

**2020 No. 1465 (C. 40)**

**CRIMINAL LAW, NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004  
(Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020**

*Made* - - - -

*7th December 2020*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the power conferred by section 60 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004<sup>(a)</sup>, makes the following Order:

**Citation and extent**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020.

(2) This Order extends to Northern Ireland.

**Commencement**

**2.** Section 9<sup>(b)</sup> of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (domestic homicide reviews: establishment and conduct of reviews), to the extent not already in force, comes into force on 10th December 2020.

7th December 2020

*Victoria Atkins*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Home Office

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<sup>(a)</sup> 2004 c. 28.

<sup>(b)</sup> Section 9 was amended by paragraph 126 of Schedule 5 to the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), paragraph 263 of Schedule 1 to the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), S.I. 2008/912 and S.I. 2010/976.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28), in so far as it extends to Northern Ireland. This Order brings section 9 into force in Northern Ireland on 10th December. Section 9 came into force in England and Wales on 13th April 2011 (S.I. 2011/1008).

This provision gives the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland the discretion to direct a person or body specified in that section to establish or participate in a domestic homicide review, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death. The person or body establishing or participating in the review has a duty to have regard to any guidance issued by the Department of Justice as to the establishment and conduct of such reviews.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 1	1.7.2007	2007/1845
Sections 2 to 3	5.12.2005	2005/3196
Section 4	1.7.2007	2007/1845
Sections 5 to 8	21.3.2005	2005/579
Section 9 (partially)	13.4.2011	2011/1008
Section 10(2)	1.7.2005	2005/1705
Section 11	31.3.2005	2005/579
Section 12	30.9.2009	2009/2501
Section 13	30.9.2009	2009/2501
Section 14	1.4.2007	2007/602
Section 15	1.10.2012	2012/1697
Sections 17 to 21	8.1.2007	2006/3423
Sections 22 to 26	31.3.2005	2005/579
Section 27	18.7.2005	2005/1821
Sections 28 to 29	31.3.2005	2005/579
Section 30	8.1.2007	2006/3423
Section 31	31.3.2005	2005/579
Sections 32 to 34	18.10.2005	2005/2848
Sections 35 to 45	1.7.2005	2005/1705
Section 46	14.12.2008	2008/3065
Section 47	18.10.2005	2005/2848
Sections 48 to 53	1.2.2010	2010/129
Section 54 (partially)	18.10.2005	2005/2848
(remainder)	1.2.2010	2010/129
Section 55	4.10.2006	2006/2662

Section 56	8.1.2007	2006/3423
Section 58 (partially)	21.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	31.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	1.7.2005	2005/1705
(partially)	8.1.2007	2006/3423
(partially)	1.4.2007	2007/602
(partially)	1.7.2007	2007/1845
(partially)	30.9.2009	2009/2501
(partially)	30.9.2009	2009/2616
Section 59 (partially)	21.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	31.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	1.7.2005	2005/1705
(partially)	1.4.2007	2007/602
(partially)	1.7.2007	2007/1845
(partially)	30.9.2009	2009/2616
Schedule 1	8.1.2007	2006/3423
Schedule 2	31.3.2005	2005/579
Schedule 3	31.3. 2005	2005/579
Schedule 4	18.7.2005	2005/1821
Schedule 5	31.3.2005	2005/579
Schedule 6	31.3.2005	2005/579
Schedule 7	18.10.2005	2005/2848
Schedule 9	1.2.2010	2010/129
Schedule 10 (partially)	21.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	31.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	1.7.2005	2005/1705
(partially)	5.12.2005	2005/3196
(partially)	8.1.2007	2006/3423
(partially)	1.4.2007	2007/602
(partially)	1.7.2007	2007/1845
(partially)	30.9.2009	2009/2501
(partially)	30.9.2009	2009/2616
Schedule 11 (partially)	21.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	31.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	1.7.2005	2005/1705
(partially)	5.12.2005	2005/3196
(partially)	1.7.2007	2007/1845
(partially)	30.9.2009	2009/2501
(partially)	30.9.2009	2009/2616
Schedule 12 (partially)	21.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	31.3.2005	2005/579
(partially)	1.7.2005	2005/1705

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