



# Health and Care Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 31

### PART 5

#### VIRGINITY TESTING AND HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

#### CHAPTER 1

#### VIRGINITY TESTING OFFENCES

#### *Virginity testing offences: England and Wales*

### **137 Offence of offering to carry out virginity testing: England and Wales**

- (1) It is an offence under the law of England and Wales—
  - (a) for a person in England and Wales to offer to carry out virginity testing in the United Kingdom or virginity testing that has a sufficient jurisdictional connection, or
  - (b) for a person anywhere to offer to carry out virginity testing if the person is a United Kingdom national or habitually resident in England and Wales.
- (2) Virginity testing has a sufficient jurisdictional connection for the purposes of subsection (1)(a) if it is carried out in relation to a person who is—
  - (a) a United Kingdom national, or
  - (b) habitually resident in the United Kingdom.
- (3) In this section—

“United Kingdom national” has the meaning given by section 136(4);  
“virginity testing” has the meaning given by section 136(2).