SCHEDULE

Armed Forces Code of Practice for Victims of Crime

PART 4

Victims' Entitlements – Entitlements for Children and Young People CHAPTER 7

After the Sentence

Unwanted contact from offenders

184. Persons subject to sentences of Service detention have limited access to telephone and internet facilities. If you receive unwanted contact from such a person in any form, you can report this by calling the Military Corrective Training Centre.

Commencement Information I1 Sch. para. 184 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1

185. Prisoners are not allowed mobile phones and are only allowed access to the internet for certain purposes. They are not allowed to use social networking sites. If you receive unwanted contact from a prisoner in any form, you can report this by calling the National Offender Management Service Victim Helpline.

Commencement Information 12 Sch. para. 185 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1

186. If you receive unwanted contact from an offender who is on licence (see 'licence conditions' in Definitions) in the community, you can contact the National Probation Service, or the police. If the offender is under 18 and being supervised by a Youth Offending Team, you can contact that Youth Offending Team to report any unwanted contact.

Commencement Information 13 Sch. para. 186 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1

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Armed Forces Victim Contact Scheme

187. The Armed Forces Victim Contact Scheme is offered to victims of offences including bereaved close relatives in cases where the offender:

- (1) receives a sentence of Service detention;
- (2) receives a sentence of imprisonment or youth custody of 12 months or more; or
- (3) has been detained in a hospital for treatment because he, or she, has a mental disorder.

Commencement Information

I4 Sch. para. 187 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1

188. If you wish to use this scheme you should notify the Military Corrective Training Centre. The purpose of the Armed Forces Victim Contact Scheme is to provide victims who are concerned for their safety with information keeping them informed of the key stages of the offender's sentence, such as periods of unsupervised release including Short Term Temporary Release, Re-Integration Leave, Compassionate Leave, Community Work placements, transfer to open conditions as well as release. The detail of the information provided is subject to the discretion of the Commandant of the Military Corrective Training Centre and information will not be provided in cases where there is an identified risk of harm to the offender which would result from the notification.

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. para. 188 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1

- **189.** If you are eligible, and choose to take part in the Armed Forces Victim Contact Scheme you are entitled to the information set out in this paragraph only where there is a danger or an identified risk of harm to you, in which case the information will be provided without unnecessary delay(1):
 - (1) decide whether you want to receive information about key stages of the offender's sentence;
 - (2) be given the details of a person who will be your point of contact for the scheme;
- (3) be told when the offender is released from the Military Corrective Training Centre, prison or hospital and any conditions put on them which relate to you;
- (4) be told about any other important information which the Commandant of the Military Corrective Training Centre thinks you should be told.

Commencement Information

I6 Sch. para. 189 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1

190. If you are eligible, your parent or guardian or carer will usually be offered participation on your behalf. However, this participation may not be offered if it is considered not to be in your best interests.

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I7 Sch. para. 190 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1

191. In the event of a suspect escaping from custody, if there is a danger or an identified risk of harm to you, the Service Police or police, once aware of the escape or notified of it by the Military Corrective Training Centre, the prison, Youth Offending Team, hospital or immigration detention

⁽¹⁾ You are not, however, entitled to this information if there is an identified risk of harm to the suspect which would result from the notification.

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centre, will notify you wherever possible of the escape and any measures taken for your protection if it is assessed that the suspect poses a significant risk of harm to you.

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18 Sch. para. 191 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1
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14 Sch. para. 187 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1

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Civilian Victim Contact Scheme

192. If you are the victim of a criminal offence where the offender serves a sentence of imprisonment, youth custody, or detention in hospital in Scotland, the Armed Forces Victim Contact Scheme does not apply, but the Scottish civilian procedures will apply. The contact details for that system can be obtained from the Military Corrective Training Centre.

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19 Sch. para. 192 in force at 16.11.2015, see reg. 1
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