



Sentencing Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 17

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PART 4

EXERCISE OF COURT'S DISCRETION

CHAPTER 1

PURPOSES OF SENTENCING

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- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) a court is dealing with an offender for an offence, and
 - (b) the offender is aged 18 or over when convicted.
- (2) The court must have regard to the following purposes of sentencing—
 - (a) the punishment of offenders,
 - (b) the reduction of crime (including its reduction by deterrence),
 - (c) the reform and rehabilitation of offenders,
 - (d) the protection of the public, and
 - (e) the making of reparation by offenders to persons affected by their offences.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply—
 - (a) to an offence in relation to which a mandatory sentence requirement applies (see section 399), or
 - (b) in relation to making any of the following under Part 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983—
 - (i) a hospital order (with or without a restriction order),
 - (ii) an interim hospital order,
 - (iii) a hospital direction, or
 - (iv) a limitation direction.