

SCHEDULE

Armed Forces Code of Practice for Victims of Crime

PART 5

Duties on Service Providers

CHAPTER 1

Introduction

General

198. This Part sets out the information, help and services that service providers in paragraph 7 of this Code must provide to victims entitled to services under this Code⁽¹⁾ to enable them to deliver the entitlements set out in earlier Parts. For the avoidance of doubt. The relevant service providers must provide the entitlements as set out in Part 3 (for adults) and Part 4 (for persons under 18) and the duties set out in Parts 1 and 2 of this Code.

Commencement Information

I1 Sch. para. 198 in force at 16.11.2015, see [reg. 1](#)

Victims under the age of 18

199. All victims of crime who are under 18 (child victims) are automatically eligible for the enhanced services provided to vulnerable victims of crime. All service providers must therefore ensure that they provide the same enhanced level of service to child victims and have regard to their duties in Parts 1 to 4 of this Code.

Commencement Information

I2 Sch. para. 199 in force at 16.11.2015, see [reg. 1](#)

200. For the avoidance of doubt the relevant service providers must also ensure that they provide the entitlements to child victims or their parents or guardians as set out in Part 4 of this Code.

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. para. 200 in force at 16.11.2015, see [reg. 1](#)

201. At all times the child's best interests must be a primary consideration for service providers.

Commencement Information

I4 Sch. para. 201 in force at 16.11.2015, see [reg. 1](#)

⁽¹⁾ See paragraphs 15 to 21 of this Code.

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202. Where the age of a victim is uncertain and there are reasons to believe that the person is under 18 years of age, service providers should presume that person to be under 18 and therefore entitled to receive the enhanced entitlements set out in this Code for victims who are under 18 years of age (in Parts 2 and 4 and in this Part).

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. para. 202 in force at 16.11.2015, see [reg. 1](#)

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