



# Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016

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## PART 2

### SEXUAL HARM

#### CHAPTER 3

##### SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION ORDERS

###### *What order does*

### **16 Content and duration of order**

- (1) A sexual harm prevention order is an order prohibiting the person against whom it is made from doing, or requiring the person to do, a thing or things described in the order.
- (2) A prohibition or requirement contained in a sexual harm prevention order applies throughout the United Kingdom (unless expressly confined to particular localities).
- (3) A prohibition or requirement contained in a sexual harm prevention order has effect for a fixed period, specified in the order, of not less than 5 years.
- (4) Different periods may be provided for different prohibitions or requirements.
- (5) Subsection (3) is subject, in the case of a prohibition on foreign travel, to subsection (1) of section 17.
- (6) The prohibitions and requirements which may be imposed in a sexual harm prevention order are those necessary for the purpose of—
  - (a) protecting the public, or any particular members of the public, from sexual harm from the person against whom the order is made, or
  - (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the person against whom the order is made outside the United Kingdom.

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- (7) Where a court makes a sexual harm prevention order in relation to a person already subject to such an order (whether made by that court or another), the earlier order ceases to have effect.
- (8) A sexual harm prevention order ceases to have effect, if it has not already done so, when all of the prohibitions or requirements contained in it have ceased to have effect.

#### Commencement Information

**II** S. 16 in force at 31.3.2023 by [S.S.I. 2023/51](#), [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

### 17 Prohibitions on foreign travel

- (1) A prohibition on foreign travel contained in a sexual harm prevention order must be for a fixed period of not more than 5 years.
- (2) A “prohibition on foreign travel” means—
- a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom named or described in the order,
  - a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom other than a country named or described in the order, or
  - a prohibition on travelling to any country outside the United Kingdom.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not prevent a prohibition on foreign travel from being extended for a further period (of no more than 5 years each time) under section 20.
- (4) A sexual harm prevention order that contains a prohibition within subsection (2)(c) must require the person who is subject to the order to surrender all of the person's passports at a police station specified in the order—
- on or before the date when the prohibition takes effect, or
  - within a period specified in the order.
- (5) In this section, “passport” means—
- a United Kingdom passport within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971,
  - a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of another country,
  - a passport issued by or on behalf of an international organisation,
  - a document that can be used (in some or all circumstances) instead of a passport.
- (6) Any passports surrendered in accordance with the requirement must be returned as soon as reasonably practicable after the person ceases to be subject to a sexual harm prevention order containing such a prohibition (unless the person is subject to an equivalent prohibition under another order).
- (7) Subsection (6) does not apply in relation to—
- a passport issued by or on behalf of the authorities of another country if the passport has been returned to those authorities,
  - a passport issued by or on behalf of an international organisation if the passport has been returned to that organisation.

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