



# Defamation Act 2013

## CHAPTER 26

### DEFAMATION ACT 2013

#### *Requirement of serious harm*

- 1 Serious harm

#### *Defences*

- 2 Truth
- 3 Honest opinion
- 4 Publication on matter of public interest
- 5 Operators of websites
- 6 Peer-reviewed statement in scientific or academic journal etc
- 7 Reports etc protected by privilege

#### *Single publication rule*

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#### *Jurisdiction*

- 9 Action against a person not domiciled in the UK or a Member State etc
- 10 Action against a person who was not the author, editor etc

#### *Trial by jury*

- 11 Trial to be without a jury unless the court orders otherwise

#### *Summary of court judgment*

- 12 Power of court to order a summary of its judgment to be published

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*Removal, etc of statements*

- 13 Order to remove statement or cease distribution etc

*Slander*

- 14 Special damage

*General provisions*

- 15 Meaning of “publish” and “statement”  
16 Consequential amendments and savings etc  
17 Short title, extent and commencement

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