10) In this paragraph “the devolved powers of entry code” means any code of practice issued under paragraph 2(2) (as altered or replaced from time to time).

Publication of code

- 4 (1) The Welsh Ministers must publish any code issued under paragraph 2(2).
- (2) The Welsh Ministers must publish any replacement code issued under paragraph 3(5).
- (3) The Welsh Ministers must publish—
- (a) any alteration issued under paragraph 3(5), or
 - (b) the code or replacement code as altered by it.

Effect of code

- 5 (1) A relevant person must have regard to the devolved powers of entry code when exercising any functions to which the code relates.
- (2) A failure on the part of any person to act in accordance with any provision of the devolved powers of entry code does not of itself make that person liable to criminal or civil proceedings.
- (3) The devolved powers of entry code is admissible in evidence in any such proceedings.
- (4) A court or tribunal may, in particular, take into account a failure by a relevant person to have regard to the devolved powers of entry code in determining a question in any such proceedings.
- (5) In this paragraph “relevant person” means any person specified or described by the Welsh Ministers in an order made by statutory instrument.
- (6) An order under sub-paragraph (5) may, in particular—
- (a) restrict the specification or description of a person to that of the person when acting in a specified capacity or exercising specified or described functions,
 - (b) contain transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (7) So far as an order under sub-paragraph (5) contains a restriction of the kind mentioned in sub-paragraph (6)(a) in relation to a person, the duty in sub-paragraph (1) applies only to the person in that capacity or (as the case may be) only in relation to those functions.

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- (8) Before making an order under sub-paragraph (5) in relation to any person or description of persons, the Welsh Ministers must consult such persons appearing to the Welsh Ministers to be representative of the views of the person or persons in relation to whom the order may be made as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.
- (9) No instrument containing the first order under sub-paragraph (5) is to be made unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the National Assembly for Wales.
- (10) Subject to this, an instrument containing an order under sub-paragraph (5) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the National Assembly for Wales.

Interpretation

- 6 In this Schedule—
- “the devolved powers of entry code” has the meaning given by paragraph 3(10),
- “power of entry” and “associated power” have the meaning given by section 46.

SCHEDULE 4

Section 56

RECOVERY OF UNPAID PARKING CHARGES

Introductory

- 1 (1) This Schedule applies where—
- (a) the driver of a vehicle is required by virtue of a relevant obligation to pay parking charges in respect of the parking of the vehicle on relevant land; and
- (b) those charges have not been paid in full.
- (2) It is immaterial for the purposes of this Schedule whether or not the vehicle was permitted to be parked (or to remain parked) on the land.

Commencement Information

I153 Sch. 4 para. 1 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

I154 Sch. 4 para. 1 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

- 2 (1) In this Schedule—
- “the appropriate national authority” means—
- (a) in relation to relevant land in England, the Secretary of State; and
- (b) in relation to relevant land in Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
- “the creditor” means a person who is for the time being entitled to recover unpaid parking charges from the driver of the vehicle;
- “current address for service” means—
- (a) in the case of the keeper, an address which is either—

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- (i) an address at which documents relating to civil proceedings could properly be served on the person concerned under Civil Procedure Rules; or
 - (ii) the keeper's registered address (if there is one); or
- (b) in the case of the driver, an address at which the driver for the time being resides or can conveniently be contacted;
- “driver” includes, where more than one person is engaged in the driving of the vehicle, any person so engaged;
- “keeper” means the person by whom the vehicle is kept at the time the vehicle was parked, which in the case of a registered vehicle is to be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to be the registered keeper;
- “notice to driver” means a notice given in accordance with paragraph 7;
- “notice to keeper” means a notice given in accordance with paragraph 8 or 9 (as the case may be);
- “parking charge”—
- (a) in the case of a relevant obligation arising under the terms of a relevant contract, means a sum in the nature of a fee or charge, and
 - (b) in the case of a relevant obligation arising as a result of a trespass or other tort, means a sum in the nature of damages,
- however the sum in question is described;
- “registered address” means, in relation to the keeper of a registered vehicle, the address described in paragraph 11(3)(b) (as provided by the Secretary of State in response to the application for the keeper's details required by paragraph 11);
- “registered keeper”, in relation to a registered vehicle, means the person in whose name the vehicle is registered;
- “registered vehicle” means a vehicle which is for the time being registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994;
- “relevant contract” means a contract (including a contract arising only when the vehicle was parked on the relevant land) between the driver and a person who is—
- (a) the owner or occupier of the land; or
 - (b) authorised, under or by virtue of arrangements made by the owner or occupier of the land, to enter into a contract with the driver requiring the payment of parking charges in respect of the parking of the vehicle on the land;
- “relevant land” has the meaning given by paragraph 3;
- “relevant obligation” means—
- (a) an obligation arising under the terms of a relevant contract; or
 - (b) an obligation arising, in any circumstances where there is no relevant contract, as a result of a trespass or other tort committed by parking the vehicle on the relevant land;
- “vehicle” means a mechanically-propelled vehicle or a vehicle designed or adapted for towing by a mechanically-propelled vehicle.
- (2) The reference in the definition of “parking charge” to a sum in the nature of damages is to a sum of which adequate notice was given to drivers of vehicles (when the vehicle was parked on the relevant land).

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- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2) “adequate notice” means notice given by—
- (a) the display of one or more notices in accordance with any applicable requirements prescribed in regulations under paragraph 12 for, or for purposes including, the purposes of sub-paragraph (2); or
 - (b) where no such requirements apply, the display of one or more notices which—
 - (i) specify the sum as the charge for unauthorised parking; and
 - (ii) are adequate to bring the charge to the notice of drivers who park vehicles on the relevant land.

Commencement Information

I155 Sch. 4 para. 2 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I156 Sch. 4 para. 2 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

- 3 (1) In this Schedule “relevant land” means any land (including land above or below ground level) other than—
- (a) a highway maintainable at the public expense (within the meaning of section 329(1) of the Highways Act 1980);
 - (b) a parking place which is provided or controlled by a traffic authority;
 - (c) any land (not falling within paragraph (a) or (b)) on which the parking of a vehicle is subject to statutory control.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(b)—
- “parking place” has the meaning given by section 32(4)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
- “traffic authority” means each of the following—
- (a) the Secretary of State;
 - (b) the Welsh Ministers;
 - (c) Transport for London;
 - (d) the Common Council of the City of London;
 - (e) the council of a county, county borough, London borough or district;
 - (f) a parish or community council;
 - (g) the Council of the Isles of Scilly.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(c) the parking of a vehicle on land is “subject to statutory control” if any statutory provision imposes a liability (whether criminal or civil, and whether in the form of a fee or charge or a penalty of any kind) in respect of the parking on that land of vehicles generally or of vehicles of a description that includes the vehicle in question.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3) “statutory provision” means any provision (apart from this Schedule) contained in—
- (a) any Act (including a local or private Act), whenever passed; or
 - (b) any subordinate legislation, whenever made,
- and for this purpose “subordinate legislation” means an Order in Council or any order, regulations, byelaws or other legislative instrument.

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Commencement Information

- I157** Sch. 4 para. 3 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)
I158 Sch. 4 para. 3 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

Right to claim unpaid parking charges from keeper of vehicle

- 4 (1) The creditor has the right to recover any unpaid parking charges from the keeper of the vehicle.
- (2) The right under this paragraph applies only if—
- (a) the conditions specified in paragraphs 5, 6, 11 and 12 (so far as applicable) are met; and
 - (b) the vehicle was not a stolen vehicle at the beginning of the period of parking to which the unpaid parking charges relate.
- (3) For the purposes of the condition in sub-paragraph (2)(b), the vehicle is to be presumed not to be a stolen vehicle at the material time, unless the contrary is proved.
- (4) The right under this paragraph may only be exercised after the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice to keeper is given.
- (5) The maximum sum which may be recovered from the keeper by virtue of the right conferred by this paragraph is the amount specified in the notice to keeper under paragraph 8(2)(c) or (d) or, as the case may be, 9(2)(d) (less any payments towards the unpaid parking charges which are received after the time so specified).
- (6) Nothing in this paragraph affects any other remedy the creditor may have against the keeper of the vehicle or any other person in respect of any unpaid parking charges (but this is not to be read as permitting double recovery).
- (7) The right under this paragraph is subject to paragraph 13 (which provides for the right not to apply in certain circumstances in the case of a hire vehicle).

Commencement Information

- I159** Sch. 4 para. 4 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)
I160 Sch. 4 para. 4 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

Conditions that must be met for purposes of paragraph 4

- 5 (1) The first condition is that the creditor—
- (a) has the right to enforce against the driver of the vehicle the requirement to pay the unpaid parking charges; but
 - (b) is unable to take steps to enforce that requirement against the driver because the creditor does not know both the name of the driver and a current address for service for the driver.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1)(b) ceases to apply if (at any time after the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice to keeper is given) the creditor begins proceedings to recover the unpaid parking charges from the keeper.

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Commencement Information

I161 Sch. 4 para. 5 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I162 Sch. 4 para. 5 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

- 6 (1) The second condition is that the creditor (or a person acting for or on behalf of the creditor)—
- (a) has given a notice to driver in accordance with paragraph 7, followed by a notice to keeper in accordance with paragraph 8; or
 - (b) has given a notice to keeper in accordance with paragraph 9.
- (2) If a notice to driver has been given, any subsequent notice to keeper must be given in accordance with paragraph 8.

Commencement Information

I163 Sch. 4 para. 6 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

I164 Sch. 4 para. 6 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

- 7 (1) A notice which is to be relied on as a notice to driver for the purposes of paragraph 6(1)(a) is given in accordance with this paragraph if the following requirements are met.
- (2) The notice must—
- (a) specify the vehicle, the relevant land on which it was parked and the period of parking to which the notice relates;
 - (b) inform the driver of the requirement to pay parking charges in respect of the specified period of parking and describe those charges, the circumstances in which the requirement arose (including the means by which it was brought to the attention of drivers) and the other facts that made those charges payable;
 - (c) inform the driver that the parking charges relating to the specified period of parking have not been paid in full and specify the total amount of the unpaid parking charges relating to that period, as at a time which is—
 - (i) specified in the notice; and
 - (ii) no later than the time specified under paragraph (f);
 - (d) inform the driver of any discount offered for prompt payment and the arrangements for the resolution of disputes or complaints that are available;
 - (e) identify the creditor and specify how and to whom payment may be made;
 - (f) specify the time when the notice is given and the date.
- (3) The notice must relate only to a single period of parking specified under subparagraph (2)(a) (but this does not prevent the giving of separate notices each specifying different parts of a single period of parking).
- (4) The notice must be given—
- (a) before the vehicle is removed from the relevant land after the end of the period of parking to which the notice relates, and
 - (b) while the vehicle is stationary,
- by affixing it to the vehicle or by handing it to a person appearing to be in charge of the vehicle.

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- (5) In sub-paragraph (2)(d) the reference to arrangements for the resolution of disputes or complaints includes—
- (a) any procedures offered by the creditor for dealing informally with representations by the driver about the notice or any matter contained in it; and
 - (b) any arrangements under which disputes or complaints (however described) may be referred by the driver to independent adjudication or arbitration.

Commencement Information

I165 Sch. 4 para. 7 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I166 Sch. 4 para. 7 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

- 8 (1) A notice which is to be relied on as a notice to keeper for the purposes of paragraph 6(1)(a) is given in accordance with this paragraph if the following requirements are met.
- (2) The notice must—
- (a) specify the vehicle, the relevant land on which it was parked and the period of parking to which the notice relates;
 - (b) inform the keeper that the driver is required to pay parking charges in respect of the specified period of parking and that the parking charges have not been paid in full;
 - (c) state that a notice to driver relating to the specified period of parking has been given and repeat the information in that notice as required by paragraph 7(2)(b), (c) and (f);
 - (d) if the unpaid parking charges specified in that notice to driver as required by paragraph 7(2)(c) have been paid in part, specify the amount that remains unpaid, as at a time which is—
 - (i) specified in the notice to keeper, and
 - (ii) no later than the end of the day before the day on which the notice is either sent by post or, as the case may be, handed to or left at a current address for service for the keeper (see sub-paragraph (4));
 - (e) state that the creditor does not know both the name of the driver and a current address for service for the driver and invite the keeper—
 - (i) to pay the unpaid parking charges; or
 - (ii) if the keeper was not the driver of the vehicle, to notify the creditor of the name of the driver and a current address for service for the driver and to pass the notice on to the driver;
 - (f) warn the keeper that if, at the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day after that on which the notice to keeper is given—
 - (i) the amount of the unpaid parking charges (as specified under paragraph (c) or (d)) has not been paid in full, and
 - (ii) the creditor does not know both the name of the driver and a current address for service for the driver,the creditor will (if all the applicable conditions under this Schedule are met) have the right to recover from the keeper so much of that amount as remains unpaid;

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- (g) inform the keeper of any discount offered for prompt payment and the arrangements for the resolution of disputes or complaints that are available;
 - (h) identify the creditor and specify how and to whom payment or notification to the creditor may be made;
 - (i) specify the date on which the notice is sent (if it is sent by post) or given (in any other case).
- (3) The notice must relate only to a single period of parking specified under sub-paragraph (2)(a) (but this does not prevent the giving of separate notices which each specify different parts of a single period of parking).
- (4) The notice must be given by—
- (a) handing it to the keeper, or leaving it at a current address for service for the keeper, within the relevant period; or
 - (b) sending it by post to a current address for service for the keeper so that it is delivered to that address within the relevant period.
- (5) The relevant period for the purposes of sub-paragraph (4) is the period of 28 days following the period of 28 days beginning with the day after that on which the notice to driver was given.
- (6) A notice sent by post is to be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to have been delivered (and so “given” for the purposes of sub-paragraph (4)) on the second working day after the day on which it is posted; and for this purpose “working day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday in England and Wales.
- (7) When the notice is given it must be accompanied by any evidence prescribed under paragraph 10.
- (8) In sub-paragraph (2)(g) the reference to arrangements for the resolution of disputes or complaints includes—
- (a) any procedures offered by the creditor for dealing informally with representations by the keeper about the notice or any matter contained in it; and
 - (b) any arrangements under which disputes or complaints (however described) may be referred by the keeper to independent adjudication or arbitration.

Commencement Information

I167 Sch. 4 para. 8 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I168 Sch. 4 para. 8 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

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- (1) A notice which is to be relied on as a notice to keeper for the purposes of paragraph 6(1)(b) is given in accordance with this paragraph if the following requirements are met.
 - (2) The notice must—
 - (a) specify the vehicle, the relevant land on which it was parked and the period of parking to which the notice relates;
 - (b) inform the keeper that the driver is required to pay parking charges in respect of the specified period of parking and that the parking charges have not been paid in full;

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- (c) describe the parking charges due from the driver as at the end of that period, the circumstances in which the requirement to pay them arose (including the means by which the requirement was brought to the attention of drivers) and the other facts that made them payable;
 - (d) specify the total amount of those parking charges that are unpaid, as at a time which is—
 - (i) specified in the notice; and
 - (ii) no later than the end of the day before the day on which the notice is either sent by post or, as the case may be, handed to or left at a current address for service for the keeper (see sub-paragraph (4));
 - (e) state that the creditor does not know both the name of the driver and a current address for service for the driver and invite the keeper—
 - (i) to pay the unpaid parking charges; or
 - (ii) if the keeper was not the driver of the vehicle, to notify the creditor of the name of the driver and a current address for service for the driver and to pass the notice on to the driver;
 - (f) warn the keeper that if, after the period of 28 days beginning with the day after that on which the notice is given—
 - (i) the amount of the unpaid parking charges specified under paragraph (d) has not been paid in full, and
 - (ii) the creditor does not know both the name of the driver and a current address for service for the driver,the creditor will (if all the applicable conditions under this Schedule are met) have the right to recover from the keeper so much of that amount as remains unpaid;
 - (g) inform the keeper of any discount offered for prompt payment and the arrangements for the resolution of disputes or complaints that are available;
 - (h) identify the creditor and specify how and to whom payment or notification to the creditor may be made;
 - (i) specify the date on which the notice is sent (where it is sent by post) or given (in any other case).
- (3) The notice must relate only to a single period of parking specified under sub-paragraph (2)(a) (but this does not prevent the giving of separate notices which each specify different parts of a single period of parking).
- (4) The notice must be given by—
- (a) handing it to the keeper, or leaving it at a current address for service for the keeper, within the relevant period; or
 - (b) sending it by post to a current address for service for the keeper so that it is delivered to that address within the relevant period.
- (5) The relevant period for the purposes of sub-paragraph (4) is the period of 14 days beginning with the day after that on which the specified period of parking ended.
- (6) A notice sent by post is to be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to have been delivered (and so “given” for the purposes of sub-paragraph (4)) on the second working day after the day on which it is posted; and for this purpose “working day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday in England and Wales.

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- (7) When the notice is given it must be accompanied by any evidence prescribed under paragraph 10.
- (8) In sub-paragraph (2)(g) the reference to arrangements for the resolution of disputes or complaints includes—
- (a) any procedures offered by the creditor for dealing informally with representations by the keeper about the notice or any matter contained in it; and
 - (b) any arrangements under which disputes or complaints (however described) may be referred by the keeper to independent adjudication or arbitration.

Commencement Information

I169 Sch. 4 para. 9 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I170 Sch. 4 para. 9 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

- 10 (1) The appropriate national authority may by regulations made by statutory instrument prescribe evidence which must accompany a notice which is to be relied on as a notice to keeper for the purposes of paragraph 6(1)(a) or paragraph 6(1)(b) (as the case may be).
- (2) The regulations may in particular make provision as to—
- (a) the means by which any prescribed evidence is to be generated or otherwise produced (which may include a requirement to use equipment of a kind approved for the purpose by a person specified in the regulations); or
 - (b) the circumstances in which any evidence is, or is not, required to accompany a notice to keeper.
- (3) The regulations may—
- (a) include incidental, supplementary, transitional, transitory or saving provision;
 - (b) make different provision for different purposes.

Commencement Information

I171 Sch. 4 para. 10 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I172 Sch. 4 para. 10 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

- 11 (1) The third condition is that—
- (a) the creditor (or a person acting for or on behalf of the creditor) has made an application for the keeper's details in relation to the period of parking to which the unpaid parking charges relate;
 - (b) the application was made during the relevant period for the purposes of paragraph 8(4) (where a notice to driver has been given) or 9(4) (where no notice to driver has been given);
 - (c) the information sought by the application is provided by the Secretary of State to the applicant.
- (2) The third condition only applies if the vehicle is a registered vehicle.

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- (3) In this paragraph “application for the keeper's details” means an application for the following information to be provided to the applicant by virtue of regulations made under section 22(1)(c) of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994—
- (a) the name of the registered keeper of the vehicle during the period of parking to which the unpaid parking charges relate; and
 - (b) the address of that person as it appears on the register (or, if that person has ceased to be the registered keeper, as it last appeared on the register).

Commencement Information

I173 Sch. 4 para. 11 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I174 Sch. 4 para. 11 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

- 12 (1) The fourth condition is that any applicable requirements prescribed under this paragraph were met at the beginning of the period of parking to which the unpaid parking charges relate.
- (2) The appropriate national authority may by regulations made by statutory instrument prescribe requirements as to the display of notices on relevant land where parking charges may be incurred in respect of the parking of vehicles on the land.
- (3) The provision made under sub-paragraph (2) may, in particular, include provision—
- (a) requiring notices of more than one kind to be displayed on any relevant land;
 - (b) as to the content or form of any notices required to be displayed; and
 - (c) as to the location of any notices required to be displayed.
- (4) Regulations under this paragraph may—
- (a) include incidental, supplementary, transitional, transitory or saving provision;
 - (b) make different provision for different areas or purposes.

Commencement Information

I175 Sch. 4 para. 12 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I176 Sch. 4 para. 12 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

Hire vehicles

- 13 (1) This paragraph applies in the case of parking charges incurred in respect of the parking of a vehicle on relevant land if—
- (a) the vehicle was at the time of parking hired to any person under a hire agreement with a vehicle-hire firm; and
 - (b) the keeper has been given a notice to keeper within the relevant period for the purposes of paragraph 8(4) or 9(4) (as the case may be).
- (2) The creditor may not exercise the right under paragraph 4 to recover from the keeper any unpaid parking charges specified in the notice to keeper if, within the period of 28 days beginning with the day after that on which that notice was given, the creditor is given—

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- (a) a statement signed by or on behalf of the vehicle-hire firm to the effect that at the material time the vehicle was hired to a named person under a hire agreement;
 - (b) a copy of the hire agreement; and
 - (c) a copy of a statement of liability signed by the hirer under that hire agreement.
- (3) The statement of liability required by sub-paragraph (2)(c) must—
- (a) contain a statement by the hirer to the effect that the hirer acknowledges responsibility for any parking charges that may be incurred with respect to the vehicle while it is hired to the hirer;
 - (b) include an address given by the hirer (whether a residential, business or other address) as one at which documents may be given to the hirer;
- (and it is immaterial whether the statement mentioned in paragraph (a) relates also to other charges or penalties of any kind).
- (4) A statement required by sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (c) must be in such form (if any) as may be prescribed by the appropriate national authority by regulations made by statutory instrument.
- (5) The documents mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) must be given by—
- (a) handing them to the creditor;
 - (b) leaving them at any address which is specified in the notice to keeper as an address at which documents may be given to the creditor or to which payments may be sent; or
 - (c) sending them by post to such an address so that they are delivered to that address within the period mentioned in that sub-paragraph.
- (6) In this paragraph and paragraph 14—
- (a) “hire agreement” means an agreement which—
 - (i) provides for a vehicle to be let to a person (“the hirer”) for a period of any duration (whether or not the period is capable of extension by agreement between the parties); and
 - (ii) is not a hire-purchase agreement within the meaning of the Consumer Credit Act 1974;
 - (b) any reference to the currency of a hire agreement includes a reference to any period during which, with the consent of the vehicle-hire firm, the hirer continues in possession of the vehicle as hirer, after the expiry of any period specified in the agreement but otherwise on terms and conditions specified in it; and
 - (c) “vehicle-hire firm” means any person engaged in the hiring of vehicles in the course of a business.

Commencement Information

I177 Sch. 4 para. 13 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

I178 Sch. 4 para. 13 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

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- (a) the creditor is by virtue of paragraph 13(2) unable to exercise the right to recover from the keeper any unpaid parking charges mentioned in the notice to keeper, and
 - (b) the conditions mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) below are met,
- the creditor may recover those charges (so far as they remain unpaid) from the hirer.
- (2) The conditions are that—
- (a) the creditor has within the relevant period given the hirer a notice in accordance with sub-paragraph (5) (a “notice to hirer”), together with a copy of the documents mentioned in paragraph 13(2) and the notice to keeper;
 - (b) a period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the notice to hirer was given has elapsed; and
 - (c) the vehicle was not a stolen vehicle at the beginning of the period of parking to which the unpaid parking charges relate.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2)(a) “the relevant period” is the period of 21 days beginning with the day after that on which the documents required by paragraph 13(2) are given to the creditor.
- (4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(c) a vehicle is to be presumed not to be a stolen vehicle at the material time, unless the contrary is proved.
- (5) The notice to hirer must—
- (a) inform the hirer that by virtue of this paragraph any unpaid parking charges (being parking charges specified in the notice to keeper) may be recovered from the hirer;
 - (b) refer the hirer to the information contained in the notice to keeper;
 - (c) warn the hirer that if, after the period of 21 days beginning with the day after that on which the notice to hirer is given, the amount of unpaid parking charges referred to in the notice to keeper under paragraph 8(2)(f) or 9(2)(f) (as the case may be) has not been paid in full, the creditor will (if any applicable requirements are met) have the right to recover from the hirer so much of that amount as remains unpaid;
 - (d) inform the hirer of any discount offered for prompt payment and the arrangements for the resolution of disputes or complaints that are available;
 - (e) identify the creditor and specify how and to whom payment may be made; and
 - (f) specify the date on which the notice is sent (if it is sent by post) or given (in any other case).
- (6) The documents mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a) must be given by—
- (a) handing them to the hirer;
 - (b) leaving them at an address which is either—
 - (i) an address specified in the statement of liability mentioned in paragraph 13(2)(c) as an address at which documents may be given to the hirer; or
 - (ii) an address at which documents relating to civil proceedings could properly be served on the hirer under Civil Procedure Rules; or
 - (c) sending them by post to such an address so that they are delivered to that address within the relevant period for the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(a).

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- (7) In sub-paragraph (5)(d) the reference to arrangements for the resolution of disputes or complaints includes—
- (a) any procedures offered by the creditor for dealing informally with representations by the hirer about the notice or any matter contained in it; and
 - (b) any arrangements under which disputes or complaints (however described) may be referred by the hirer to independent adjudication or arbitration.

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I179 Sch. 4 para. 14 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

I180 Sch. 4 para. 14 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

Application to Crown vehicles etc

- 15 (1) The provisions of this Schedule apply to—
- (a) vehicles in the public service of the Crown that are required to be registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (other than a vehicle exempted by sub-paragraph (2)), and
 - (b) any person in the public service of the Crown who is the keeper of a vehicle falling within paragraph (a).
- (2) But this Schedule does not apply in relation to a vehicle that—
- (a) at the relevant time is used or appropriated for use for naval, military or air force purposes, or
 - (b) belongs to any visiting forces (within the meaning of the Visiting Forces Act 1952) or is at the relevant time used or appropriated for use by such forces.

Commencement Information

I181 Sch. 4 para. 15 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

I182 Sch. 4 para. 15 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

Power to amend Schedule

- 16 (1) The appropriate national authority may by order made by statutory instrument amend this Schedule for the purpose of—
- (a) amending the definition of “relevant land” in paragraph 3;
 - (b) adding to, removing or amending any of the conditions to which the right conferred by paragraph 4 is for the time being subject.
- (2) The power to amend this Schedule for the purpose mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) (b) includes, in particular, power to add to, remove or amend—
- (a) any provisions that are applicable for the purposes of a condition; and
 - (b) any powers of the appropriate national authority to prescribe anything for the purposes of a condition by regulations made by statutory instrument.
- (3) An order under this paragraph may—
- (a) include incidental, supplementary, transitional, transitory or saving provision;

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- (b) make different provision for different purposes.

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I183 Sch. 4 para. 16 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

I184 Sch. 4 para. 16 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

Parliamentary procedure

- 17 (1) A statutory instrument containing regulations under any provision of this Schedule is subject to annulment by—
- (a) a resolution of either House of Parliament (in the case of regulations made by the Secretary of State); or
 - (b) a resolution of the National Assembly for Wales (in the case of regulations made by the Welsh Ministers).
- (2) A statutory instrument containing an order made under paragraph 16—
- (a) in the case of an order of the Secretary of State, is not to be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament;
 - (b) in the case of an order of the Welsh Ministers, is not to be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the National Assembly for Wales.

Commencement Information

I185 Sch. 4 para. 17 in force at 1.10.2012 for E. by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(f)

I186 Sch. 4 para. 17 in force at 1.10.2012 for W. by S.I. 2012/2499, art. 2(1)(2)(b)

SCHEDULE 5

Section 61(2)

REPLACEMENT POWERS TO STOP AND SEARCH: SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Commencement Information

I187 Sch. 5 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(g)

After Schedule 6A to the Terrorism Act 2000 insert—

“SCHEDULE 6B

SEARCHES IN SPECIFIED AREAS OR PLACES: SUPPLEMENTARY

Extent of search powers: supplementary

- 1 A constable exercising the power conferred by an authorisation under section 47A may not require a person to remove any clothing in public except for headgear, footwear, an outer coat, a jacket or gloves.

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- 2 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if a constable proposes to search a person or vehicle by virtue of section 47A(2) or (3).
- (2) The constable may detain the person or vehicle for such time as is reasonably required to permit the search to be carried out at or near the place where the person or vehicle is stopped.

Requirements as to writing

- 3 A senior police officer who gives an authorisation under section 47A orally must confirm it in writing as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 4 (1) Where—
- (a) a vehicle or pedestrian is stopped by virtue of section 47A(2) or (3), and
 - (b) the driver of the vehicle or the pedestrian applies for a written statement that the vehicle was stopped, or that the pedestrian was stopped, by virtue of section 47A(2) or (as the case may be) (3),
- the written statement must be provided.
- (2) An application under sub-paragraph (1) must be made within the period of 12 months beginning with the date on which the vehicle or pedestrian was stopped.

Duration of authorisations

- 5 (1) An authorisation under section 47A has effect during the period—
- (a) beginning at the time when the authorisation is given, and
 - (b) ending with the specified date or at the specified time.
- (2) This paragraph is subject as follows.
- 6 The specified date or time must not occur after the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the authorisation is given.
- 7 (1) The senior police officer who gives an authorisation must inform the Secretary of State of it as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (2) An authorisation ceases to have effect at the end of the period of 48 hours beginning with the time when it is given unless it is confirmed by the Secretary of State before the end of that period.
- (3) An authorisation ceasing to have effect by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) does not affect the lawfulness of anything done in reliance on it before the end of the period concerned.
- (4) When confirming an authorisation, the Secretary of State may—
- (a) substitute an earlier date or time for the specified date or time;
 - (b) substitute a more restricted area or place for the specified area or place.
- 8 The Secretary of State may cancel an authorisation with effect from a time identified by the Secretary of State.
- 9 (1) A senior police officer may—
- (a) cancel an authorisation with effect from a time identified by the officer concerned;
 - (b) substitute an earlier date or time for the specified date or time;
 - (c) substitute a more restricted area or place for the specified area or place.

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- (2) Any such cancellation or substitution in relation to an authorisation confirmed by the Secretary of State under paragraph 7 does not require confirmation by the Secretary of State.
- 10 An authorisation given by a member of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary does not have effect except in relation to times when the specified area or place is a place where members of that Constabulary have the powers and privileges of a constable.
- 11 The existence, expiry or cancellation of an authorisation does not prevent the giving of a new authorisation.

Specified areas or places

- 12 (1) An authorisation given by a senior police officer who is not a member of the British Transport Police Force, the Ministry of Defence Police or the Civil Nuclear Constabulary may specify an area or place together with—
- (a) the internal waters adjacent to that area or place; or
 - (b) a specified area of those internal waters.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) “internal waters” means waters in the United Kingdom that are not comprised in any police area.
- 13 Where an authorisation specifies more than one area or place—
- (a) the power of a senior police officer under paragraph 5(1)(b) to specify a date or time includes a power to specify different dates or times for different areas or places (and the other references in this Schedule to the specified date or time are to be read accordingly), and
 - (b) the power of the Secretary of State under paragraph 7(4)(b), and of a senior police officer under paragraph 9(1)(c), includes a power to remove areas or places from the authorisation.

Interpretation

- 14 (1) In this Schedule—
- “driver” has the meaning given by section 43A(5);
- “senior police officer” means—
- (a) in relation to an authorisation where the specified area or place is the whole or part of a police area outside Northern Ireland, other than of a police area mentioned in paragraph (b) or (c), a police officer for the area who is of at least the rank of assistant chief constable;
 - (b) in relation to an authorisation where the specified area or place is the whole or part of the metropolitan police district, a police officer for the district who is of at least the rank of commander of the metropolitan police;
 - (c) in relation to an authorisation where the specified area or place is the whole or part of the City of London, a police officer for the City who is of at least the rank of commander in the City of London police force;
 - (d) in relation to an authorisation where the specified area or place is the whole or part of Northern Ireland, a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland who is of at least the rank of assistant chief constable;
- “specified” means specified in an authorisation.

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- (2) References in this Schedule to a senior police officer are to be read as including—
- (a) in relation to an authorisation where the specified area or place is the whole or part of a police area outside Northern Ireland and is in a place described in section 34(1A), a member of the British Transport Police Force who is of at least the rank of assistant chief constable;
 - (b) in relation to an authorisation where the specified area or place is a place to which section 2(2) of the Ministry of Defence Police Act 1987 applies, a member of the Ministry of Defence Police who is of at least the rank of assistant chief constable;
 - (c) in relation to an authorisation where the specified area or place is a place in which members of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary have the powers and privileges of a constable, a member of that Constabulary who is of at least the rank of assistant chief constable;

but such references are not to be read as including a member of the British Transport Police Force, the Ministry of Defence Police or the Civil Nuclear Constabulary in any other case.”

SCHEDULE 6

Section 63

STOP AND SEARCH POWERS: NORTHERN IRELAND

- 1 (1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (stopping and searching persons in relation to unlawful munitions and wireless apparatus) is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) (power to stop and search without reasonable suspicion) for “An officer” substitute “ A member of Her Majesty's forces who is on duty ”.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) for “officer”, in the first place where it appears, substitute “ member of Her Majesty's forces who is on duty ”, and
 - (b) for “officer”, in the second place where it appears, substitute “ member concerned ”.
- (4) After sub-paragraph (3) insert—
- “(4) A constable may search a person (whether or not that person is in a public place) whom the constable reasonably suspects to have munitions unlawfully with him or to have wireless apparatus with him.”
- (5) In the italic cross-heading before paragraph 4, at the end, insert “ : general ”.

Commencement Information

I188 Sch. 6 para. 1 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(h)

- 2 After paragraph 4 of that Schedule to that Act insert—

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“Stopping and searching persons in specified locations

- 4A (1) A senior officer may give an authorisation under this paragraph in relation to a specified area or place if the officer—
- (a) reasonably suspects (whether in relation to a particular case, a description of case or generally) that the safety of any person might be endangered by the use of munitions or wireless apparatus, and
 - (b) reasonably considers that—
 - (i) the authorisation is necessary to prevent such danger,
 - (ii) the specified area or place is no greater than is necessary to prevent such danger, and
 - (iii) the duration of the authorisation is no longer than is necessary to prevent such danger.
- (2) An authorisation under this paragraph authorises any constable to stop a person in the specified area or place and to search that person.
- (3) A constable may exercise the power conferred by an authorisation under this paragraph only for the purpose of ascertaining whether the person has munitions unlawfully with that person or wireless apparatus with that person.
- (4) But the power conferred by such an authorisation may be exercised whether or not the constable reasonably suspects that there are such munitions or wireless apparatus.
- (5) A constable exercising the power conferred by an authorisation under this paragraph may not require a person to remove any clothing in public except for headgear, footwear, an outer coat, a jacket or gloves.
- (6) Where a constable proposes to search a person by virtue of an authorisation under this paragraph, the constable may detain the person for such time as is reasonably required to permit the search to be carried out at or near the place where the person is stopped.
- (7) A senior officer who gives an authorisation under this paragraph orally must confirm it in writing as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (8) In this paragraph and paragraphs 4B to 4I—
“senior officer” means an officer of the Police Service of Northern Ireland of at least the rank of assistant chief constable,
“specified” means specified in an authorisation.
- 4B (1) An authorisation under paragraph 4A has effect during the period—
 - (a) beginning at the time when the authorisation is given, and
 - (b) ending with the specified date or at the specified time.
- (2) This paragraph is subject as follows.
- 4C The specified date or time must not occur after the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the authorisation is given.

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- 4D (1) The senior officer who gives an authorisation must inform the Secretary of State of it as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (2) An authorisation ceases to have effect at the end of the period of 48 hours beginning with the time when it is given unless it is confirmed by the Secretary of State before the end of that period.
- (3) An authorisation ceasing to have effect by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) does not affect the lawfulness of anything done in reliance on it before the end of the period concerned.
- (4) When confirming an authorisation, the Secretary of State may—
- (a) substitute an earlier date or time for the specified date or time;
 - (b) substitute a more restricted area or place for the specified area or place.
- 4E The Secretary of State may cancel an authorisation with effect from a time identified by the Secretary of State.
- 4F (1) A senior officer may—
- (a) cancel an authorisation with effect from a time identified by the officer concerned;
 - (b) substitute an earlier date or time for the specified date or time;
 - (c) substitute a more restricted area or place for the specified area or place.
- (2) Any such cancellation or substitution in relation to an authorisation confirmed by the Secretary of State under paragraph 4D does not require confirmation by the Secretary of State.
- 4G The existence, expiry or cancellation of an authorisation does not prevent the giving of a new authorisation.
- 4H (1) An authorisation under paragraph 4A given by a senior officer may specify—
- (a) the whole or part of Northern Ireland,
 - (b) the internal waters or any part of them, or
 - (c) any combination of anything falling within paragraph (a) and anything falling within paragraph (b).
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(b) “internal waters” means waters in the United Kingdom which are adjacent to Northern Ireland.
- (3) Where an authorisation specifies more than one area or place—
- (a) the power of a senior officer under paragraph 4B(1)(b) to specify a date or time includes a power to specify different dates or times for different areas or places (and the other references in this Schedule to the specified date or time are to be read accordingly), and
 - (b) the power of the Secretary of State under paragraph 4D(4)(b), and of a senior officer under paragraph 4F(1)(c), includes a power to remove areas or places from the authorisation.
- 4I (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if any decision of—

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- (a) a senior officer to give, vary or cancel an authorisation under paragraph 4A, or
 - (b) the Secretary of State to confirm, vary or cancel such an authorisation,
- is challenged on judicial review or in any other legal proceedings.
- (2) The Secretary of State may issue a certificate that—
 - (a) the interests of national security are relevant to the decision, and
 - (b) the decision was justified.
 - (3) The Secretary of State must notify the person making the challenge (“the claimant”) if the Secretary of State intends to rely on a certificate under this paragraph.
 - (4) Where the claimant is notified of the Secretary of State's intention to rely on a certificate under this paragraph—
 - (a) the claimant may appeal against the certificate to the Tribunal established under section 91 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, and
 - (b) sections 90(3) and (4), 91(2) to (9) and 92 of that Act (effect of appeal, procedure and further appeal) apply but subject to sub-paragraph (5).
 - (5) In its application by virtue of sub-paragraph (4)(b), section 90(3) of the Act of 1998 is to be read as if for the words from “subsection” to “that purpose,” there were substituted “paragraph 4I(4)(a) of Schedule 3 to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 the Tribunal determines that—
 - “(a) the interests of national security are relevant to the decision to which the certificate relates, and
 - (b) the decision was justified.”
 - (6) Rules made under section 91 or 92 of the Act of 1998 which are in force immediately before this paragraph comes into force have effect in relation to a certificate under this paragraph—
 - (a) with any necessary modifications, and
 - (b) subject to any later rules made by virtue of sub-paragraph (4)(b).”

Commencement Information

I189 Sch. 6 para. 2 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(h)

- 3 In paragraph 9(1) of that Schedule to that Act (offence of failing to stop when required to do so) after “paragraph 4” insert “ or by virtue of paragraph 4A ”.

Commencement Information

I190 Sch. 6 para. 3 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(h)

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SCHEDULE 7

Section 78

SAFEGUARDING OF VULNERABLE GROUPS: NORTHERN IRELAND

Restriction of scope of regulated activities: children

- 1 (1) Parts 1 and 3 of Schedule 2 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1351 (N.I. 11)) (regulated activity relating to children and the period condition) are amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1(1)(b) (frequency and period condition for regulated activity), at the beginning, insert “ except in the case of activities falling within sub-paragraph (1A), ”.
- (3) After paragraph 1(1) insert—
- “(1A) The following activities fall within this sub-paragraph—
- (a) relevant personal care, and
- (b) health care provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a health care professional.
- (1B) In this Part of this Schedule “relevant personal care” means—
- (a) physical assistance which is given to a child who is in need of it by reason of illness or disability and is given in connection with eating or drinking (including the administration of parenteral nutrition),
- (b) physical assistance which is given to a child who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability and is given in connection with—
- (i) toileting (including in relation to the process of menstruation),
- (ii) washing or bathing, or
- (iii) dressing,
- (c) the prompting (together with supervision) of a child, who is in need of it by reason of illness or disability, in relation to the performance of the activity of eating or drinking where the child is unable to make a decision in relation to performing such an activity without such prompting and supervision,
- (d) the prompting (together with supervision) of a child, who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability, in relation to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (b)(i) to (iii) where the child is unable to make a decision in relation to performing such an activity without such prompting and supervision,
- (e) any form of training, instruction, advice or guidance which—
- (i) relates to the performance of the activity of eating or drinking,
- (ii) is given to a child who is in need of it by reason of illness or disability, and
- (iii) does not fall within paragraph (c), or
- (f) any form of training, instruction, advice or guidance which—
- (i) relates to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (b)(i) to (iii),

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- (ii) is given to a child who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability, and
- (iii) does not fall within paragraph (d).

(1C) In this Part of this Schedule —

“health care” includes all forms of health care provided for children, whether relating to physical or mental health and also includes palliative care for children and procedures that are similar to forms of medical or surgical care but are not provided for children in connection with a medical condition,

“health care professional” means a person who is a member of a profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.

(1D) Any reference in this Part of this Schedule to health care provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a health care professional includes a reference to first aid provided to a child by any person acting on behalf of an organisation established for the purpose of providing first aid.”

(4) In paragraph 1(2)(c) (work activities at certain establishments to be regulated activity) for “any form of work (whether or not for gain)” substitute “ any work falling within sub-paragraph (2A) or (2B) ”.

(5) After paragraph 1(2) insert—

“(2A) Work falls within this sub-paragraph if it is any form of work for gain, other than any such work which—

- (a) is undertaken in pursuance of a contract for the provision of occasional or temporary services, and
- (b) is not an activity mentioned in paragraph 2(1) (disregarding paragraph 2(3A) and (3B)(b)).

(2B) Work falls within this sub-paragraph if it is any form of work which is not for gain, other than—

- (a) any such work which—
 - (i) is carried out on a temporary or occasional basis, and
 - (ii) is not an activity mentioned in paragraph 2(1) (disregarding paragraph 2(3A) and (3B)(b)), or
- (b) any such work which is, on a regular basis, subject to the day to day supervision of another person who is engaging in regulated activity relating to children.

(2C) The reference in sub-paragraph (2B)(b) to day to day supervision is a reference to such day to day supervision as is reasonable in all the circumstances for the purpose of protecting any children concerned.”

(6) Also in paragraph 1—

(a) after sub-paragraph (6) insert—

“(6A) The exercise of a function of a controller appointed in respect of a child under Article 101 of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 4) is a regulated activity relating to children.”,

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(b) omit sub-paragraph (7) (exercise of functions of persons mentioned in paragraph 4(1) to be regulated activity), and

(c) after sub-paragraph (12) insert—

“(13) Any activity which consists in or involves on a regular basis the day to day management or supervision of a person who would be carrying out an activity mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) or (2) but for the exclusion for supervised activity in paragraph 2(3A) or (3B) (b) or sub-paragraph (2B)(b) above is a regulated activity relating to children.”

(7) In paragraph 2 (activities referred to in paragraph 1(1))—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) omit paragraph (d) (treatment and therapy provided for a child),

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(i) for “, (c) and (d)” substitute “ and (c) ”, and

(ii) omit paragraph (d), and

(c) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) Sub-paragraph (1)(a) does not include any form of teaching, training or instruction of children which is, on a regular basis, subject to the day to day supervision of another person who is engaging in regulated activity relating to children.

(3B) Sub-paragraph (1)(b)—

(a) does not include any health care provided otherwise than by (or under the direction or supervision of) a health care professional, and

(b) does not, except in the case of relevant personal care or of health care provided by (or under the direction or supervision of) a health care professional, include any form of care for or supervision of children which is, on a regular basis, subject to the day to day supervision of another person who is engaging in regulated activity relating to children.

(3C) The references in sub-paragraphs (3A) and (3B)(b) to day to day supervision are references to such day to day supervision as is reasonable in all the circumstances for the purpose of protecting any children concerned.

(3D) Sub-paragraph (1)(c) does not include any legal advice.”

(8) Omit paragraph 4 (list of persons referred to in paragraph 1(7)).

(9) In paragraph 10(2) (the period condition) for “, (c) or (d)” substitute “ or (c) ”.

Commencement Information

I191 [Sch. 7 para. 1](#) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(z\)\(i\)](#)

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Restriction of definition of vulnerable adults

- 2 (1) In Article 2 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (interpretation of Order), in the first paragraph (2)—
- (a) after the definition of “the 2003 Order” insert—
- ““adult” means a person who has attained the age of 18;”, and
- (b) in the definition of “vulnerable adult”, for the words “must be construed in accordance with Article 3” substitute “ means any adult to whom an activity which is a regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults by virtue of any paragraph of paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 2 is provided ”.
- (2) Omit Article 3 of the Order of 2007 (definition of vulnerable adults).

Commencement Information

I192 Sch. 7 para. 2 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(z\)\(i\)](#)

Restriction of scope of regulated activities: vulnerable adults

- 3 (1) Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 2 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults and the period condition) are amended as follows.
- (2) For paragraph 7(1) to (3) (main activities which are regulated activity) substitute—
- “(1) Each of the following is a regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults—
- (a) the provision to an adult of health care by, or under the direction or supervision of, a health care professional,
- (b) the provision to an adult of relevant personal care,
- (c) the provision by a social care worker of relevant social work to an adult who is a client or potential client,
- (d) the provision of assistance in relation to general household matters to an adult who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability,
- (e) any relevant assistance in the conduct of an adult's own affairs,
- (f) the conveying by persons of a prescribed description in such circumstances as may be prescribed of adults who need to be conveyed by reason of age, illness or disability,
- (g) such activities—
- (i) involving, or connected with, the provision of health care or relevant personal care to adults, and
- (ii) not falling within any of the above paragraphs,
- as are of a prescribed description.
- (2) Health care includes all forms of health care provided for individuals, whether relating to physical or mental health and also includes palliative care and procedures that are similar to forms of medical or surgical care but are not provided in connection with a medical condition.

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- (3) A health care professional is a person who is a member of a profession regulated by a body mentioned in section 25(3) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.
- (3A) Any reference in this Part of this Schedule to health care provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a health care professional includes a reference to first aid provided to an adult by any person acting on behalf of an organisation established for the purpose of providing first aid.
- (3B) Relevant personal care means—
- (a) physical assistance, given to a person who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability, in connection with—
 - (i) eating or drinking (including the administration of parenteral nutrition),
 - (ii) toileting (including in relation to the process of menstruation),
 - (iii) washing or bathing,
 - (iv) dressing,
 - (v) oral care, or
 - (vi) the care of skin, hair or nails,
 - (b) the prompting, together with supervision, of a person who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability in relation to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (a) where the person is unable to make a decision in relation to performing such an activity without such prompting and supervision, or
 - (c) any form of training, instruction, advice or guidance which—
 - (i) relates to the performance of any of the activities listed in paragraph (a),
 - (ii) is given to a person who is in need of it by reason of age, illness or disability, and
 - (iii) does not fall within paragraph (b).
- (3C) Relevant social work has the meaning given by section 2(4) of the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 and social care worker means a person who is a social care worker by virtue of section 2(2) (a) of that Act.
- (3D) Assistance in relation to general household matters is day to day assistance in relation to the running of the household of the person concerned where the assistance is the carrying out of one or more of the following activities on behalf of that person—
- (a) managing the person's cash,
 - (b) paying the person's bills,
 - (c) shopping.
- (3E) Relevant assistance in the conduct of a person's own affairs is anything done on behalf of the person by virtue of—
- (a) an enduring power of attorney (within the meaning of the Enduring Powers of Attorney (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (NI 16)) in respect of the person which is—
 - (i) registered in accordance with that Order, or

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- (ii) the subject of an application to be so registered,
 - (b) an order made under Article 99 or 101 of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 4) by the High Court in relation to the person or the person's property or affairs, or
 - (c) the appointment of a representative to receive payments on behalf of the person in pursuance of regulations made under the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.”
- (3) Omit paragraph 7(4) (certain activities in residential care or nursing homes to be regulated activity).
- (4) In paragraph 7(5) (day to day management or supervision of certain activities to be regulated activity) omit “, (4)”.
- (5) Omit paragraph 7(9) (functions of certain persons to be regulated activity).
- (6) Omit paragraph 8 (the persons referred to in paragraph 7(9) whose functions are to be regulated activity).
- (7) In paragraph 10(2) (the period condition)—
- (a) omit “or 7(1)(a), (b), (c), (d) or (g)”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (b), omit “or vulnerable adults (as the case may be)”.

Commencement Information

I193 Sch. 7 para. 3 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(i)

I194 Sch. 7 para. 3(2) in force at 10.8.2012 for specified purposes by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 2(b)

Alteration of test for barring decisions

- 4 (1) For sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (automatic inclusion of person to whom paragraph applies in children's barred list) substitute—
- “(2) If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that this paragraph might apply to a person, the Secretary of State must refer the matter to ISA.
- (3) If (whether or not on a reference under sub-paragraph (2)) ISA is satisfied that this paragraph applies to a person, it must include the person in the children's barred list.”
- (2) For sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) of paragraph 2 of that Schedule to that Order (inclusion of person to whom paragraph applies in children's barred list with right to make representation afterwards) substitute—
- “(2) If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that—
- (a) this paragraph might apply to a person, and
 - (b) the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,
- the Secretary of State must refer the matter to ISA.

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- (3) Sub-paragraph (4) applies if (whether or not on a reference under sub-paragraph (2)) it appears to ISA that—
- (a) this paragraph applies to a person, and
 - (b) the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children.
- (4) ISA must give the person the opportunity to make representations as to why the person should not be included in the children's barred list.
- (5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies if—
- (a) the person does not make representations before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose, or
 - (b) the duty in sub-paragraph (4) does not apply by virtue of paragraph 16(2).
- (6) If ISA—
- (a) is satisfied that this paragraph applies to the person, and
 - (b) has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,
- it must include the person in the list.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (8) applies if the person makes representations before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose.
- (8) If ISA—
- (a) is satisfied that this paragraph applies to the person,
 - (b) has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children, and
 - (c) is satisfied that it is appropriate to include the person in the children's barred list,
- it must include the person in the list.”
- (3) In paragraph 3 of that Schedule to that Order (inclusion in children's barred list on behaviour grounds)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for the words from “has” to “conduct,” substitute “—
 - (i) has (at any time) engaged in relevant conduct, and
 - (ii) is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,”
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (a) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—
 - “(aa) it has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,” and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for “appears to ISA” substitute “ is satisfied ”.
- (4) In paragraph 5 of that Schedule to that Order (inclusion in children's barred list because of risk of harm)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for “falls within sub-paragraph (4)” substitute “—
 - (i) falls within sub-paragraph (4), and
 - (ii) is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,”

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- (b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (a) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—
 - “(aa) it has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to children,” and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for “appears to ISA” substitute “ is satisfied ”.
- (5) For sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 7 of that Schedule to that Order (automatic inclusion of person to whom paragraph applies in adults' barred list) substitute—
- “(2) If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that this paragraph might apply to a person, the Secretary of State must refer the matter to ISA.
 - (3) If (whether or not on a reference under sub-paragraph (2)) ISA is satisfied that this paragraph applies to a person, it must include the person in the adults' barred list.”
- (6) For sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) of paragraph 8 of that Schedule to that Order (inclusion of person to whom paragraph applies in adults' barred list with right to make representation afterwards) substitute—
- “(2) If the Secretary of State has reason to believe that—
 - (a) this paragraph might apply to a person, and
 - (b) the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,the Secretary of State must refer the matter to ISA.
 - (3) Sub-paragraph (4) applies if (whether or not on a reference under sub-paragraph (2)) it appears to ISA that—
 - (a) this paragraph applies to a person, and
 - (b) the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults.
 - (4) ISA must give the person the opportunity to make representations as to why the person should not be included in the adults' barred list.
 - (5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies if—
 - (a) the person does not make representations before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose, or
 - (b) the duty in sub-paragraph (4) does not apply by virtue of paragraph 16(2).
 - (6) If ISA—
 - (a) is satisfied that this paragraph applies to the person, and
 - (b) has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,it must include the person in the list.
 - (7) Sub-paragraph (8) applies if the person makes representations before the end of any time prescribed for the purpose.
 - (8) If ISA—

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- (a) is satisfied that this paragraph applies to the person,
- (b) has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults, and
- (c) is satisfied that it is appropriate to include the person in the adults' barred list,

it must include the person in the list.”

- (7) In paragraph 9 of that Schedule to that Order (inclusion in adults' barred list on behaviour grounds)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for the words from “has” to “conduct,” substitute “—
 - (i) has (at any time) engaged in relevant conduct, and
 - (ii) is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,”
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (a) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—
 - “(aa) it has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,” and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for “appears to ISA” substitute “ is satisfied ”.
- (8) In paragraph 11 of that Schedule to that Order (inclusion in adults' barred list because of risk of harm)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for “falls within sub-paragraph (4)” substitute “—
 - (i) falls within sub-paragraph (4), and
 - (ii) is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,”
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3), after paragraph (a) (and before the word “and” at the end of the paragraph), insert—
 - “(aa) it has reason to believe that the person is or has been, or might in future be, engaged in regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults,” and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)(b) for “appears to ISA” substitute “ is satisfied ”.

Commencement Information

I195 Sch. 7 para. 4 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(i) (with arts. 6-16) (as amended (31.3.2014) by S.I. 2014/831, art. 2(2))

Abolition of controlled activity

- 5 Omit Articles 25 to 27 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (controlled activity).

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Commencement Information

I196 Sch. 7 para. 5 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(i)

Abolition of monitoring

- 6 Omit Articles 28 to 31 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (monitoring).

Commencement Information

I197 Sch. 7 para. 6 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(i)

Information for purposes of making barring decisions

- 7 (1) In paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (information required by ISA about persons to whom grounds for barring apply)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) in paragraph (a) after “applies” insert “ or appears to apply ”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (b) for “apply” substitute “ applies or appears to apply ”, and
 - (iii) omit paragraph (d),
 - (b) in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) for “thinks might” substitute “ reasonably believes to ”, and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (6)—
 - (i) omit the words from “which” to “it is”, and
 - (ii) omit “or paragraph 20(2)”.
- (2) In paragraph 20 of that Schedule to that Order (provision of information by Secretary of State to ISA) for sub-paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) Where the Secretary of State is under a duty under paragraph 1, 2, 7 or 8 to refer a matter to ISA, the Secretary of State must provide to ISA any prescribed details of relevant matter (within the meaning of section 113A of the Police Act 1997) of a prescribed description which has been made available to the Secretary of State for the purposes of Part 5 of that Act.”

Commencement Information

I198 Sch. 7 para. 7 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(i)

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Review of barring decisions

- 8 After paragraph 18 of Schedule 1 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (power to apply for review of a person's inclusion in a barred list) insert—
- “18A (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if a person's inclusion in a barred list is not subject to—
- (a) a review under paragraph 18, or
 - (b) an application under that paragraph,
- which has not yet been determined.
- (2) ISA may, at any time, review the person's inclusion in the list.
- (3) On any such review, ISA may remove the person from the list if, and only if, it is satisfied that, in the light of—
- (a) information which it did not have at the time of the person's inclusion in the list,
 - (b) any change of circumstances relating to the person concerned, or
 - (c) any error by ISA,
- it is not appropriate for the person to be included in the list.”

Commencement Information

I199 Sch. 7 para. 8 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(z\)\(i\)](#)

Information about barring decisions

- 9 (1) For Articles 32 to 34 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (provision of vetting information and information about cessation of monitoring) substitute—

Provision of barring information on request

- “32A(1) The Secretary of State must provide a person (A) with the information mentioned in paragraph (3) in relation to another (B) if—
- (a) A makes an application for the information and pays any fee payable in respect of the application,
 - (b) the application contains the appropriate declaration, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State has no reason to believe that the declaration is false.
- (2) The appropriate declaration is a declaration by A—
- (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 5 in relation to B,
 - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
 - (c) that B has consented to the provision of the information to A.
- (3) The information is—

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- (a) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to children, whether B is barred from regulated activity relating to children, and
 - (b) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to vulnerable adults, whether B is barred from regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults.
- (4) If B consents to the provision of information to A in relation to an application under this Article, the consent also has effect in relation to any subsequent such application by A.
- (5) The Secretary of State may prescribe any fee payable in respect of an application under this Article.
- (6) Fees received by the Secretary of State by virtue of this Article must be paid into the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.
- (7) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this Article (including the form and manner of a declaration contained in such an application).

Provision of barring information on registration

- 32B (1) The Secretary of State must establish and maintain a register for the purposes of this Article.
- (2) The Secretary of State must register a person (A) in relation to another (B) if—
- (a) A makes an application to be registered in relation to B and pays any fee payable in respect of the application,
 - (b) the application contains the appropriate declaration, and
 - (c) the Secretary of State has no reason to believe that the declaration is false.
- (3) The appropriate declaration is a declaration by A—
- (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 5 in relation to B,
 - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
 - (c) that B has consented to the application.
- (4) A's application and registration relate—
- (a) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to children, to regulated activity relating to children;
 - (b) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to vulnerable adults, to regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults.
- (5) The Secretary of State must notify A if B is barred from regulated activity to which A's registration relates.
- (6) The requirement under paragraph (5) is satisfied if notification is sent to any address recorded against A's name in the register.

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- (7) If B consents to the provision of information to A under Article 32A, the consent also has effect as consent to any application by A to be registered in relation to B under this Article.
- (8) The Secretary of State may prescribe any fee payable in respect of an application under this Article.
- (9) Fees received by the Secretary of State by virtue of this Article must be paid into the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.
- (10) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this Article (including the form and manner of a declaration contained in such an application).”
- (2) In Article 35 of that Order (cessation of registration)—
- (a) in paragraph (1) for “34” substitute “ 32B ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (2) for “(6)” substitute “ (5) ”, and
 - (c) after paragraph (3) insert—
 - “(3A) Circumstances prescribed by virtue of paragraph (3) may, in particular, include that—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has asked the registered person (A) to make a renewed declaration within the prescribed period in relation to the person (B) in relation to whom A is registered, and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) A has failed to make the declaration within that period, or
 - (ii) A has made the declaration within that period but the Secretary of State has reason to believe that it is false.
 - (3B) A renewed declaration is a declaration by A—
 - (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 5 in relation to B,
 - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
 - (c) that B consents to the registration of A in relation to B.
 - (3C) If B consents to the provision of information to A under Article 32A, the consent also has effect as consent to the registration of A in relation to B.
 - (3D) Article 36 applies in relation to the making of a declaration in response to a request from the Secretary of State of the kind mentioned in paragraph (3A)(a) as it applies in relation to the making of a declaration in an application made for the purposes of Article 32B.”
- (3) In Article 36 of that Order (declarations under Articles 32 and 34)—
- (a) in the heading for “32 and 34” substitute “ 32A and 32B ”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (1) for “32 or 34” substitute “ 32A or 32B ”.

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- (4) Omit entry 19 in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to that Order (power to add entries to the table).
- (5) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to that Order (power to amend entries in the table) for the words from “any” to the end substitute “ this Schedule ”.
- (6) Omit paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 5 to that Order (barring information where certain activities carried on for the purposes of the armed forces of the Crown) and the word “or” before it.

Commencement Information

I200 Sch. 7 para. 9(4)-(6) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(ii)

PROSPECTIVE

Duty to check whether person barred

10 After Article 36 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (declarations relating to the provision of barring information) insert—

Duty to check whether person barred

“36ZA) A regulated activity provider who is considering whether to permit an individual (B) to engage in regulated activity relating to children or vulnerable adults must ascertain that B is not barred from the activity concerned before permitting B to engage in it.

(2) A personnel supplier who—

- (a) is considering whether to supply an individual (B) to another (P), and
- (b) knows, or has reason to believe, that P will make arrangements for B (if supplied) to engage in regulated activity relating to children or vulnerable adults,

must ascertain that B is not barred from the activity concerned before supplying B to P.

(3) A person is, in particular, to be treated as having met the duty in paragraph (1) or (2) if condition 1, 2 or 3 is met.

(4) Condition 1 is that the person has, within the prescribed period, been informed under Article 32A that B is not barred from the activity concerned.

(5) Condition 2 is that—

- (a) the person has, within the prescribed period, checked a relevant enhanced criminal record certificate of B which has been obtained within that period, and

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- (b) the certificate does not show that B is barred from the activity concerned.
- (6) Condition 3 is that—
 - (a) the person has, within the prescribed period, checked—
 - (i) a relevant enhanced criminal record certificate of B, and
 - (ii) up-date information given, within that period, under section 116A of the Police Act 1997 in relation to the certificate,
 - (b) the certificate does not show that B is barred from the activity concerned, and
 - (c) the up-date information is not advice to request B to apply for a new enhanced criminal record certificate.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for—
 - (a) the duty under paragraph (1) not to apply in relation to persons of a prescribed description,
 - (b) the duty under paragraph (2) not to apply in relation to persons of a prescribed description.
- (8) In this Article—
 - “enhanced criminal record certificate” means an enhanced criminal record certificate issued under section 113B of the Police Act 1997,
 - “relevant enhanced criminal record certificate” means—
 - (a) in the case of regulated activity relating to children, an enhanced criminal record certificate which includes, by virtue of section 113BA of the Police Act 1997, suitability information relating to children, and
 - (b) in the case of regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults, an enhanced criminal record certificate which includes, by virtue of section 113BB of that Act, suitability information relating to vulnerable adults.”

PROSPECTIVE

Restrictions on duplication with barred lists in England and Wales and Scotland

- 11 (1) Before paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (restriction on inclusion in children's barred list for Scottish cases), and after the italic cross-heading before that paragraph, insert—
- “5A (1) ISA must not include a person in the children's barred list if ISA knows that the person is included in a corresponding list.
 - (2) ISA must remove a person from the children's barred list if ISA knows that the person is included in a corresponding list.
 - (3) A corresponding list is a list maintained under the law of England and Wales or Scotland which the Secretary of State specifies by order as corresponding to the children's barred list.”

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- (2) In paragraph 6(1)(a) of that Schedule to that Order—
- (a) after “if” insert “ ISA knows that ”,
 - (b) after “authority” insert “—
(i)”,
and
 - (c) for the words from “(whether” to “list)” substitute “, and
(ii) has decided not to include the person in the list”.
- (3) Before paragraph 12 of that Schedule to that Order (restriction on inclusion in adults' barred list for Scottish cases), and after the italic cross-heading before that paragraph, insert—
- “11A (1) ISA must not include a person in the adults' barred list if ISA knows that the person is included in a corresponding list.
- (2) ISA must remove a person from the adults' barred list if ISA knows that the person is included in a corresponding list.
- (3) A corresponding list is a list maintained under the law of England and Wales or Scotland which the Secretary of State specifies by order as corresponding to the adults' barred list.”
- (4) In paragraph 12(1)(a) of that Schedule to that Order—
- (a) after “if” insert “ ISA knows that ”,
 - (b) after “authority” insert “—
(i)”,
and
 - (c) for the words from “(whether” to “list)” substitute “, and
(ii) has decided not to include the person in the list”.

Professional bodies

- 12 (1) In Article 43 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (registers: duty to refer)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “must” substitute “ may ”, and
 - (ii) omit “prescribed”,
 - (b) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for “engaged or may engage” substitute “ or has been, or might in future be, engaged ”,
 - (ii) also in sub-paragraph (a), omit “or controlled activity”, and
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “, 2, 7 or 8” substitute “ or 7 ”,
 - (c) omit paragraphs (4A) to (4C),
 - (d) in paragraph (5) omit “prescribed”, and
 - (e) in the heading for “duty” substitute “ power ”.
- (2) In Article 45 of that Order (registers: notice of barring etc.) for paragraphs (1) to (5) substitute—
- “(1) Paragraph (2) applies if—

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- (a) ISA knows or thinks that a person (A) appears on a relevant register, and
 - (b) either—
 - (i) A is included in a barred list, or
 - (ii) ISA is aware that A is subject to a relevant disqualification.
- (2) ISA must—
- (a) notify the keeper of the register of the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (1)(b)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii), and
 - (b) in the case where A is included in a barred list, provide the keeper of the register with such of the information on which ISA relied in including A in the list as ISA considers—
 - (i) to be relevant to the exercise of any function of the keeper, and
 - (ii) otherwise appropriate to provide.
- (3) Paragraph (4) applies if the keeper of a relevant register applies to ISA to ascertain in relation to a person (A) whether—
- (a) A is included in a barred list, or
 - (b) ISA is aware that A is subject to a relevant disqualification.
- (4) ISA must notify the keeper of the register as to whether the circumstances are as mentioned in paragraph (3)(a) or (as the case may be) (b).
- (5) ISA may (whether on an application by the keeper or otherwise) provide to the keeper of a relevant register such relevant information as ISA considers appropriate.
- (5A) Paragraph (5B) applies if—
- (a) a keeper of a register has applied to the Secretary of State to be notified in relation to a person (A) if—
 - (i) A is included in a barred list, or
 - (ii) the Secretary of State is aware that A is subject to a relevant disqualification, and
 - (b) the application has not been withdrawn.
- (5B) The Secretary of State must notify the keeper of the register if the circumstances are, or become, as mentioned in paragraph (5A)(a)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii).
- (5C) For the purposes of paragraph (5A)(b) an application is withdrawn if—
- (a) the keeper of the register notifies the Secretary of State that the keeper no longer wishes to be notified if the circumstances are, or become, as mentioned in paragraph (5A)(a)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii) in relation to A, or
 - (b) the Secretary of State cancels the application on either of the following grounds—
 - (i) that the keeper has not answered, within such reasonable period as was required by the Secretary of State, a request from the Secretary of State as to whether the keeper still wishes to be notified if the circumstances are, or become, as

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- mentioned in paragraph (5A)(a)(i) or (as the case may be) (ii), or
- (ii) that A neither appears in the register nor is being considered for inclusion in the register.
- (5D) A keeper of a relevant register may apply for information under this Article, or to be notified under this Article, in relation to a person (A) only if—
- (a) A appears in the register, or
- (b) A is being considered for inclusion in the register.
- (5E) The duties in paragraphs (2), (4) and (5B) do not apply if ISA or (as the case may be) the Secretary of State is satisfied that the keeper of the register already has the information concerned.
- (5F) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this Article.
- (5G) In this Article relevant information is information—
- (a) which—
- (i) relates to the protection of children or vulnerable adults in general, or of any child or vulnerable adult in particular, and
- (ii) is relevant to the exercise of any function of the keeper of the register, but
- (b) which is not—
- (i) information that the circumstances are as mentioned in paragraph (1)(b)(i) or (ii) in relation to a person,
- (ii) any information provided under paragraph (2)(b), or
- (iii) information falling within paragraph 19(5) of Schedule 1.
- (5H) The Secretary of State may by order amend paragraph (5G).”
- (3) In the heading of Article 45 of that Order for “notice of barring and cessation of monitoring” substitute “ provision of barring information to keepers of registers ”.
- (4) Omit Article 46 of that Order (registers: power to apply for vetting information).

Commencement Information

- I201** Sch. 7 para. 12(1) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(iii)
- I202** Sch. 7 para. 12(2) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(iv)
- I203** Sch. 7 para. 12(3)(4) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(v)

Supervisory authorities

- 13 (1) In Article 47 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (duty of supervisory authorities to refer)—

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- (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “must” substitute “ may ”, and
 - (ii) omit “prescribed”,
 - (b) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for “engaged or may engage” substitute “ or has been, or might in future be, engaged ”,
 - (ii) also in sub-paragraph (a), omit “or controlled activity”, and
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “, 2, 7 or 8” substitute “ or 7 ”,
 - (c) in paragraph (5) omit “prescribed”,
 - (d) omit paragraph (6), and
 - (e) in the heading for “duty” substitute “ power ”.
- (2) In Article 49 of that Order (supervisory authorities: power to apply for vetting information)—
- (a) in the heading for “vetting” substitute “ certain barring ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (1) for “the Secretary of State”, in both places where it occurs, substitute “ ISA ”,
 - (c) in paragraph (2) omit sub-paragraphs (b) to (e),
 - (d) in paragraph (3) omit sub-paragraphs (b) to (e),
 - (e) omit paragraph (5), and
 - (f) in paragraph (7) for “prescribe” substitute “ determine ”.
- (3) In Article 50 of that Order (supervisory authorities: notification of barring etc. in respect of children)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “This Article” substitute “ Paragraph (2) ”,
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (a) omit “newly”,
 - (iii) at the end of sub-paragraph (a) insert “ or ”,
 - (iv) in sub-paragraph (b) for “becomes” substitute “ is ”, and
 - (v) omit sub-paragraph (c) and the word “or” before it,
 - (b) in paragraph (2) for “, (b) or (c)” substitute “ or (b) ”,
 - (c) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The duty in paragraph (2) does not apply in relation to an interested supervisory authority if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the authority already has the information concerned.”,
 - (d) in paragraph (3)(a) for the words from “if” to “occurs” substitute “ of any circumstance mentioned in paragraph (1) ”,
 - (e) in paragraph (5)—
 - (i) after “withdrawn if” insert “—
(a)”,
and
 - (ii) for the words from “if”, where it appears for the second time, to “occurs” substitute “ of any circumstance mentioned in paragraph (1) ”,
 - (f) also in paragraph (5), at the end, insert “, or
(b) the Secretary of State cancels the application on either of the following grounds—

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- (i) that the supervisory authority has not answered, within such reasonable period as was required by the Secretary of State, a request from the Secretary of State as to whether the supervisory authority still wishes to be notified of any circumstance mentioned in paragraph (1) in relation to the person, or
 - (ii) that the notification is not required in connection with the exercise of a function of the supervisory authority mentioned in Article 47(7).”, and
 - (g) in paragraph (8) for “prescribe” substitute “determine”.
- (4) In Article 51 of that Order (supervisory authorities: notification of barring etc. in respect of vulnerable adults)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “This Article” substitute “Paragraph (2)”,
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (a) omit “newly”,
 - (iii) at the end of sub-paragraph (a) insert “or”,
 - (iv) in sub-paragraph (b) for “becomes” substitute “is”, and
 - (v) omit sub-paragraph (c) and the word “or” before it,
 - (b) in paragraph (2) for “, (b) or (c)” substitute “or (b)”,
 - (c) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The duty in paragraph (2) does not apply in relation to an interested supervisory authority if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the authority already has the information concerned.”,
 - (d) in paragraph (3)(a) for the words from “if” to “occurs” substitute “of any circumstance mentioned in paragraph (1)”,
 - (e) in paragraph (5)—
 - (i) after “withdrawn if” insert “—
(a)”,
and
 - (ii) for the words from “if”, where it appears for the second time, to “occurs” substitute “of any circumstance mentioned in paragraph (1)”,
 - (f) also in paragraph (5), at the end, insert “, or
 - (b) the Secretary of State cancels the application on either of the following grounds—
 - (i) that the supervisory authority has not answered, within such reasonable period as was required by the Secretary of State, a request from the Secretary of State as to whether the supervisory authority still wishes to be notified of any circumstance mentioned in paragraph (1) in relation to the person, or
 - (ii) that the notification is not required in connection with the exercise of a function of the supervisory authority mentioned in Article 47(7).”, and
 - (g) in paragraph (8) for “prescribe” substitute “determine”.

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- (5) In Article 52 of that Order (provision of information to supervisory authorities)—
- (a) in paragraph (2) for “must” substitute “ may (whether on an application by the authority or otherwise) ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (3)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (b), after “the authority” insert “ which is mentioned in Article 47(7) ”, and
 - (ii) for the words from “or information” to “occurred” substitute “ or of any circumstance mentioned in Article 50(1) or 51(1) ”, and
 - (c) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) A supervisory authority may apply to ISA under this Article only if the information is required in connection with the exercise of a function of the supervisory authority which is mentioned in Article 47(7).

(5) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this Article.”

Commencement Information

I204 Sch. 7 para. 13(1)(2)(3)(g)(4)(g)(5) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(vi)

Minor amendments

- 14 (1) Omit section 90(2) of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (which, if commenced, would insert Articles 36A to 36C into the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 in connection with the notification of proposals to include persons in barred lists).
- (2) After Article 10(8) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (regulated activity providers) insert—
- “(8A) An authority that is an authority for the purposes of section 8 of the Carers and Direct Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (c.6) or Article 18C of the Children Order (direct payments) does not make arrangements for another to engage in a regulated activity by virtue of anything the authority does under that section or Article.”
- (3) In Article 41 of the Order of 2007 (education and library boards and HSC bodies: duty to refer)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) for “must” substitute “ may ”, and
 - (ii) omit “prescribed”,
 - (b) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for “engaged or may engage” substitute “ or has been, or might in future be, engaged ”,
 - (ii) also in sub-paragraph (a), omit “or controlled activity”, and
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (b) for “, 2, 7 or 8” substitute “ or 7 ”,
 - (c) in paragraph (5) omit “prescribed”, and

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- (d) in the heading for “duty” substitute “ power ”.
- (4) In Article 52A(1) of that Order (power for ISA to provide information to the police for use for certain purposes)—
- (a) for the words “or the chief constable of a police force in England, Wales or Scotland” substitute “ , a chief officer of police or the chief constable of a police force in Scotland ”, and
- (b) after sub-paragraph (b), insert—
- “ (c) the appointment of persons who are under the direction and control of the chief constable or (as the case may be) chief officer;
- (d) any prescribed purpose”.
- (5) After Article 52A(1) of that Order insert—
- “(1A) ISA must, for use for any of the purposes mentioned in paragraph (1), provide to any chief constable or chief officer mentioned in that paragraph who has requested it a barred list or information as to whether a particular person is barred.
- (1B) ISA may, for use for the purposes of the protection of children or vulnerable adults, provide to a relevant authority any information which ISA reasonably believes to be relevant to that authority.
- (1C) ISA must, for use for the purposes of the protection of children or vulnerable adults, provide to any relevant authority who has requested it information as to whether a particular person is barred.
- (1D) In this Article “relevant authority” means—
- (a) the Department of Justice, exercising functions in relation to prisons and youth justice,
- (b) the Probation Board for Northern Ireland, or
- (c) an HSC body.”
- (6) After paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to that Order (regulated activity relating to children) insert—

“Guidance

- 5A (1) The Secretary of State must give guidance for the purpose of assisting regulated activity providers and personnel suppliers in deciding whether supervision is of such a kind that, as a result of paragraph 1(2B)(b), 2(3A) or 2(3B)(b), the person being supervised would not be engaging in regulated activity relating to children.
- (2) The Secretary of State must publish guidance given under this paragraph.
- (3) A regulated activity provider or a personnel supplier must, in exercising any functions under this Order, have regard to guidance for the time being given under this paragraph.”

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Commencement Information

- I205** Sch. 7 para. 14 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(z)(vii)
- I206** Sch. 7 para. 14(4) in force at 10.8.2012 for specified purposes by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 2(b)

SCHEDULE 8

Section 87(3)

DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE

Membership

- 1 (1) DBS is to consist of—
- (a) a person who has the function of chairing DBS, and
 - (b) such number of other members as the Secretary of State decides.
- (2) A person falling within sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (b) (in this Schedule “an appointed member”) is to be appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (3) In appointing any such person, the Secretary of State must have regard to the desirability of ensuring that at least some of the appointed members of DBS are persons who appear to the Secretary of State to have knowledge or experience of an aspect of child protection or the protection of vulnerable adults.
- (4) The Secretary of State must consult the Welsh Ministers and a Northern Ireland Minister before making any appointment under this paragraph.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (4) “Northern Ireland Minister” includes the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland.

Commencement Information

- I207** Sch. 8 para. 1 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Terms of appointment of members

- 2 (1) Subject as follows, an appointed member holds and vacates office in accordance with the terms of appointment.
- (2) A period of appointment may not exceed 5 years.
 - (3) An appointed member may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary of State.
 - (4) The Secretary of State may by notice in writing remove an appointed member who—
 - (a) has, without reasonable excuse, failed, for a continuous period of three months, to carry out the person's functions,
 - (b) has been convicted (whether before or after the person's appointment) of a criminal offence,

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- (c) is an undischarged bankrupt, or whose estate has been sequestrated and the person has not been discharged,
 - (d) is a person in relation to whom a moratorium period, under a debt relief order made under Part 7A of the Insolvency Act 1986 or Part 7A of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2405 (N.I. 19)), applies,
 - (e) is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or an interim order under Schedule 4A to the Insolvency Act 1986 or an order to similar effect made under any corresponding enactment in force in Scotland or Northern Ireland,
 - (f) is the subject of a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order under Schedule 4ZB to the Insolvency Act 1986 or Schedule 2ZB to the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989,
 - (g) has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, the person's creditors,
 - (h) has failed to comply with the terms of the person's appointment, or
 - (i) is otherwise unable or unfit to carry out the person's functions.
- (5) A person who ceases to be an appointed member is eligible for re-appointment unless the cessation is by virtue of sub-paragraph (4).

Commencement Information

I208 Sch. 8 para. 2 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Remuneration etc: members

- 3
- (1) DBS may pay to the person who has the function of chairing it and each of the other appointed members such remuneration and such allowances as the Secretary of State may decide.
 - (2) Sub-paragraph (3) applies if—
 - (a) a person ceases to be an appointed member of DBS, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State considers that there are special circumstances which make it right for the person to receive compensation.
 - (3) The Secretary of State may require DBS to pay the person such amount as the Secretary of State may decide.

Commencement Information

I209 Sch. 8 para. 3 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Staff

- 4
- (1) DBS must appoint a person to be chief executive.
 - (2) The period of appointment must not exceed 5 years (but a person may be re-appointed).
 - (3) DBS must consult the Secretary of State before appointing a chief executive.
 - (4) The person who has the function of chairing DBS may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, be appointed as chief executive.

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- (5) The chief executive is an employee of DBS.
- (6) DBS may appoint such number of other staff as it considers appropriate.
- (7) DBS may make arrangements for persons to be seconded to DBS to serve as members of its staff.
- (8) A member of a police force on temporary service with DBS is to be under the direction and control of DBS.

Commencement Information

I210 Sch. 8 para. 4 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Remuneration, pensions etc of staff

- 5 (1) DBS may pay to its staff such remuneration and such allowances as it may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, decide.
- (2) DBS may—
 - (a) pay such pensions, allowances or gratuities to or in respect of any member of staff or former member of staff, or
 - (b) pay such sums towards the provision for the payment of pensions, allowances or gratuities to or in respect of any member of staff or former member of staff,
 as it may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, decide.
- (3) Employment with DBS is included among the kinds of employment to which a scheme under section 1 of the Superannuation Act 1972 can apply, and accordingly in Schedule 1 to that Act (in which those kinds of employment are listed) insert at the appropriate place— “ Employment by the Disclosure and Barring Service. ”
- (4) DBS must pay to the Minister for the Civil Service, at such times as the Minister may direct in writing, such sums as the Minister may decide in respect of any increase attributable to this paragraph in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under the Act of 1972.

Commencement Information

I211 Sch. 8 para. 5 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Delegation of functions

- 6 DBS may, to such extent as it may decide, delegate any of its functions to—
 - (a) any of its appointed members,
 - (b) a member of its staff,
 - (c) a committee consisting of any of its appointed members, members of its staff or both appointed members and members of staff.

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I212 Sch. 8 para. 6 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

- 7 DBS may, to such extent as it may decide, delegate any of its functions, other than a core function, to—
- (a) a person who is neither an appointed member nor a member of staff,
 - (b) a committee (including a committee which comprises or includes persons who are neither appointed members nor members of staff).

Commencement Information

I213 Sch. 8 para. 7 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

- 8 (1) In this Schedule a core function is—
- (a) deciding whether it is appropriate for a person to be included in a barred list under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 or the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1351 (N.I. 11)),
 - (b) deciding whether to remove a person from such a list,
 - (c) considering representations made for the purposes of Schedule 3 to that Act or (as the case may be) Schedule 1 to that Order, or
 - (d) any function under, or in connection with, Part 5 of the Police Act 1997 which is specified for this purpose in an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) An order under sub-paragraph (1)(d) is to be made by statutory instrument which is to be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Commencement Information

I214 Sch. 8 para. 8 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Business plans

- 9 (1) As soon as possible after the beginning of each financial year, DBS must issue a business plan in relation to the proposed exercise of its functions during that year.
- (2) DBS must consult the Secretary of State before issuing the plan.
- (3) DBS must arrange for the plan to be published in such manner as it considers appropriate.
- (4) In this Schedule “financial year” is—
- (a) the period—
 - (i) starting with the day on which DBS is established, and
 - (ii) ending with the next 31st March or, if the period ending with that date is 3 months or less, ending with the next 31st March after that date, and
 - (b) each succeeding period of 12 months.

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I215 Sch. 8 para. 9 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Reports

- 10 (1) As soon as possible after the end of each financial year, DBS must issue a report on the exercise of its functions during that year.
- (2) DBS must arrange for the report to be published in such manner as it considers appropriate.

Commencement Information

I216 Sch. 8 para. 10 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Funding

- 11 The Secretary of State may make payments to DBS of such amounts, at such times and on such conditions (if any), as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Commencement Information

I217 Sch. 8 para. 11 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Accounts

- 12 (1) DBS must keep its accounts in such form as the Secretary of State decides.
- (2) DBS must prepare annual accounts in respect of each financial year in such form as the Secretary of State decides.
- (3) Before the end of the specified period following the end of each financial year to which the annual accounts relate DBS must send a copy of the accounts to the Secretary of State and the Comptroller and Auditor General.
- (4) The Comptroller and Auditor General must—
- (a) examine, certify and report on the annual accounts, and
 - (b) send a copy of the certified accounts and of the report to the Secretary of State.
- (5) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament each document received under sub-paragraph (4)(b).
- (6) The specified period is such period as the Secretary of State directs in writing.

Commencement Information

I218 Sch. 8 para. 12 in force at 1.12.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 3(b)

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Guidance

- 13 (1) The Secretary of State may, from time to time, issue guidance in writing to DBS in relation to the exercise of any of its functions.
- (2) DBS must have regard to any such guidance before exercising any function to which it relates.

Commencement Information

I219 Sch. 8 para. 13 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Directions

- 14 (1) The Secretary of State may give directions in writing to DBS in relation to the exercise of any of its functions other than a core function mentioned in paragraph 8(1)(a), (b) or (c).
- (2) The Secretary of State may vary or revoke any such directions.
- (3) DBS must comply with any directions given under this paragraph.

Commencement Information

I220 Sch. 8 para. 14 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Status

- 15 (1) DBS is not to be regarded—
- (a) as a servant or agent of the Crown, or
 - (b) as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.
- (2) DBS's property is not to be regarded as property of, or property held on behalf of, the Crown.

Commencement Information

I221 Sch. 8 para. 15 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Use of information

- 16 Information obtained by DBS in connection with the exercise of any of its functions may be used by DBS in connection with the exercise of any of its other functions.

Commencement Information

I222 Sch. 8 para. 16 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Payments in connection with maladministration

- 17 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if DBS considers—

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- (a) that action taken by or on behalf of DBS amounts to maladministration, and
 - (b) that a person has been adversely affected by the action.
- (2) DBS may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, make such payment (if any) to the person as it considers appropriate.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (1) “action” includes failure to act.

Commencement Information

I223 Sch. 8 para. 17 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Incidental powers

- 18 (1) In connection with the exercise of any of its functions DBS may—
- (a) enter into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not),
 - (b) acquire and dispose of property (including land),
 - (c) borrow money,
 - (d) do such other things as DBS considers necessary or expedient.
- (2) The power conferred by sub-paragraph (1)(b) includes accepting—
- (a) gifts of money, and
 - (b) gifts or loans of other property,
- on such terms as DBS considers appropriate.
- (3) But DBS may exercise the power conferred by sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (c) only with the approval of the Secretary of State.
- (4) Such approval may be given—
- (a) with respect to a particular case or with respect to a class of cases,
 - (b) subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Commencement Information

I224 Sch. 8 para. 18 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Documents

- 19 A document purporting to be signed on behalf of DBS is to be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, is to be taken to be so signed.

Commencement Information

I225 Sch. 8 para. 19 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

Transitional

- 20 (1) The Secretary of State (instead of DBS) may—
- (a) appoint the first chief executive, and

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- (b) decide the terms and conditions of service as an employee of DBS which are applicable to the first chief executive on appointment.
- (2) The period of any such appointment must not exceed 5 years (but the person may be re-appointed under paragraph 4).
- (3) The person who has the function of chairing DBS may be appointed as chief executive by the Secretary of State under this paragraph.

Commencement Information

I226 Sch. 8 para. 20 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(d)

SCHEDULE 9

Section 115(1)

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

PART 1

DESTRUCTION, RETENTION AND USE OF FINGERPRINTS ETC.

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975

- 1 In Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (other disqualifying offices) insert at the appropriate place— “ Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material ”.

Commencement Information

I227 Sch. 9 para. 1 in force at 31.10.2013 by S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975

- 2 In Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (other disqualifying offices) insert at the appropriate place— “ Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material ”.

Commencement Information

I228 Sch. 9 para. 2 in force at 31.10.2013 by S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

- 3 (1) The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 63 (non-intimate samples), in subsection (3A)(c)(i) (as amended by section 2 of the Crime and Security Act 2010), for “64ZA” substitute “ 63R ”.

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- (3) Omit section 64 (as not substituted by section 14(1) of the Crime and Security Act 2010) (destruction of fingerprints and samples).

Commencement Information

I229 Sch. 9 para. 3 in force at 31.10.2013 by S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)

Crime and Security Act 2010

- 4 (1) The Crime and Security Act 2010 is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit sections 14, 16 to 19 and 21 to 23 (retention, destruction and use of fingerprints and samples etc.).
- (3) In section 58 (extent) omit subsections (4) and (6) to (8).

Commencement Information

I230 Sch. 9 para. 4 in force at 31.10.2013 by S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(c)

PART 2

THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA COMMISSIONER

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975

- 5 In Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (other disqualifying offices) insert at the appropriate place—“Surveillance Camera Commissioner”.

Commencement Information

I231 Sch. 9 para. 5 in force at 1.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3(aa)

PART 3

SAFEGUARDS FOR CERTAIN SURVEILLANCE UNDER RIPA

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

- 6 The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I232 Sch. 9 para. 6 in force at 1.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 4(d)

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Textual Amendments

F57 Sch. 9 para. 8 repealed (22.7.2020) by [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 272(1), [Sch. 10 Pt. 8](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); S.I. 2020/766, reg. 2(e)(iv)

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Textual Amendments

F57 Sch. 9 para. 8 repealed (22.7.2020) by [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 272(1), [Sch. 10 Pt. 8](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); S.I. 2020/766, reg. 2(e)(iv)

- 9 (1) Section 43 (general rules about grant, renewal and duration of authorisations relating to surveillance and human intelligence sources) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply in relation to an authorisation under section 28 or 29 to which section 32A applies.”
- (3) In subsection (9)(c) after “section” insert “ 32A or ”.

Commencement Information

I233 Sch. 9 para. 9 in force at 1.11.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 4\(d\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

F58 Sch. 9 paras. 10, 11 repealed (30.8.2018) by [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 272(1), [Sch. 10 Pt. 8](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); S.I. 2018/940, reg. 2(1)(h)(ii) (with reg. 2(2))

Commencement Information

I234 Sch. 9 para. 10 in force at 1.11.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 4\(d\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

F58 Sch. 9 paras. 10, 11 repealed (30.8.2018) by [Investigatory Powers Act 2016 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 272(1), [Sch. 10 Pt. 8](#) (with [Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10](#)); S.I. 2018/940, reg. 2(1)(h)(ii) (with reg. 2(2))

Commencement Information

I235 Sch. 9 para. 11 in force at 1.11.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2075](#), [art. 4\(d\)](#)

- 12 (1) Section 65 (the Tribunal) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (7) after “but” insert “, subject to subsection (7ZA), ”.
- (3) After subsection (7) insert—

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“(7ZA) The exception in subsection (7) so far as conduct is authorised by, or takes place with the permission of, a judicial authority does not include conduct authorised by an approval given under section 23A or 32A.”

Commencement Information

I236 Sch. 9 para. 12 in force at 1.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 4(d)

- 13 In section 67(7) (powers of the Tribunal), at the end of paragraph (a) (and before “and”), insert—
- “(aa) an order quashing an order under section 23A or 32A by the relevant judicial authority (within the meaning of that section);”.

Commencement Information

I237 Sch. 9 para. 13 in force at 1.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 4(d)

- 14 In section 71(2) (issue and revision of codes of practice) after “Commissioners” insert “ or the relevant judicial authority (within the meaning of section 23A or 32A) ”.

Commencement Information

I238 Sch. 9 para. 14 in force at 1.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 4(d)

- 15 After section 77 (Ministerial expenditure etc.) insert—

“77A Procedure for order of sheriff under section 23A or 32A: Scotland

- (1) This section applies to an application to the sheriff for an order under section 23A or 32A.
- (2) Rules of court must make provision for the purposes of ensuring that an application to which this section applies is dealt with in private and must, in particular—
 - (a) require the sheriff to determine an application in private,
 - (b) secure that any hearing is to be held in private, and
 - (c) ensure that notice of an application (or of any order being made) is not given to—
 - (i) the person to whom the authorisation or notice which is the subject of the application or order relates, or
 - (ii) such a person's representatives.
- (3) The Court of Session's power under section 32 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 to regulate and prescribe the procedure and practice to be followed in relation to an application to which this section applies is subject to, but is not otherwise constrained by, sections 23B and 32B and this section.

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77B Procedure for order of district judge under section 23A or 32A: Northern Ireland

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may by order make further provision about the procedure and practice to be followed in relation to an application to a district judge (magistrates' courts) in Northern Ireland for an order under section 23A or 32A.
- (2) Such an order may, in particular, provide—
 - (a) for the manner in which, and time within which, an application may be made,
 - (b) that the district judge (magistrates' courts) is to determine an application—
 - (i) in chambers,
 - (ii) in the absence of the person to whom the authorisation or notice which is the subject of the application relates,
 - (c) that any hearing is to be held in private,
 - (d) that notice of an order given is not to be given to—
 - (i) the person to whom the authorisation or notice which is the subject of the order relates, or
 - (ii) such a person's legal representatives.
- (3) An order of the Lord Chancellor under this section may not make provision which, if it were contained in an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly, would be within the legislative competence of the Northern Ireland Assembly and would deal with a transferred matter (within the meaning of section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998).
- (4) The power of the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee under Article 13 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26)) to regulate and prescribe the procedure and practice to be followed in relation to an application to a district judge (magistrates' courts) in Northern Ireland for an order under section 23A or 32A is subject to, but is not otherwise constrained by, sections 23B and 32B and any order made under this section.”

Commencement Information

I239 Sch. 9 para. 15 in force at 1.11.2012 for specified purposes by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 4(e)

- 16 In section 78 (orders, regulations and rules)—
- (a) in subsection (1) after “the Secretary of State” insert “ or the Lord Chancellor ”,
 - (b) in subsection (3)(a)—
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 - (ii) after “30(7),” insert “ 32A(7), ”, and
 - (c) in subsection (5) after “the Secretary of State” insert “ or (as the case may be) the Lord Chancellor ”.

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Textual Amendments

F59 Sch. 9 para. 16(b)(i) repealed (22.7.2020) by Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (c. 25), s. 272(1), **Sch. 10 Pt. 8** (with Sch. 9 paras. 7, 8, 10); S.I. 2020/766, reg. 2(e)(iv)

Commencement Information

I240 Sch. 9 para. 16 in force at 1.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, **art. 4(d)**

17 After section 81(8) (general interpretation) insert—

“(9) References in this Act to provision which, if it were contained in an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly, would deal with a Northern Ireland transferred matter or (as the case may be) a transferred matter (see sections 23A(7)(b), 32A(8)(c) and 77B(3)) do not include references to any such provision which would be ancillary to other provision (whether in the Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly or previously enacted) which deals with an excepted or reserved matter (within the meaning given by section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998).”

Commencement Information

I241 Sch. 9 para. 17 in force at 1.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, **art. 4(d)**

PART 4

VEHICLES LEFT ON LAND

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

- 18 (1) Section 102 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (charges for removal, storage and disposal of vehicles) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)(b) for “, or from land in the open air,” substitute “ or other land ”.
- (3) In subsection (8), in the definition of “appropriate authority”, in paragraph (b), for “land in the open air” substitute “ other land ”.

Commencement Information

I242 Sch. 9 para. 18 in force at 1.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, **art. 3(g)**

Airports Act 1986

- 19 (1) Section 66 of the Airports Act 1986 (functions of operators of designated airports as respects abandoned vehicles) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2)(a) for the words from “from roads if” to “abandoned” substitute “ illegally, obstructively or dangerously parked, or abandoned or broken down ”.
- (3) In subsection (3)—
- (a) omit paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of the paragraph), and

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- (b) in paragraph (c), for “any of those sections” substitute “that section”.
- (4) In the heading, after “abandoned vehicles” insert “ etc. ”.

Commencement Information

I243 Sch. 9 para. 19 in force at 1.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(g)

Private Security Industry Act 2001

- 20 (1) The Private Security Industry Act 2001 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 3(2) (conduct subject to a licence)—
- (a) after paragraph (h) insert “ or ”, and
 - (b) omit paragraph (j) and the word “or” before it.
- (3) In section 4A(2) (licensable conduct)—
- (a) omit paragraph (a),
 - (b) omit paragraph (b) and the word “or” at the end of the paragraph, and
 - (c) in paragraph (c), omit “other”.
- (4) Omit section 6 (offence of using unlicensed wheel-clampers).
- (5) Omit section 22A (charges for vehicle release: appeals).
- (6) In section 24(4) (orders and regulations) omit the words from “(except” to “or 22A)”.
- (7) In section 25(1) (interpretation) omit the definition of “motor vehicle”.
- (8) In Schedule 2 (activities liable to control) omit the following—
- (a) paragraph 3,
 - (b) paragraph 3A,
 - (c) paragraph 9, and
 - (d) paragraph 9A.

Commencement Information

I244 Sch. 9 para. 20 in force at 1.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(g)

PART 5

COUNTER-TERRORISM POWERS

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

- 21 After section 66(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (codes of practice in relation to statutory search powers etc.) insert—
- “(3) Nothing in this section requires the Secretary of State to issue a code of practice in relation to any matter falling within the code of practice issued under section 47AB(2) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (as that code is altered or

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replaced from time to time) (code of practice in relation to terrorism powers to search persons and vehicles and to stop and search in specified locations).”

Commencement Information

I245 Sch. 9 para. 21 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12))

22 In Article 65 of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (codes of practice in relation to statutory search powers etc.)—

- (a) the existing provisions become paragraph (1), and
- (b) after that paragraph insert—

“(2) Nothing in this Article requires the issuing of a code of practice in relation to any matter falling within the code of practice issued under section 47AB(2) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (as that code is altered or replaced from time to time) (code of practice in relation to terrorism powers to search persons and vehicles and to stop and search in specified locations).”

Commencement Information

I246 Sch. 9 para. 22 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

Terrorism Act 2000

23 The Terrorism Act 2000 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I247 Sch. 9 para. 23 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

24 In the italic cross-heading before section 40, after “Suspected terrorists” insert “ etc. ”.

Commencement Information

I248 Sch. 9 para. 24 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

25 (1) Section 123 (orders and regulations) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (4), after paragraph (aa), insert—

“(ab) section 47AB;”.

(3) In subsection (5), after “paragraph (aa)” insert “ , (ab) ”.

Commencement Information

I249 Sch. 9 para. 25 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

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- 26 (1) Schedule 8 (detention) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 36, in sub-paragraph (1A), for the words from “is” to the end of the sub-paragraph substitute “ is a judicial authority ”.
- (3) In paragraph 36 omit—
- (a) sub-paragraph (1B),
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (3AA), the words “or senior judge” in both places where they appear,
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (4), the words from “but” onwards,
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (5), the words “or senior judge”, and
 - (e) sub-paragraph (7).
- (4) In paragraph 37(2) omit “or senior judge”.

Commencement Information

I250 Sch. 9 para. 26 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

- 27 In paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 2 to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (general requirements relating to the appropriate permission)—
- (a) in paragraph (a)—
 - (i) for “section 44” substitute “ section 47A ”, and
 - (ii) after “(power to stop and search)” insert “ (including that section as it had effect by virtue of the Terrorism Act 2000 (Remedial) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/631) ”,
 - (b) in paragraph (b)—
 - (i) at the beginning insert “ section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000 or ”, and
 - (ii) for the words from “had” to “section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000” substitute “ previously had effect for similar purposes ”, and
 - (c) after “mentioned in” insert “ paragraph 14(1) and (2) of Schedule 6B to that Act of 2000 (see the definition of “senior police officer”), ”.

Commencement Information

I251 Sch. 9 para. 27 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

- 28 In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (powers of seizure to which section 50 of that Act applies), after paragraph 69 and the italic cross-heading relating to the Terrorism Act 2000, insert—
- “69A The power of seizure conferred by section 43(4B)(b) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (seizure on the occasion of a search of a vehicle in relation to a person suspected of being a terrorist).

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- 69B The power of seizure conferred by section 43A(3) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (seizure on the occasion of a search of a vehicle suspected of being used for the purposes of terrorism).”

Commencement Information

I252 Sch. 9 para. 28 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

- 29 In Part 2 of that Schedule to that Act (powers of seizure to which section 51 of that Act applies) after paragraph 82 insert—

- “82A The power of seizure conferred by section 43A(3) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (seizure on the occasion of a search of a vehicle suspected of being used for the purposes of terrorism).”.

Commencement Information

I253 Sch. 9 para. 29 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

Police Reform Act 2002

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Textual Amendments

F60 Sch. 9 para. 30 omitted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), Sch. 12 para. 28; S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003

- 31 In paragraph 16 of Schedule 2A to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (powers of stop and search for community support officers)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
- (i) for “sections 44(1)(a) and (d) and (2)(b) and 45(2)” substitute “section 47A(2)(a) and (d), (3)(b) and (6)”,
 - (ii) in paragraph (d) for “any article” substitute “ anything which is ”, and
 - (iii) also in paragraph (d), for “section 44(1) or (2) of that Act” substitute “ section 47A(2) or (3) of that Act and which he reasonably suspects may constitute evidence that the vehicle concerned is being used for the purposes of terrorism or (as the case may be) that the person concerned is a person falling within section 40(1)(b) of that Act ”, and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2) for “subsections (1) and (4) of section 45 of” substitute “ subsections (4) and (5) of section 47A of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 6B to, ”.

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Commencement Information

I254 Sch. 9 para. 31 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

Terrorism Act 2006

- 32 In section 36 of the Terrorism Act 2006 (review of terrorism legislation)—
- (a) in subsections (3) and (4) for “under this section” substitute “ under subsection (2) ”,
 - (b) in subsection (5) after “Parliament” insert “ as soon as the Secretary of State is satisfied that doing so will not prejudice any criminal proceedings ”,
 - (c) in subsection (6) for “to carry out a review under this section” substitute “ under subsection (1) ”, and
 - (d) after subsection (6) insert—
“(6A) The expenses mentioned in subsection (6) include, in particular, any expenses incurred by the person appointed under subsection (1) in ensuring that another person carries out a review of the kind mentioned in subsection (4A) and reports on it.”

Commencement Information

I255 Sch. 9 para. 32 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

Counter-Terrorism Act 2008

- 33 In section 1(1) of the Counter-Terrorism Act 2008 (power to remove documents for examination), after paragraph (b), insert—
- “(ba) section 43(4B) of that Act (search of vehicle in relation to suspected terrorist);
 - (bb) section 43A of that Act (search of vehicle suspected of being used for the purposes of terrorism);”.

Commencement Information

I256 Sch. 9 para. 33 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

Terrorism Act 2000 (Remedial) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/631)

- 34 The Terrorism Act 2000 (Remedial) Order 2011 is revoked.

Commencement Information

I257 Sch. 9 para. 34 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(k)

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PART 6

SAFEGUARDING OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C33** Sch. 9 Pt. 6 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(3), **Sch. 2**
- C34** Sch. 9 Pt. 6 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 4(1)(3), **Sch. 2** (with art. 5)
- C35** Sch. 9 Pt. 6 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(2), **Sch. 2**

Police Act 1997

35 The Police Act 1997 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

- I258** Sch. 9 para. 35 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(aa)(i)**

36 In section 113A (criminal record certificates) omit subsection (10).

Commencement Information

- I259** Sch. 9 para. 36 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(aa)(i)**

37 In section 113B (enhanced criminal record certificates) omit subsection (13).

Commencement Information

- I260** Sch. 9 para. 37 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(aa)(i)**

38 In section 113BA(2) (suitability information relating to children) omit paragraphs (b) to (d).

Commencement Information

- I261** Sch. 9 para. 38 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(aa)(i)**

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- 39 In section 113BB(2) (suitability information relating to vulnerable adults) omit paragraphs (b) to (d).

Commencement Information

I262 Sch. 9 para. 39 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(i\)](#)

- 40 (1) Section 119 (sources of information) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2) omit “or for the purposes of section 24 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006”.
- (3) In subsection (8)—
- (a) omit paragraph (c), and
 - (b) in paragraph (d) for “that Act” substitute “ the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 ”.

Commencement Information

I263 Sch. 9 para. 40 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(i\)](#)

- 41 In section 119B(5) (independent monitor) omit paragraphs (d) and (e).

Commencement Information

I264 Sch. 9 para. 41 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(i\)](#)

- 42 (1) Section 120A (refusal and cancellation of registration on grounds related to disclosure) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (3A) omit paragraphs (b) and (c).
- (3) Omit subsections (3B) and (3C).
- (4) In subsection (3D)—
- (a) for “subsections (3A) to (3C)” substitute “ subsection (3A) ”,
 - (b) for “those subsections” substitute “ that subsection ”, and
 - (c) omit the words from “, except” to the end of the subsection.

Commencement Information

I265 Sch. 9 para. 42 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(i\)](#)

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Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

43 The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I266 Sch. 9 para. 43 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 44 In section 4(1) (appeals)—
- (a) omit paragraph (a),
 - (b) in paragraph (b)—
 - (i) after “paragraph” insert “ 2, ”,
 - (ii) after “5,” insert “ 8, ”, and
 - (iii) for “that Schedule” substitute “ Schedule 3 ”, and
 - (c) in paragraph (c) for “or 18” substitute “ , 18 or 18A ”.

Commencement Information

I267 Sch. 9 para. 44 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 45 In section 5(4) (regulated activity)—
- (a) omit “section 10(3);”, and
 - (b) omit “paragraph 4 of Schedule 6”.

Commencement Information

I268 Sch. 9 para. 45 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 46 In section 6(8) (regulated activity providers)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), for “paragraph 4(1)(a), (b), (g), (h), (i), (j) or (m) or 8(1) (a), (d) or (e)” substitute “ paragraph 1(9) or 7(9) ”,
 - (b) omit paragraph (c), and
 - (c) in paragraph (d)—
 - (i) for “paragraph (a), (b) or (f) of section 59(10)” substitute “ paragraph 7(3E)(a) or (b) of Schedule 4 ”, and
 - (ii) for “mentioned in that paragraph” substitute “ exercisable by virtue of that position ”.

Commencement Information

I269 Sch. 9 para. 46 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

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- 47 In section 7(5) (barred person not to engage in regulated activity) omit paragraphs (b) and (c).

Commencement Information

I270 Sch. 9 para. 47 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 48 Omit section 8 (person not to engage in regulated activity unless subject to monitoring).

Commencement Information

I271 Sch. 9 para. 48 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 49 In section 9(5) (use of barred person for regulated activity) omit paragraphs (b) and (c).

Commencement Information

I272 Sch. 9 para. 49 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 50 Omit section 10 (use of person not subject to monitoring for regulated activity).

Commencement Information

I273 Sch. 9 para. 50 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 51 Omit section 11 and Schedule 5 (regulated activity provider: failure to check).

Commencement Information

I274 Sch. 9 para. 51 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 52 Omit section 12 and Schedule 6 (personnel suppliers: failure to check).

Commencement Information

I275 Sch. 9 para. 52 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

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- 53 Omit section 13 (educational establishments: check on members of governing body).

Commencement Information

I276 Sch. 9 para. 53 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 54 Omit section 14 (office holders: offences).

Commencement Information

I277 Sch. 9 para. 54 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 55 Omit section 15 (sections 13 and 14: checks).

Commencement Information

I278 Sch. 9 para. 55 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 56 Omit section 16 (exception to requirement to make monitoring check).

Commencement Information

I279 Sch. 9 para. 56 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 57 Omit section 17 (NHS employment).

Commencement Information

I280 Sch. 9 para. 57 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 58 (1) Section 18 (offences: companies etc.) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) omit “, 10, 11, 23, 27”, and
- (b) omit “or Schedule 6”.

(3) In subsection (2)—

- (a) omit “, 10, 11, 23, 27”, and
- (b) omit “or Schedule 6”.

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I281 Sch. 9 para. 58 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 59 (1) Section 19 (offences: other persons) is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit subsection (1).
 - (3) Omit subsections (3) and (4).
 - (4) Omit subsections (6) and (7).
 - (5) In subsection (8)—
 - (a) for “subsections (2)(b) and (3)(b)” substitute “ subsection (2)(b) ”, and
 - (b) omit paragraphs (b) and (c).
 - (6) Omit subsection (9).

Commencement Information

I282 Sch. 9 para. 59 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 60 In section 20 (section 19: exclusions and defences) omit subsections (2) to (7).

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I283 Sch. 9 para. 60 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 61 In section 35 (regulated activity providers: duty to refer)—
- (a) in subsection (1), omit paragraph (b), and
 - (b) omit subsection (6).

Commencement Information

I284 Sch. 9 para. 61 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 62 (1) Section 36 (personnel suppliers: duty to refer) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) omit “or controlled activity”.
 - (3) In subsection (3)(a) omit “or controlled”.

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I285 Sch. 9 para. 62 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 63 (1) Section 37 (regulated activity providers: duty to provide information on request etc.) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2)—
- (a) omit paragraph (b), and
 - (b) in paragraph (d), omit “or controlled”.
- (3) In subsection (4) omit “or controlled”.
- (4) In subsection (5) omit “or controlled”.

Commencement Information

I286 Sch. 9 para. 63 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 64 In section 41(7) (registers: duty to refer), in the table, in column 1 of entry 3 for “Either of” substitute “ Any of”.

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I287 Sch. 9 para. 64 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 65 (1) Section 50A (provision of information to the police) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2) for “power conferred by subsection (1) does” substitute “ powers conferred by this section do ”.
- (3) In subsection (3) for “subsection (1)” substitute “ this section ”.
- (4) In the heading to section 50A, and in the italic cross-heading before it, after “police” insert “ etc. ”.

Commencement Information

I288 Sch. 9 para. 65 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 66 In section 51(5) (Crown application) omit paragraph (b).

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I289 Sch. 9 para. 66 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 67 (1) Section 54 (devolution: alignment) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2) omit paragraph (a).
 - (3) In subsection (3) omit paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of it).
 - (4) In subsection (4) omit paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of it).
 - (5) Omit subsection (5).

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I290 Sch. 9 para. 67 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ii\)](#)

- 68 (1) Section 56 (devolution: Wales) is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit subsection (1).
 - (3) In subsection (2)—
 - (a) in paragraph (a) for “45(1), (5) or (9)” substitute “ 45(9) ”,
 - (b) omit paragraph (c), and
 - (c) in paragraphs (d) and (e), omit “or (8)”.
 - (4) In subsection (3)—
 - (a) omit paragraphs (b) to (f),
 - (b) after paragraph (f) insert—
 - “(fa) section 34ZA(7),”
 - (c) omit paragraph (j),
 - (d) in paragraph (l) for “41(1), (5) or (8)” substitute “ 41(8) ”,
 - (e) omit paragraph (n),
 - (f) in paragraph (r) for “7(1)(f)” substitute “ 7(1)(f) or (g) ”, and
 - (g) omit paragraphs (s) and (t).

Commencement Information

I291 Sch. 9 para. 68(1)-(3) (4)(a) (4)(c)-(g) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(iii\)](#)

- 69 In section 57(1)(c) (damages) omit “prescribed”.

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I292 Sch. 9 para. 69 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(iv\)](#)

- 70 (1) Section 60 (interpretation) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), in paragraph (b) of the definition of “personnel supplier”, omit “or controlled”.
- (3) Omit subsection (3).

Commencement Information

I293 Sch. 9 para. 70 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(iv\)](#)

- 71 In section 61(3) (orders and regulations)—
- (a) omit paragraphs (b) to (e),
- (b) at the end of paragraph (h) insert “ or ”, and
- (c) omit paragraph (j) and the word “or” before it.

Commencement Information

I294 Sch. 9 para. 71 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(iv\)](#)

- 72 (1) Schedule 3 (barred lists) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 24, omit sub-paragraphs (8) and (9).
- (3) In paragraph 25(1) after “will” insert “ or (as the case may be) may ”.

Commencement Information

I295 Sch. 9 para. 72 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(iv\)](#)

- 73 (1) Schedule 7 (vetting information) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1—
- (a) for “sections 30 and 32” substitute “ sections 30A and 30B ”, and
- (b) omit entries 3, 4, 7, 8 and 17 in the table.
- (3) Omit paragraph 3(3).
- (4) In the heading to the Schedule for “VETTING INFORMATION” substitute “ BARRING INFORMATION ”.

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I296 Sch. 9 para. 73 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(iv\)](#)

74 In Schedule 8 (transitional provisions) omit paragraph 5.

Commencement Information

I297 Sch. 9 para. 74 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(iv\)](#)

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007

75 The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1351 (N.I. 11)) is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I298 Sch. 9 para. 75 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 76 (1) Article 2 (interpretation) is amended as follows.
- (2) In the first paragraph (2)—
- (a) omit the definition of “institution of further education”, and
 - (b) in the definition of “personnel supplier”, in sub-paragraph (b), omit “or controlled”.
- (3) Renumber the second paragraph (2) as paragraph (2A).
- (4) Omit paragraph (3).

Commencement Information

I299 Sch. 9 para. 76 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 77 In Article 8(1) (appeals)—
- (a) omit sub-paragraph (a),
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (b)—
 - (i) after “paragraph” insert “ 2, ”,
 - (ii) after “5,” insert “ 8, ”, and
 - (iii) for “that Schedule” substitute “ Schedule 1 ”, and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (c) for “or 18” substitute “ , 18 or 18A ”.

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I300 Sch. 9 para. 77 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

78 In Article 9(4) (regulated activity), omit sub-paragraphs (c) and (e).

Commencement Information

I301 Sch. 9 para. 78 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

79 In Article 10(8) (regulated activity providers)—

- (a) omit sub-paragraphs (a) and (c), and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (d)—
 - (i) for “sub-paragraph (a) or (c) of Article 3(10)” substitute “paragraph 7(3E)(a) or (c) of Schedule 2”, and
 - (ii) for “mentioned in that paragraph” substitute “exercisable by virtue of that position”.

Commencement Information

I302 Sch. 9 para. 79 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

80 In Article 11(5) (barred person not to engage in regulated activity) omit sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).

Commencement Information

I303 Sch. 9 para. 80 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

81 Omit Article 12 (person not to engage in regulated activity unless subject to monitoring).

Commencement Information

I304 Sch. 9 para. 81 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

82 In Article 13(5) (use of barred person for regulated activity) omit sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).

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I305 Sch. 9 para. 82 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

83 Omit Article 14 (use of person not subject to monitoring for regulated activity).

Commencement Information

I306 Sch. 9 para. 83 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

84 Omit Article 15 and Schedule 3 (regulated activity provider: failure to check).

Commencement Information

I307 Sch. 9 para. 84 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

85 Omit Article 16 and Schedule 4 (personnel suppliers: failure to check).

Commencement Information

I308 Sch. 9 para. 85 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

86 Omit Article 17 (educational establishments: check on members of governing body).

Commencement Information

I309 Sch. 9 para. 86 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

87 Omit Article 18 (office holders: offences).

Commencement Information

I310 Sch. 9 para. 87 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

88 Omit Article 19 (Articles 17 and 18: checks).

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I311 Sch. 9 para. 88 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

89 Omit Article 20 (exception to requirement to make monitoring check).

Commencement Information

I312 Sch. 9 para. 89 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

90 Omit Article 21 (HSS employment).

Commencement Information

I313 Sch. 9 para. 90 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

91 (1) Article 22 (offences: companies etc.) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

- (a) omit “, 14, 15, 27, 31”, and
- (b) omit “or Schedule 4”.

(3) In paragraph (2)—

- (a) omit “, 14, 15, 27, 31”, and
- (b) omit “or Schedule 4”.

Commencement Information

I314 Sch. 9 para. 91 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

92 (1) Article 23 (offences: other persons) is amended as follows.

(2) Omit paragraph (1).

(3) Omit paragraphs (3) and (4).

(4) Omit paragraphs (6) and (7).

(5) In paragraph (8)—

- (a) for “paragraphs (2)(b) and (3)(b)” substitute “ paragraph (2)(b) ”, and
- (b) omit sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).

(6) Omit paragraph (9).

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I315 Sch. 9 para. 92 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

93 In Article 24 (Article 23: exclusions and defences), omit paragraphs (2) to (7).

Commencement Information

I316 Sch. 9 para. 93 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

94 In Article 37 (regulated activity providers: duty to refer)—
(a) in paragraph (1), omit sub-paragraph (b), and
(b) omit paragraph (6).

Commencement Information

I317 Sch. 9 para. 94 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

95 (1) Article 38 (personnel suppliers: duty to refer) is amended as follows.
(2) In paragraph (1) omit “or controlled activity”.
(3) In paragraph (3)(a) omit “or controlled”.

Commencement Information

I318 Sch. 9 para. 95 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

96 (1) Article 39 (regulated activity providers: duty to provide information on request etc.) is amended as follows.
(2) In paragraph (2)—
(a) omit sub-paragraph (b), and
(b) in sub-paragraph (d), omit “or controlled”.
(3) In paragraph (4) omit “or controlled”.
(4) In paragraph (5) omit “or controlled”.

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Commencement Information

I319 Sch. 9 para. 96 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 97 (1) Article 52A (provision of information to the police) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (2) for “power conferred by paragraph (1) does” substitute “ powers conferred by this Article do ”.
- (3) In the heading to Article 52A, after “Police”, insert “ etc. ”.

Commencement Information

I320 Sch. 9 para. 97 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 98 In Article 53(5) (Crown application), omit sub-paragraph (b).

Commencement Information

I321 Sch. 9 para. 98 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 99 (1) Article 56 (alignment with rest of UK) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (2) omit sub-paragraph (a).
- (3) In paragraph (3) omit sub-paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of it).
- (4) In paragraph (4) omit sub-paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of it).
- (5) Omit paragraph (5).

Commencement Information

I322 Sch. 9 para. 99 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 100 In Article 57(1)(c) (damages) omit “prescribed”.

Commencement Information

I323 Sch. 9 para. 100 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 101 (1) Schedule 1 (barred lists) is amended as follows.

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- (2) In paragraph 24, omit sub-paragraphs (8) and (9).
- (3) In paragraph 25(1) after “will” insert “or (as the case may be) “ may ”.

Commencement Information

I324 Sch. 9 para. 101 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 102 (1) Schedule 5 (vetting information) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1—
 - (a) for “Articles 32 and 34” substitute “ Articles 32A and 32B ”, and
 - (b) omit entries 3, 4, 7, 8 and 17 in the table.
 - (3) Omit paragraph 3(3).
 - (4) In the heading to the Schedule for “VETTING INFORMATION” substitute “ BARRING INFORMATION ”.

Commencement Information

I325 Sch. 9 para. 102 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

- 103 In Schedule 6 (transitional provisions) omit paragraph 5.

Commencement Information

I326 Sch. 9 para. 103 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(v\)](#)

PART 7

CRIMINAL RECORDS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C36** Sch. 9 Pt. 7 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), [art. 4\(4\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)
- C37** Sch. 9 Pt. 7 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3)) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), [art. 1\(2\)\(3\)4\(1\)\(4\)](#), [Sch. 3](#) (with art. 5)
- C38** Sch. 9 Pt. 7 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), [arts. 1\(2\), 4\(3\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)

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Police Act 1997

104 The Police Act 1997 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I327 Sch. 9 para. 104 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(vi\)](#)

105 In section 113BC(1) (suitability information: power to amend), after paragraph (b), insert “;
(c) amend section 120AC(4)(b) in consequence of an order made under paragraph (a) or (b).”

Commencement Information

I328 Sch. 9 para. 105 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(vi\)](#)

106 In section 114(3) (application of other provisions of Part 5 to an application under that section), for “Section 113A(3) to (6)” substitute “ Sections 113A(3) to (6), 120AC and 120AD ”.

Commencement Information

I329 Sch. 9 para. 106 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(vi\)](#)

107 In section 116(3) (application of other provisions of Part 5 to an application under that section), for “and 113BA to 113BC” substitute “ , 113BA to 113BC, 120AC and 120AD ”.

Commencement Information

I330 Sch. 9 para. 107 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(vi\)](#)

108 (1) Section 117 (disputes about accuracy of certificates) is amended as follows.

(2) In the title, for “accuracy of certificates” substitute “ certificates and up-date information ”.

(3) After subsection (1A) insert—

“(1B) Where a person believes that the wrong up-date information has been given under section 116A in relation to the person's certificate, the person may make an application in writing to the Secretary of State for corrected up-date information.”

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- (4) In subsection (2)—
- (a) after “inaccurate” insert “, or that the wrong up-date information has been given,”, and
 - (b) after “new certificate” insert “ or (as the case may be) corrected up-date information ”.

- (5) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) In this section—

“corrected up-date information”, in relation to a certificate, means information which includes—

- (a) information that the wrong up-date information was given in relation to the certificate on a particular date, and
 - (b) new up-date information in relation to the certificate,
- “up-date information” has the same meaning as in section 116A.”

Commencement Information

I331 Sch. 9 para. 108 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), [art. 2\(e\)\(i\)](#)

- 109 (1) Section 118 (evidence of identity) is amended as follows.

- (2) In subsection (1)—

- (a) after “consider” insert “ an application as mentioned in section 116A(4)(a) or (5)(a) or ”, and
- (b) after “117” insert “, 117A ”.

- (3) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) The Secretary of State by notice given in writing may require a person who has a certificate which is subject to up-date arrangements under section 116A to attend at a place and time specified in the notice to provide fingerprints for the sole purpose of enabling the Secretary of State to verify whether information in the possession of the Secretary of State that the Secretary of State considers may be relevant to the person's certificate does relate to that person.

(3B) If a person fails to comply with a requirement imposed under subsection (3A), the Secretary of State by notice given in writing may inform that person that, from a date specified in the notice, the person's certificate is to cease to be subject to up-date arrangements.”

- (4) In subsection (4) after “117” insert “ or 117A ”.

Commencement Information

I332 Sch. 9 para. 109(1)(2)(b)(4) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(vii\)](#)

I333 Sch. 9 para. 109(2)(a)(3) in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), [art. 2\(e\)\(ii\)](#)

- 110 (1) Section 119 (sources of information) is amended as follows.

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- (2) In subsection (1A), after paragraph (a) (but before the word “or” at the end of the paragraph) insert—
- “(aa) the provision of up-date information under section 116A;”.
- (3) In subsection (1B), for the words from “determining” to the end substitute “deciding whether to make a request to that chief officer under section 113B(4)”.
- (4) After subsection (2) insert—
- “(2A) Where, in connection with the provision of up-date information under section 116A, the chief officer of a police force receives a request for information of the kind mentioned in section 113B(4), the chief officer of police must comply with it as soon as practicable.”
- (5) In subsection (4), at the end of paragraph (a), after “registration;” insert—
- “(aa) any application as mentioned in section 116A(4)(a) or (5)(a);”.
- (6) In subsection (8), at the end of paragraph (a), insert—
- “(aa) under this Part in relation to any request under section 116A(1);”.

Commencement Information

I334 Sch. 9 para. 110(1)(3) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(viii\)](#)

I335 Sch. 9 para. 110(2)(4)-(6) in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), [art. 2\(e\)\(ii\)](#)

- 111 (1) Section 119B (independent monitor) is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit subsection (5)(a).
- (3) In subsection (5)(c), omit the words from “or disclosed” to the end.
- (4) After subsection (5)(c) insert—
- “(ca) a sample of cases in which the chief officer of a police force has decided that information should be disclosed or not disclosed to the Secretary of State for the purpose of the provision by the Secretary of State of up-date information under section 116A.”
- (5) After subsection (8) insert—
- “(8A) The independent monitor has the functions conferred on the monitor by section 117A.”
- (6) In subsection (9) after “section” insert “ or section 117A ”.

Commencement Information

I336 Sch. 9 para. 111(1)-(3)(5)(6) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(ix\)](#)

I337 Sch. 9 para. 111(4) in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), [art. 2\(e\)\(ii\)](#)

- 112 (1) Section 120 (registered persons) is amended as follows.

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- (2) In subsection (2)—
- (a) for the words from the beginning to “the”, where it first occurs, substitute “ The ”,
 - (b) after paragraph (a) insert “ and ”, and
 - (c) omit paragraph (c) and the word “and” before it.
- (3) After that subsection insert—
- “(2A) Subsection (2) is subject to—
- (a) regulations under section 120ZA,
 - (b) section 120A, and
 - (c) section 120AA and regulations made under that section.”

Commencement Information

I338 Sch. 9 para. 112 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(x\)](#)

- 113 After section 122(1) (code of practice) insert—

“(1A) The reference in subsection (1) to the use of information provided to registered persons under this Part includes a reference to the use of information provided in accordance with section 116A(1) to relevant persons (within the meaning of that section) who are not registered persons under this Part.”

Commencement Information

I339 Sch. 9 para. 113 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), [art. 2\(e\)\(iii\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

- 114 Omit section 122(3A)(a) (power of Secretary of State to refuse to issue certificate where failure to comply with code of practice by, or in connection with, registered person).

- 115 (1) Section 124 (offences: disclosure) is amended as follows.

- (2) In subsection (4)—
- (a) in paragraph (b), omit “(5) or”, and
 - (b) for “subsections (5) and (6)” substitute “ subsection (6) ”.
- (3) Omit subsection (5).

Commencement Information

I340 Sch. 9 para. 115 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(x\)](#)

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116 (1) Section 124A (offences relating to disclosure of information obtained in connection with delegated function) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)(c) omit “or registered person”.

(3) After subsection (6) insert—

“(6A) For the purposes of this section the reference to an applicant includes a person who makes a request under section 116A(1), 120AC(1) or 120AD(2).”

Commencement Information

I341 Sch. 9 para. 116(1)(3) in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(xi\)](#)

117 After section 125B(2) (form of applications) insert—

“(3) In this section “application” includes a request under section 116A(1), 120AC(1) or 120AD(2).”

Commencement Information

I342 Sch. 9 para. 117 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(xii\)](#)

118 In section 126(1) (interpretation of Part 5), in the definition of “certificate”, after “application” insert “but does not include any documents issued in response to—

- (a) a request under section 116A(1),
- (b) an application as mentioned in section 116A(4)(a) or (5)(a), or
- (c) a request under section 120AC or 120AD.”

Commencement Information

I343 Sch. 9 para. 118 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(xiii\)](#)

I344 Sch. 9 para. 118 in force at 17.6.2013 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), [art. 2\(e\)\(iv\)](#)

Gambling Act 2005

119 In section 73(3) of the Gambling Act 2005 (procedure on consideration of application for licence)—

- (a) for “section 115” substitute “section 113B”, and
- (b) at the end (and on a new line below paragraph (b)) insert “or the production of up-date information (within the meaning given by section 116A of that Act) in relation to such a certificate,”.

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Commencement Information

I345 Sch. 9 para. 119(a) in force at 17.6.2013 for E.W. by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

I346 Sch. 9 para. 119(b) in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

National Health Service Act 2006

120 The National Health Service Act 2006 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I347 Sch. 9 para. 120 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

121 In section 129(6) (regulations as to pharmaceutical services), in paragraph (i), for the words from “section 113” to the end of the paragraph substitute “ section 113A of that Act, an enhanced criminal record certificate under section 113B of that Act or up-date information within the meaning given by section 116A of that Act, ”.

Commencement Information

I348 Sch. 9 para. 121 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

122 In section 132(4) (persons authorised to provide pharmaceutical services), in paragraph (c), for the words from “section 113” to the end of the paragraph substitute “ section 113A of that Act, an enhanced criminal record certificate under section 113B of that Act or up-date information within the meaning given by section 116A of that Act, ”.

Commencement Information

I349 Sch. 9 para. 122 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

123 In section 147A(3) (performers of pharmaceutical services and assistants), in paragraph (i), for the words from “section 113” to the end of the paragraph substitute “ section 113A of that Act, an enhanced criminal record certificate under section 113B of that Act or up-date information within the meaning given by section 116A of that Act, ”.

Commencement Information

I350 Sch. 9 para. 123 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006

124 The National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 is amended as follows.

Commencement Information

I351 Sch. 9 para. 124 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

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- 125 In section 72(3) (regulations as to general ophthalmic services), in paragraph (c), for the words from “section 113” to the end of the paragraph substitute “ section 113A of that Act, an enhanced criminal record certificate under section 113B of that Act or up-date information within the meaning given by section 116A of that Act, ”.

Commencement Information

I352 Sch. 9 para. 125 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

- 126 In section 83(6) (regulations as to pharmaceutical services), in paragraph (i), for the words from “section 113” to the end of the paragraph substitute “ section 113A of that Act, an enhanced criminal record certificate under section 113B of that Act or up-date information within the meaning given by section 116A of that Act, ”.

Commencement Information

I353 Sch. 9 para. 126 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

- 127 In section 86(4) (persons authorised to provide pharmaceutical services), in paragraph (c), for the words from “section 113” to the end of the paragraph substitute “ section 113A of that Act, an enhanced criminal record certificate under section 113B of that Act or up-date information within the meaning given by section 116A of that Act, ”.

Commencement Information

I354 Sch. 9 para. 127 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

- 128 In section 105(3) (supplementary lists), in paragraph (g), for the words from “section 113” to the end of the paragraph substitute “ section 113A of that Act, an enhanced criminal record certificate under section 113B of that Act or up-date information within the meaning given by section 116A of that Act, ”.

Commencement Information

I355 Sch. 9 para. 128 in force at 17.6.2013 by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(e)(v)**

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

- 129 (1) Paragraph 19 of Schedule 3 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (barred lists: information) is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(c) for “chief officer of a relevant police force” substitute “ relevant chief officer ”.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (3) after “which the” insert “ relevant ”.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (5) for “chief officer of the relevant police force” substitute “ relevant chief officer ”.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (7) for the definition of “relevant police force” substitute—

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““the relevant chief officer” means any chief officer of a police force who is identified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this paragraph;”.

(6) After sub-paragraph (7) insert—

“(7A) Subsections (10) and (11) of section 113B of the Police Act 1997 apply for the purposes of the definition of “the relevant chief officer” as they apply for the purposes of that section.”

(7) In sub-paragraph (8) for “which police forces are relevant police forces” substitute “who is the relevant chief officer”.

Commencement Information

I356 Sch. 9 para. 129 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), [art. 2\(aa\)\(xiv\)](#)

PART 8

THE DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE

Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967

130 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (departments etc. subject to investigation) insert at the appropriate place— “ Disclosure and Barring Service. ”

Commencement Information

I357 Sch. 9 para. 130 in force at 15.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2521](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975

131 (1) Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (disqualifying offices) is amended as follows.

(2) In Part 2 (bodies of which all members are disqualified) insert at the appropriate place— “ The Disclosure and Barring Service. ”

(3) In Part 3 (other disqualifying offices) insert at the appropriate place— “ Member of the staff of the Disclosure and Barring Service. ”

Commencement Information

I358 Sch. 9 para. 131 in force at 15.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/2521](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

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Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975

- 132 (1) Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (disqualifying offices) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Part 2 (bodies of which all members are disqualified) insert at the appropriate place— “ The Disclosure and Barring Service. ”
- (3) In Part 3 (other disqualifying offices) insert at the appropriate place— “ Member of the staff of the Disclosure and Barring Service. ”

Commencement Information

I359 Sch. 9 para. 132 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(e)

Freedom of Information Act 2000

- 133 In Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (other public bodies and offices: general) insert at the appropriate place— “ The Disclosure and Barring Service. ”

Commencement Information

I360 Sch. 9 para. 133 in force at 15.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2521, art. 2(e)

PART 9

DISREGARDING CERTAIN CONVICTIONS FOR BUGGERY ETC.

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

- 134 (1) Section 1 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (rehabilitated persons and spent convictions) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) for “subsection (2)” substitute “ subsections (2), (5) and (6) ”.
- (3) After subsection (4) insert—
- “(5) This Act does not apply to any disregarded conviction or caution within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 5 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.
- (6) Accordingly, references in this Act to a conviction or caution do not include references to any such disregarded conviction or caution.”

Commencement Information

I361 Sch. 9 para. 134 in force at 1.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 3(o)

Police Act 1997

- 135 In section 113A(6) of the Police Act 1997 (criminal record certificates), in paragraph (b) of the definition of “relevant matter”, after “that Act” insert “ but

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excluding a disregarded caution within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 5 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 ”.

Commencement Information

I362 Sch. 9 para. 135 in force at 1.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2234, art. 3(o)

PART 10

TRAFFICKING PEOPLE FOR EXPLOITATION

Children and Young Persons Act 1933

^{F61}136

Textual Amendments

F61 Sch. 9 para. 136 omitted (31.7.2015) by virtue of Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30), s. 61(1), Sch. 5 para. 9(3); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j) (with regs. 38)

Commencement Information

I363 Sch. 9 para. 136 in force at 6.4.2013 by S.I. 2013/470, art. 2(d) (with arts. 3(b), 5-8)

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

137 In section 65A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (questioning and treatment of persons by police: meaning of “qualifying offence”), in subsection (2) (p), for “59” substitute “59A ”.

Commencement Information

I364 Sch. 9 para. 137 in force at 6.4.2013 by S.I. 2013/470, art. 2(d) (with arts. 5-8)

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

^{F62}138

Textual Amendments

F62 Sch. 9 para. 138 omitted (31.7.2015) by virtue of Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30), s. 61(1), Sch. 5 para. 9(3); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j) (with regs. 38)

Commencement Information

I365 Sch. 9 para. 138 in force at 6.4.2013 by S.I. 2013/470, art. 2(d) (with arts. 3(b), 5-8)

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Criminal Justice Act 2003

- 139 In Part 2 of Schedule 15 to the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (sentencing of dangerous offenders: specified sexual offences), after paragraph 143, insert—
- “143A An offence under section 59A of that Act (trafficking for sexual exploitation).”

Commencement Information

I366 Sch. 9 para. 139 in force at 6.4.2013 by S.I. 2013/470, art. 2(d) (with arts. 5-8)

Sexual Offences Act 2003

- 140 (1) The Sexual Offences Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- ^{F63}(2)
- ^{F64}(3)
- (4) In Schedule 5 (relevant offences for the purposes of notification and orders), in paragraph 63, for “59” substitute “ 59A ”.

Textual Amendments

- F63** Sch. 9 para. 140(2) omitted (31.7.2015) by virtue of Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30), s. 61(1), Sch. 5 para. 9(3); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j) (with regs. 38)
- F64** Sch. 9 para. 140(3) omitted (31.7.2015) by virtue of Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30), s. 61(1), Sch. 5 para. 9(3); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j) (with regs. 38)

Commencement Information

I367 Sch. 9 para. 140 in force at 6.4.2013 by S.I. 2013/470, art. 2(d) (with arts. 3(b), 5-8)

Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004

- ^{F65}141

Textual Amendments

- F65** Sch. 9 para. 141 omitted (31.7.2015) by virtue of Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30), s. 61(1), Sch. 5 para. 9(3); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j) (with regs. 38)

Commencement Information

I368 Sch. 9 para. 141 in force at 6.4.2013 by S.I. 2013/470, art. 2(d) (with arts. 5-8)

Serious Crime Act 2007

- 142 In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Serious Crime Act 2007 (serious offences: England and Wales), in paragraph 2(2), for “59” substitute “ 59A ”.

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Commencement Information

I369 Sch. 9 para. 142 in force at 6.4.2013 by S.I. 2013/470, art. 2(d) (with arts. 5-8)

PART 11

STALKING

Protection from Harassment Act 1997

- 143 (1) The Protection from Harassment Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1(2) (circumstances in which a person ought to know that a course of conduct amounts to harassment) after “this section” insert “ or section 2A(2)(c) ”.
- (3) In section 4 (putting people in fear of violence)—
- (a) in subsection (5) after “section 2” insert “ or 2A ”, and
 - (b) in subsection (6) after “section 2” insert “ or 2A ”.

Commencement Information

I370 Sch. 9 para. 143 in force at 25.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 5(d)

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

- 144 (1) Section 32 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (racially or religiously aggravated harassment etc.) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) in paragraph (a)—
 - (i) after “section 2” insert “ or 2A ”, and
 - (ii) for “offence of harassment” substitute “ offences of harassment and stalking ”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (b)—
 - (i) after “section 4” insert “ or 4A ”, and
 - (ii) after “violence” insert “ and stalking involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress ”.
- (3) In subsection (5) for “the basic offence” substitute “ either basic offence ”.

Commencement Information

I371 Sch. 9 para. 144 in force at 25.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 5(d)

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

- 145 In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (powers of seizure to which section 50 of that Act applies), after paragraph 63, insert—

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“Protection from Harassment Act 1997

- 63A The power of seizure conferred by section 2B(2) of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (seizure of material relevant to stalking).”

Commencement Information

I372 Sch. 9 para. 145 in force at 25.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 5(d)

Sexual Offences Act 2003

- 146 In Schedule 5 to the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (relevant offences for the purposes of notification and orders)—
- (a) in paragraph 56A—
 - (i) after “section 2” insert “ or 2A ”, and
 - (ii) for “offence of harassment” substitute “ offences of harassment and stalking ”, and
 - (b) in paragraph 57—
 - (i) after “section 4” insert “ or 4A ”, and
 - (ii) after “violence” insert “ and stalking involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress ”.

Commencement Information

I373 Sch. 9 para. 146 in force at 25.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 5(d)

Criminal Justice Act 2003

- 147 In Part 1 of Schedule 15 to the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (sentencing of dangerous offenders: specified violent offences), in paragraph 57—
- (a) after “section 4” insert “ or 4A ”, and
 - (b) after “violence” insert “ and stalking involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress ”.

Commencement Information

I374 Sch. 9 para. 147 in force at 25.11.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 5(d)

PART 12

REPEAL OF PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN FRAUD CASES WITHOUT JURY

Criminal Justice Act 2003

- 148 (1) The Criminal Justice Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 45 (procedure for applications for cases to be conducted without a jury)—

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- (a) in the heading, for “sections 43 and” substitute “ section ”,
 - (b) in subsection (1), omit paragraph (a) and the word “and” at the end of the paragraph, and
 - (c) in subsections (5) and (9), omit the words “43 or”.
- (3) In section 46(7) (discharge of jury because of jury tampering) omit “43 or”.
- (4) In section 48(1) (further provision about trials without a jury) omit “43,”.
- (5) Omit section 330(5)(b) (procedure for order bringing section 43 into force).

SCHEDULE 10

Section 115(2)

REPEALS AND REVOCATIONS

PART 1

DESTRUCTION, RETENTION AND USE OF FINGERPRINTS ETC.

Commencement Information

I375 Sch. 10 Pt. 1 in force at 31.10.2013 by S.I. 2013/2104, art. 3(d)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>
Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984	Section 64.
Criminal Justice Act 1988	Section 148.
Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994	Section 57.
Police Act 1996	In Part 2 of Schedule 7, paragraph 37.
Terrorism Act 2000	In Schedule 8— <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) paragraph 14,(b) in paragraph 20, in sub-paragraph (3), the words from “but” to the end of the sub-paragraph, and(c) paragraph 20(4)
Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001	Section 82. Section 84.
Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005	Section 117(6) to (10). Section 118(4).
Counter-Terrorism Act 2008	Section 14(4) to (6). Section 16. Section 17.

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Crime and Security Act 2010	Section 14.
	Sections 16 to 19.
	Sections 21 to 23.
	Section 58(4) and (6) to (8).

PART 2

POWERS OF ENTRY

Commencement Information

I376 Sch. 10 Pt. 2 in force at 1.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 3(bb)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal or revocation</i>
Distribution of German Enemy Property (No 1) Order 1950 (S.I. 1950/1642)	Article 22.
Hypnotism Act 1952	Section 4.
Dairy Herd Conversion Premium Regulations 1973 (S.I. 1973/1642)	In regulation 2(1), the definition of “authorised officer”.
	Regulation 5.
	Regulation 7(b) and the word “or” before it.
Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984	Section 50.
Milk (Cessation of Production) Act 1985	Section 2(1).
	Section 3(1)(b) and the word “or” before it.
Landlord and Tenant Act 1985	Section 8(2).
Cereals Co-responsibility Levy Regulations 1988 (S.I. 1988/1001)	Regulation 8.
	In regulation 9, the words “or 8”.
Oilseeds Producers (Support System) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/695)	In regulation 2(1), the definitions of “authorised officer”, “oilseeds” and “specified control measure”.
	Regulations 5, 6, 9 and 10.
Merchant Shipping Act 1995	Section 258(4).
Gas Appliances (Safety) Regulations 1995 (S.I. 1995/1629)	Regulation 24(6).
Older Cattle (Disposal) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/3522)	Regulation 5.
Salmonella in Turkey Flocks and Slaughter Pigs (Survey Powers)	Regulation 6.

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(England) Regulations 2006 (S.I.
2006/2821)

Health and Social Care Act 2008 In Schedule 11, paragraph 9.

Cross-border Railway Services In Schedule 2, paragraph 2(2)(a), (b) and (c).
(Working Time) Regulations 2008
(S.I. 2008/1660)

Payment Services Regulations 2009 Regulation 83.
(S.I. 2009/209)

- (1) The repeals and revocations in the following provisions extend to England and Wales only—
- (a) the Hypnotism Act 1952,
 - (b) the Dairy Herd Conversion Premium Regulations 1973,
 - (c) the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984,
 - (d) the Milk (Cessation of Production) Act 1985,
 - (e) the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985,
 - (f) the Cereals Co-responsibility Levy Regulations 1988,
 - (g) the Oilseeds Producers (Support System) Regulations 1992, and
 - (h) the Health and Social Care Act 2008.
- (2) The revocations in the Cross-border Railway Services (Working Time) Regulations 2008 extend to England and Wales and Scotland only.
- (3) The repeals and revocations in the following provisions extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland—
- (a) the Distribution of German Enemy Property (No 1) Order 1950,
 - (b) the Merchant Shipping Act 1995,
 - (c) the Gas Appliances (Safety) Regulations 1995,
 - (d) the Older Cattle (Disposal) (England) Regulations 2005,
 - (e) the Salmonella in Turkey Flocks and Slaughter Pigs (Survey Powers) (England) Regulations 2006, and
 - (f) the Payment Services Regulations 2009.
- (4) The repeal of section 258(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 is subject to paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to this Act.

PART 3

VEHICLES LEFT ON LAND

Commencement Information

I377 Sch. 10 Pt. 3 in force at 1.10.2012 by S.I. 2012/2075, art. 3(h)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal or revocation</i>
Airports Act 1986	In section 66(3), paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of the paragraph).
Private Security Industry Act 2001	In section 3(2), paragraph (j) and the word “or” before the paragraph. In section 4A(2)— <ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) paragraph (a),(b) paragraph (b) and the word “or” at the end of the paragraph, and(c) in paragraph (c), the word “other”. Section 6.

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Section 22A.

In section 24(4), the words from “(except” to “or 22A)”.

In section 25(1), the definition of “motor vehicle”.

In Schedule 2, paragraphs 3, 3A, 9 and 9A (and the italic cross-headings before them).

Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 In Schedule 15, paragraph 14(a).

Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/224) The whole instrument.

Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1831) Articles 3 and 4.

Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/2201) Articles 3 and 4.

Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Amendments to Schedule 2) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/3043) Articles 3 and 4.

Crime and Security Act 2010 Section 42(3).

Section 44.

In Schedule 1, paragraphs 3(5) and 7.

PART 4

COUNTER-TERRORISM POWERS

Commencement Information

I378 Sch. 10 Pt. 4 in force at 10.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1205, art. 4(1)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal or revocation</i>
Terrorism Act 2000	Section 43(3). Sections 44 to 47 (including the italic cross-heading before section 44). In Schedule 8— (a) paragraph 36(1B), (b) in paragraph 36(3AA), the words “or senior judge” in both places where they appear, (c) in paragraph 36(4), the words from “but” onwards, (d) in paragraph 36(5), the words “or senior judge”,

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- (e) paragraph 36(7), and
- (f) in paragraph 37(2), the words “or senior judge”.

Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 In Schedule 7, paragraph 31.

Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 In Schedule 5, in paragraph 4(2)(k), the word “44,”.

Energy Act 2004 Section 57.

The British Transport Police (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1573) In article 12(6), sub-paragraph (c) (but not the word “and” at the end of the sub-paragraph).

Terrorism Act 2006 Section 23(8) to (10).

Section 25.

Section 30.

Terrorism Act 2000 (Remedial) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/631) The whole instrument.

PART 5

SAFEGUARDING OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C39** Sch. 10 Pt. 5 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(5), **Sch. 4**
- C40** Sch. 10 Pt. 5 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), arts. 1(2)(3), 4(1)(5), **Sch. 4** (with art. 5)
- C41** Sch. 10 Pt. 5 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(4), **Sch. 4**

Commencement Information

- I379** Sch. 10 Pt. 5 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(bb)**

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal or revocation</i>
Police Act 1997	Section 113A(10). Section 113B(13). Section 113BA(2)(b) to (d). Section 113BB(2)(b) to (d). In section 119—

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- (a) in subsection (2), the words “or for the purposes of section 24 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006”, and
- (b) subsection (8)(c).

Section 119B(5)(d) and (e).

In section 120A—

- (a) subsection (3A)(b) and (c),
- (b) subsections (3B) and (3C), and
- (c) in subsection (3D), the words from “, except” to the end of the subsection.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 Section 4(1)(a).

In section 5(4)—

- (a) the words “section 10(3);” and
- (b) the words “paragraph 4 of Schedule 6”.

Section 6(8)(c).

Section 7(5)(b) and (c).

Section 8.

Section 9(5)(b) and (c).

Sections 10 to 17.

In section 18(1) and (2)—

- (a) the words “, 10, 11, 23, 27”, and
- (b) the words “or Schedule 6”.

In section 19—

- (a) subsections (1), (3), (4), (6) and (7),
- (b) subsection (8)(b) and (c), and
- (c) subsection (9).

Section 20(2) to (7).

Sections 21 to 27.

In section 35—

- (a) subsection (1)(b), and
- (b) subsection (6).

In section 36—

- (a) in subsection (1), the words “or controlled activity”, and
- (b) in subsection (3)(a), the words “or controlled”.

In section 37—

- (a) subsection (2)(b),
- (b) in subsection (2)(d), the words “or controlled”,
- (c) in subsections (4) and (5), the words “or controlled”.

In section 39—

- (a) in subsections (1) and (5), the word “prescribed”, and

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(b) in subsection (4)(a), the words “or controlled activity”.

In section 41—

- (a) in subsections (1) and (5), the word “prescribed”, and
- (b) in subsection (4)(a), the words “or controlled activity”.

In section 43(6)(a), the words “of entry 1 or 8”.

Section 44.

In section 45—

- (a) in subsections (1) and (5), the word “prescribed”,
- (b) in subsection (4)(a), the words “or controlled activity”, and
- (c) subsection (6).

In section 47—

- (a) subsection (2)(b) to (e),
- (b) subsection (3)(b) to (e), and
- (c) subsection (5).

In section 48(1)—

- (a) in paragraph (a), the word “newly”, and
- (b) paragraph (c) and the word “or” before it.

In section 49(1)—

- (a) in paragraph (a), the word “newly”, and
- (b) paragraph (c) and the word “or” before it.

Section 51(5)(b).

In section 54—

- (a) subsection (2)(a),
- (b) in subsection (3), paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of it),
- (c) in subsection (4), paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of it), and
- (d) subsection (5).

In section 56—

- (a) subsection (1),
- (b) subsection (2)(c),
- (c) in subsection (2)(d) and (e), the words “or (8)”, and
- (d) subsection (3)(b) to (f), (j), (n), (s) and (t).

In section 57(1)(c), the word “prescribed”.

Section 59.

In section 60—

- (a) in subsection (1), in paragraph (b) of the definition of “personnel supplier”, the words “or controlled”, and
- (b) subsection (3).

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In section 61(3)—

- (a) paragraphs (b) to (e), and
- (b) paragraph (j) and the word “or” before it.

In Schedule 3—

- (a) paragraph 19(1)(d),
- (b) in paragraph 19(6) the words from “which” to “it is” and the words “or paragraph 20(2)”, and
- (c) paragraph 24(8) and (9).

In Schedule 4—

- (a) paragraph 1(8),
- (b) paragraph 1(9B)(a),
- (c) in paragraph 1(9B)(f), the words “18B or”,
- (d) in paragraph 1(9B)(m), the words “48 or”,
- (e) paragraph 1(9B)(p) to (t),
- (f) paragraph 1(10)(a), (ba), (d) and (e),
- (g) paragraph 1(12A),
- (h) paragraph 1(13A),
- (i) paragraph 2(1)(d) and (2)(d),
- (j) paragraph 3(1)(c),
- (k) paragraph 4 (including the italic cross-heading before it),
- (l) paragraph 7(4),
- (m) in paragraph 7(5), the words “or (4)”,
- (n) in paragraph 7(7)(f), the words “English local authority social services or”,
- (o) paragraph 7(8A),
- (p) paragraph 8, and
- (q) in paragraph 10(2), the words “or 7(1)(a), (b), (c), (d) or (g)” and, in paragraph (b), the words “or vulnerable adults (as the case may be)”.

Schedules 5 and 6.

In Schedule 7—

- (a) in paragraph 1, entries 3, 4, 7, 8, 17 and 19 in the table,
- (b) in paragraph 3(1), paragraph (b) and the word “or” before it, and
- (c) paragraph 3(3).

In Schedule 8, paragraph 5 (including the italic cross-heading before it).

In Schedule 9, paragraph 14(7)(c).

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups In Article 2—
(Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I.
2007/1351 (N.I. 11))

- (a) in the first paragraph (2), the definition of “institution of further education” and, in subparagraph (b) of the definition of “personnel supplier”, the words “or controlled”, and
- (b) paragraph (3).

Article 3.

Article 8(1)(a).

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Article 9(4)(c) and (e).

Article 10(8)(a) and (c).

Article 11(5)(b) and (c).

Article 12.

Article 13(5)(b) and (c).

Articles 14 to 21.

In Article 22(1) and (2)—

- (a) the words “, 14, 15, 27, 31” and
- (b) the words “or Schedule 4”.

Article 23—

- (a) paragraphs (1), (3), (4), (6) and (7),
- (b) paragraph (8)(b) and (c), and
- (c) paragraph (9).

Article 24(2) to (7).

Articles 25 to 27 (and the italic cross-heading before them).

Articles 28 to 31 (and the italic cross-heading before them).

In Article 37—

- (a) paragraph (1)(b), and
- (b) paragraph (6).

In Article 38—

- (a) in paragraph (1), the words “or controlled activity”, and
- (b) in paragraph (3)(a), the words “or controlled”.

In Article 39—

- (a) paragraph (2)(b),
- (b) in paragraph (2)(d), the words “or controlled”, and
- (c) in paragraphs (4) and (5), the words “or controlled”.

In Article 41—

- (a) in paragraphs (1) and (5), the word “prescribed”, and
- (b) in paragraph (4)(a), the words “or controlled activity”.

In Article 43—

- (a) in paragraphs (1) and (5), the word “prescribed”,
- (b) in paragraph (4)(a), the words “or controlled activity”, and
- (c) paragraphs (4A) to (4C).

Article 46.

In Article 47—

- (a) in paragraphs (1) and (5), the word “prescribed”,

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- (b) in paragraph (4)(a), the words “or controlled activity”, and
- (c) paragraph (6).

In Article 49—

- (a) paragraph (2)(b) to (e),
- (b) paragraph (3)(b) to (e), and
- (c) paragraph (5).

In Article 50(1)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), the word “newly”, and
- (b) sub-paragraph (c) and the word “or” before it.

In Article 51(1)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), the word “newly”, and
- (b) sub-paragraph (c) and the word “or” before it.

Article 53(5)(b).

In Article 56—

- (a) paragraph (2)(a),
- (b) in paragraph (3), sub-paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of it),
- (c) in paragraph (4), sub-paragraph (b) (but not the word “or” at the end of it), and
- (d) paragraph (5).

In Article 57(1)(c), the word “prescribed”.

In Schedule 1—

- (a) paragraph 19(1)(d),
- (b) in paragraph 19(6), the words from “which” to “it is” and the words “or paragraph 20(2)”, and
- (c) paragraph 24(8) and (9).

In Schedule 2—

- (a) paragraph 1(7),
- (b) paragraph 2(1)(d) and (2)(d),
- (c) paragraph 4,
- (d) paragraph 7(4),
- (e) in paragraph 7(5), the word “, (4)”,
- (f) paragraph 7(9),
- (g) paragraph 8, and
- (h) in paragraph 10(2), the words “or 7(1)(a), (b), (c), (d) or (g)” and, in paragraph (b), the words “or vulnerable adults (as the case may be)”.

Schedules 3 and 4.

In Schedule 5—

- (a) in paragraph 1, entries 3, 4, 7, 8, 17 and 19 in the table,
- (b) in paragraph 3(1), paragraph (b) and the word “or” before it, and
- (c) paragraph 3(3).

In Schedule 6, paragraph 5 (including the italic cross-heading before it).

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Health and Social Care Act 2008	In Schedule 5, paragraphs 92 and 93.
Education and Skills Act 2008	Section 147(8). In Schedule 1, paragraphs 41(3) and 89 (including the italic cross-heading before paragraph 89).
The Offender Management Act 2007 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/912)	In Schedule 1, paragraph 21.
Health Act 2009	In Schedule 1, paragraphs 14 and 15.
Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009	In Schedule 12, paragraph 43.
Policing and Crime Act 2009	In section 81(3)(m)— (a) in sub-paragraph (i), the words “, 6, 15, 25”, (b) sub-paragraph (v), and (c) sub-paragraph (vi) (but not the word “and” at the end of it). Sections 82 to 87. Sections 89, 90 and 92. In Part 8 of Schedule 8, the entry relating to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.
The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Electronic Communications) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/203)	Articles 12 to 15.
The Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1182)	Article 1(6)(e). In Schedule 5, paragraph 9 (and the heading before it) and Part 3.
The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Regulated Activity, Miscellaneous and Transitional Provisions and Commencement No. 5) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/2610)	Article 26. Part 8. Articles 28, 29 and 30(a).
The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Regulated Activity, Transitional Provisions and Commencement No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 304/2009)	Articles 10, 24 and 25.
The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 (S.R. 305/2009)	Article 7(4).
The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Consequential Amendments No.2) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/813)	Article 19(3), (4) and (5).

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Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Controlled Activity and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1146).	Regulation 4(2). Regulation 8.
The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Regulated Activity, Devolution and Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1154)	Article 3(5) and (6). Article 5. Article 7(4). Articles 8 and 11.
The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158)	In Schedule 2, paragraph 62 (and the heading before it).
Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Regulated Activity, Devolution Alignment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010 (S.R. 30/2010)	Articles 6, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Article 22(a) and the word “and” at the end of it. Article 24.

PART 6

CRIMINAL RECORDS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C42** Sch. 10 Pt. 6 extended (Guernsey) (with modifications) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) (3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Guernsey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1762\)](#), art. 4(6), **Sch. 5**
- C43** Sch. 10 Pt. 6 extended (Jersey) (with modifications) (17.10.2012 coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2)(3)) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Jersey\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2591\)](#), art. 1(2)(3)4(1)(5), **Sch. 5** (with art. 5)
- C44** Sch. 10 Pt. 6 extended (Isle of Man) (with modifications) (with effect in accordance with art. 1(3)(4) of the amending S.I.) by [The Police Act 1997 \(Criminal Records\) \(Isle of Man\) \(Amendment\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2598\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(5), **Sch. 5**

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- I380** Sch. 10 Pt. 6 in force at 10.9.2012 immediately after the coming into force of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2157) for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/2234](#), **art. 2(cc)**
- I381** Sch. 10 Pt. 6 in force at 17.6.2013 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2013/1180](#), **art. 2(f)**

Short title

Police Act 1997

Extent of repeal

Section 113A(4).

In section 113B—

- (a) in subsection (4), the words “, in the chief officer's opinion”,
- (b) subsections (5) and (6), and

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(c) in subsection (9), the definition of “relevant police force”.

In section 119B—

- (a) subsection (5)(a), and
- (b) in subsection (5)(c), the words from “or disclosed” to the end.

In section 120(2), paragraph (c) and the word “and” before it.

Section 122(3A)(a).

In section 124—

- (a) in subsection (4)(b), the words “(5) or”, and
- (b) subsection (5).

In section 124A(1)(c), the words “or registered person”.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 In Schedule 9, paragraph 14(5) and (6).

Policing and Crime Act 2009 Section 93.

PART 7

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Commencement Information

I382 Sch. 10 Pt. 7 in force at 1.7.2012 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2012/1205](#), [art. 3\(cc\)](#)

Short title

Extent of repeal

Freedom of Information Act 2000

In section 6(1), at the end of paragraph (a), the word “or”.

Section 80A.

Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

and In Schedule 7, paragraph 6.

PART 8

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Commencement Information

I383 Sch. 10 Pt. 8 in force at 16.3.2015 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2015/587](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

Short title

Extent of repeal or revocation

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Data Protection Act 1998	In section 51(8), the words “with the consent of the Secretary of State”. In Schedule 5— (a) paragraph 2(4) and (5), and (b) paragraph 4(5).
Freedom of Information Act 2000	Section 18(5) to (7). In section 47(4), the words “with the consent of the Secretary of State”.
The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1887)	In Schedule 2, in paragraph 12(1)(a), the word “, 47”.

PART 9

TRAFFICKING PEOPLE FOR EXPLOITATION

Commencement Information

I384 Sch. 10 Pt. 9 in force at 6.4.2013 by S.I. 2013/470, art. 2(f) (with arts. 3(a), 4-8)

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>
Sexual Offences Act 2003	Section 60(2).
Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004	In section 4(4)(b), the words “under the Human Organ Transplants Act 1989 (c. 31) or”. In section 5— (a) subsection (1), (b) in subsection (11), the words “In so far as section 4 extends to England and Wales,”, and (c) subsections (12) and (13).
UK Borders Act 2007	Section 31.

PART 10

REPEAL OF PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN FRAUD CASES WITHOUT JURY

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>
Criminal Justice Act 1987	In section 9(11), the words “43 or” (so far as inserted into that section).
Criminal Procedure Investigations Act 1996	and In section 35(1), the words “43 or” (so far as inserted into that section).
Criminal Justice Act 2003	Section 43. In section 45—

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(a) in subsection (1), paragraph (a) and the word “and” at the end of the paragraph, and

(b) in subsections (5) and (9), the words “43 or”.

In section 46(7), the words “43 or”.

In section 48(1), the word “43,”.

Section 330(5)(b).

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PART 11

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON TIMES FOR MARRIAGE OR CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

<i>Short title</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>
Marriage Act 1949	Section 4. Section 75(1)(a).
Civil Partnership Act 2004	In section 17(2), the words “between 8 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock in the evening”. Section 31(2)(ab).

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