
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 421

DOMESTIC ABUSE

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Amendment) Regulations 2024

Made - - - - 25th March 2024
Laid before Parliament 26th March 2024
Coming into force - - 16th April 2024

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 15(4) (a) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021(1).

In accordance with section 15(5) of that Act, the Secretary of State has consulted the Commissioner(2).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 and come into force on 16th April 2024.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendment to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021

2. In section 15 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (duty to co-operate with Commissioner)(3), at the end of subsection (3) insert—

“(r) the Independent Office for Police Conduct.”.

25th March 2024

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(1) 2021 c. 17.

(2) See section 4(1) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 for the definition of “the Commissioner”.

(3) Section 15 has been amended by paragraph 103 of Schedule 5 to the Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (c. 17) to make an addition to the list of specified public authorities in section 15(3).

Regulation 2 adds the Independent Office for Police Conduct ('the IOPC') to the list of specified public authorities who can be requested to cooperate with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner ('the Commissioner') in any way that the Commissioner considers necessary for the purposes of the Commissioner's functions (pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act). As a consequence, the IOPC will be required, so far as reasonably practicable, to comply with such a request. The IOPC is a body corporate established by section 9 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.