

# Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Act 2023

#### **2023 CHAPTER 47**

#### **PROSPECTIVE**

#### 2 Guidance

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance to—
  - (a) chief officers of police,
  - (b) the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force,
  - (c) the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police, and
  - (d) the chief constable of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary,

about the offence in section 4B of the Public Order Act 1986 (intentional harassment, alarm or distress on account of sex).

- (2) The guidance must in particular include guidance about the reasonable conduct defence in section 4A(3)(b) of that Act.
- (3) The Secretary of State may revise guidance issued under this section.
- (4) The Secretary of State must arrange for guidance issued under this section to be published.
- (5) A chief officer of police or a chief constable mentioned in subsection (1) must have regard to guidance issued under this section.

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 2 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 4(3)

### **Status:**

This version of this provision is prospective.

## **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Act 2023, Section 2.