

*These notes refer to the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
2013 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 6: Trafficking people for sexual exploitation***

Section 6 inserts section 58A into the 2003 Act. Section 58A creates an offence where a person is trafficked for sexual exploitation into, within and out of countries outside the UK e.g. if a person arranged for an individual to be trafficked across Spain. The offence deals with the abuse of trafficked victims at all stages of their journey or ongoing travel outside the UK, and may be committed by British citizens, habitual residents of Northern Ireland and bodies incorporated under the law of any part of the United Kingdom. A person guilty of the offence is liable, on conviction on indictment, to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 14 years. The offence is added to the list of serious offences in Schedule 1 (specified violent offences) and Schedule 2 (specified sexual offences) to the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008.