

*These notes refer to the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3: Miscellaneous

Section 60: Parenting orders

303. This section amends the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (“the 1998 Act”) to take account of the Sexual Offences Act 2003. Currently section 8 of the 1998 Act provides for a court to make a parenting order in the same proceedings in which it makes a sex offender order in respect of a child or young person. The Sexual Offences Act 2003 repealed the sex offender order provisions and replaced them with sexual offences prevention orders (“SOPOs”). *Subsection (2)(a)* amends section 8 of the 1998 Act by replacing the reference to a sex offender order with a reference to a SOPO thus allowing courts to make a parenting order in the same proceedings in which it makes a SOPO against a child or young person provided it would be desirable in preventing a repetition of the kind of behaviour that led to the SOPO being made. *Subsection (2)(b)* defines a SOPO by reference to section 104 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003. *Subsection (3)* removes the redundant definition of a sex offender order from the 1998 Act. *Subsection (4)* provides that parenting orders will be available in proceedings in which a SOPO is made before as well as after this Act is passed.