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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 18

VARIATION ETC OF ORDER BY COURT IN ANOTHER PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

PART 1

VARIATION ETC OF ORDER MADE IN ENGLAND AND WALES OR SCOTLAND BY COURT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Amendments of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)

- 1 (1) Section 136ZC of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (variation of sexual harm prevention order by court in Northern Ireland) is amended as follows.
- (2) In the heading, after “Variation” insert “, renewal or discharge”.
- (3) In subsection (2), in the words after paragraph (b), after “varying” insert “, renewing or discharging”.
- (4) In subsection (4)—
- (a) for “subsections (5) and (6)” substitute “subsections (4A) to (6B)”, and
 - (b) after “varying” insert “, renewing or discharging”.
- (5) After subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) In determining the application the court must have regard to—
- (a) the time for which the defendant is likely to remain in Northern Ireland, and
 - (b) whether—
 - (i) in the case of a sexual harm prevention order made by a court in England and Wales, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, England and Wales, or
 - (ii) in the case of a sexual harm prevention order made by a court in Scotland, the defendant is likely to return to, or to visit, Scotland.”
- (6) In subsection (5), in the words before paragraph (a)—
- (a) after “An order may be” insert “renewed, or”, and
 - (b) for “only” substitute “, only”.
- (7) In subsection (6), in the words before paragraph (a), after “An order as” insert “renewed or”.
- (8) After subsection (6) insert—

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“(6A) The court must not discharge a sexual harm prevention order made by a court in England and Wales before the end of 5 years beginning with the day on which the order was made without the consent of the defendant and the Chief Constable.

(6B) The court must not discharge a sexual harm prevention order made by a court in Scotland, or vary such an order so as to remove a prohibition or requirement, unless the order or, as the case may be, the prohibition or requirement is no longer necessary for the purpose of—

- (a) protecting the public, or any particular members of the public, from sexual harm from the defendant, or
- (b) protecting children or vulnerable adults generally, or any particular children or vulnerable adults, from sexual harm from the defendant outside the United Kingdom.”

(9) In subsection (9)—

- (a) in the definition of “the appropriate court”, for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—

“(a) where the sexual harm prevention order was made—

- (i) in England and Wales, by the Crown Court, otherwise than on appeal from a magistrates’ court, or by the Court of Appeal, or
- (ii) in Scotland, by the High Court of Justiciary otherwise than on appeal,

the Crown Court (in Northern Ireland);

- (b) where the defendant is aged 18 or over and the sexual harm prevention order was made—

- (i) in England and Wales, by a magistrates’ court or by the Crown Court on appeal from a magistrates’ court, or
- (ii) in Scotland, by the High Court of Justiciary on appeal, by the Court of Session, by the Sheriff Appeal Court or by a sheriff,

any court of summary jurisdiction in Northern Ireland;”, and

- (b) at the appropriate place insert—

““the defendant”, in relation to a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 ([asp 22](#)), means the person against whom the order has effect;”;

““sexual harm prevention order” includes a sexual harm prevention order made under section 11 or 12 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016.”

Commencement Information

11 Sch. 18 para. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 208\(1\)](#)

12 [Sch. 18 para. 1](#) in force at 31.3.2023 by [S.I. 2023/387](#), [reg. 3\(g\)\(i\)](#)

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