



# Serious Crime Act 2007

## 2007 CHAPTER 27

### PART 2

#### ENCOURAGING OR ASSISTING CRIME

##### *Limitation on liability*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>51A Exceptions to section 44 for encouraging or assisting suicide [<sup>F2</sup>or serious self-harm]

[ Section 44 does not apply to an offence under section 2(1) of the Suicide Act 1961 <sup>F3</sup>(1)] or section 13(1) of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (offence of encouraging or assisting suicide).

[ Section 44 does not apply to an offence under section 184(1) of the Online Safety Act <sup>F4</sup>(2) 2023 (offence of encouraging or assisting serious self-harm).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 51A inserted (1.2.2010) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 182(5), [Sch. 21 para. 61\(2\)](#) (with s. 180); [S.I. 2010/145](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. para. 25\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 51A heading inserted (31.1.2024) by [Online Safety Act 2023 \(c. 50\)](#), s. 240(1), [Sch. 14 para. 12\(2\)\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2024/31](#), reg. 2
- F3** S. 51A renumbered as s. 51A(1) (31.1.2024) by [Online Safety Act 2023 \(c. 50\)](#), s. 240(1), [Sch. 14 para. 12\(2\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2024/31](#), reg. 2
- F4** S. 51A(2) inserted (31.1.2024) by [Online Safety Act 2023 \(c. 50\)](#), s. 240(1), [Sch. 14 para. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2024/31](#), reg. 2

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Serious Crime Act 2007, Section 51A.