

Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 28

PART 1

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ETC

Domestic homicide reviews

9 Establishment and conduct of reviews

- (1) In this section "domestic homicide review" means a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by—
 - (a) a person to whom he was related or with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or
 - (b) a member of the same household as himself,

held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.

- (2) The Secretary of State may in a particular case direct a specified person or body within subsection (4) to establish, or to participate in, a domestic homicide review.
- (3) It is the duty of any person or body within subsection (4) establishing or participating in a domestic homicide review (whether or not held pursuant to a direction under subsection (2)) to have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State as to the establishment and conduct of such reviews.
- (4) The persons and bodies within this subsection are—
 - (a) in relation to England and Wales—

chief officers of police for police areas in England and Wales; local authorities;

local probation boards established under section 4 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43);

Strategic Health Authorities established under section 8 of the National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49);

Primary Care Trusts established under Section 16A of that Act. Local Health Boards established under section 16BA of that Act; NHS trusts established under section 5 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19);

(b) in relation to Northern Ireland—

the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland; the Probation Board for Northern Ireland;

Health and Social Services Boards established under Article 16 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14));

Health and Social Services trusts established under Article 10 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)).

(5) In subsection (4)(a) "local authority" means—

- (a) in relation to England, the council of a district, county or London borough, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
- (b) in relation to Wales, the council of a county or county borough.

(6) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (4) or (5).