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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

SERVICES AND PUBLIC FUNCTIONS: EXCEPTIONS

PART 7

SEPARATE AND SINGLE SERVICES

Single-sex services

- 27 (1) A person does not contravene section 29, so far as relating to sex discrimination, by providing a service only to persons of one sex if—
- (a) any of the conditions in sub-paragraphs (2) to (7) is satisfied, and
 - (b) the limited provision is a proportionate means of achieving a legitimate aim.
- (2) The condition is that only persons of that sex have need of the service.
- (3) The condition is that—
- (a) the service is also provided jointly for persons of both sexes, and
 - (b) the service would be insufficiently effective were it only to be provided jointly.
- (4) The condition is that—
- (a) a joint service for persons of both sexes would be less effective, and
 - (b) the extent to which the service is required by persons of each sex makes it not reasonably practicable to provide separate services.
- (5) The condition is that the service is provided at a place which is, or is part of—
- (a) a hospital, or
 - (b) another establishment for persons requiring special care, supervision or attention.
- (6) The condition is that—
- (a) the service is provided for, or is likely to be used by, two or more persons at the same time, and
 - (b) the circumstances are such that a person of one sex might reasonably object to the presence of a person of the opposite sex.
- (7) The condition is that—
- (a) there is likely to be physical contact between a person (A) to whom the service is provided and another person (B), and
 - (b) B might reasonably object if A were not of the same sex as B.
- (8) This paragraph applies to a person exercising a public function in relation to the provision of a service as it applies to the person providing the service.

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Commencement Information

- II** [Sch. 3](#) wholly in force at 1.10.2012; [Sch. 3](#) not in force at Royal assent see [s. 216](#); [Sch. 3](#) in force at 1.10.2010 for certain purposes by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(3\)](#); [Sch. 3](#) in force so far as not already in force at 1.10.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1569](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

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