
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 797

**The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement
No. 1 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2021**

Provisions coming into force on 5th July 2021

2.—(1) Sections 1 (definition of “domestic abuse”) and 2 (definition of “personally connected”) of the Act come into force on 5th July 2021 only for the purposes of—

- (a) sections 75 (strategy for prosecution and management of offenders), 76 (polygraph conditions for offenders released on licence) and 83 (report on the use of contact centres in England) of the Act; and
- (b) sections 177 (whether it is reasonable to continue to occupy accommodation), 179 (duty of local housing authority in England to provide advisory services), 189 (priority need for accommodation) and 198 (referral of case to another local housing authority) of the Housing Act 1996⁽¹⁾ and article 6 of the Homelessness (Priority Need for Accommodation) (England) Order 2002⁽²⁾.

(2) Section 78 (homelessness: victims of domestic abuse) of the Act comes into force on 5th July 2021.

(1) [1996 c. 52](#); section 177 was amended by section 10(1) of the Homelessness Act 2002 ([c. 7](#)); section 179 was substituted by section 2 of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 ([c. 13](#)); in section 179(5) words were substituted by paragraph 141 of Schedule 24 to the Sentencing Act 2020 ([c. 17](#)); section 198(A1) was added by section 5(8) of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 ([c. 13](#)).

(2) [S.I. 2002/2051](#).