



Suicide Act 1961

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2 Criminal liability for complicity in another's suicide.

- (1) A person who aids, abets, counsels or procures the suicide of another, or an attempt by another to commit suicide, shall be liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years.
- (2) If on the trial of an indictment for murder or manslaughter it is proved that the accused aided, abetted, counselled or procured the suicide of the person in question, the jury may find him guilty of that offence.
- (3) The enactments mentioned in the first column of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments provided for in the second column (which preserve in relation to offences under this section the previous operation of those enactments in relation to murder or manslaughter).
- (4)^{F1}no proceedings shall be instituted for an offence under this section except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#) , [Sch. 3 Pt. II](#) and [Criminal Jurisdiction Act 1975 \(c. 59\)](#) , [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 2(4) explained by [Criminal Jurisdiction Act 1975 \(c. 59\)](#) , [s. 12](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Suicide Act 1961, Section 2.