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PART 10

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CHAPTER 2

POWERS OF COURT ON CONVICTION

Public protection orders with and without restrictions

PROSPECTIVE

Power to direct the ending of restrictions under a public protection order

172.—(1) This section applies if—

- (a) a public protection order with restrictions is in force in respect of a person; and
- (b) the Department of Justice is satisfied that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public from serious physical or psychological harm that the person be subject to a public protection order with restrictions.

(2) The Department of Justice may direct that, with effect from a date specified in the direction, the public protection order is to have effect as a public protection order without restrictions (see further section 173).

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