
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 748

**The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders
Act 2012 (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2013**

Civil legal services: Definition of domestic violence

4.—(1) In paragraph 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (victims of domestic violence and family matters), in sub-paragraph (9) for the definition of “domestic violence” substitute—

““domestic violence” means any incident, or pattern of incidents, of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (whether psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between individuals who are associated with each other;”.

(2) In paragraph 28 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (immigration: victims of domestic violence and indefinite leave to remain) in sub-paragraph (5) for the definition of “domestic violence” substitute—

““domestic violence” means any incident, or pattern of incidents, of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (whether psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between individuals who are associated with each other (within the meaning of section 62 of the Family Law Act 1996⁽¹⁾);”.

(3) In paragraph 29 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Act (immigration: victims of domestic violence and residence cards), in sub-paragraph (4) for the definition of “domestic violence” substitute—

““domestic violence” means any incident, or pattern of incidents, of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (whether psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between individuals who are associated with each other (within the meaning of section 62 of the Family Law Act 1996);”.

⁽¹⁾ 1996 c. 27. Section 62 was amended by section 82 of, and paragraph 13(1), (3) and (4) of Part 1 of Schedule 9 to, the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33); section 4 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28); section 139 of, and paragraphs 85, 86(b) and 87 of Schedule 3 to, the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (c. 38); and S.I. 2011/1740.