STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 1090 (C. 89)

CRIMINAL LAW

The Crime and Policing Act 2026 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2026

Made - - - - 15th October 2026

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 255(1) of the Crime and Policing Act 2026(**a**).

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Crime and Policing Act 2026 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2026.

(2) In these Regulations, "the Act" means the Crime and Policing Act 2026.

Provisions coming into force on 6th November 2026

2. The following provisions of the Act come into force on 6th November 2026—

(a) section 104(1) to (3) (pornographic images of strangulation or suffocation: England and Wales and Northern Ireland), so far as it extends to England and Wales;

(b) section 104(4) and (5);

(c) section 106 (pornographic images of sex between relatives);

(d) section 107 (pornographic images of sexual activity with child under 16);

(e) section 137 (child abduction).

Provision coming into force on 16th November 2026

3. Section 242 of the Act (provisions for pardons and criminal records of women prosecuted under abortion law) comes into force on 16th November 2026.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Alex Davies-Jones
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

15th October 2026

(**a**) 2026 c. 20.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force specified provisions of the Crime and Policing Act 2026 (c. 20) ("the Act"). These are the fourth commencement regulations made under the Act.

Regulation 2 brings a number of provisions into force on 6th November 2026. These provisions relate to offences concerning the possession and publication of specified kinds of pornography, and child abduction, in England and Wales.

Regulation 3 brings section 242 of the Act into force on 16th November 2026. Section 242 makes provision for pardons and the deletion of relevant details in criminal records of women convicted of, cautioned for, arrested for, or investigated on suspicion of, an offence under the law related to abortion, where they were acting in relation to their own pregnancy.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this statutory instrument as impact assessments were produced in relation to the Act. Copies can be obtained from the Ministry of Justice at 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ, or from https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crime-and-policing-act-2026-impact-assessments.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Crime and Policing Act 2026 (c. 20) have been, or will be, brought into force by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I. No.*
sections 1 and 2	26th October 2026	2026/960
section 3(1) to (4)	26th October 2026	2026/960
section 3(5) and (6)	29th June 2026	2026/689
sections 4 to 6	26th October 2026	2026/960
sections 7 and 8	29th June 2026	2026/689
sections 11 and 12	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 44	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 50 (partially)	21st September 2026	2026/960
section 58(6)	21st September 2026	2026/960
section 61(2) and (4)	21st September 2026	2026/960
section 62(1)	21st September 2026	2026/960
section 63 (partially)	21st September 2026	2026/960
section 97	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 98 (partially)	29th June 2026	2026/689
sections 99 to 101	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 103	29th June 2026	2026/689
sections 113 to 115	29th September 2026	2026/960
section 139	1st September 2026	2026/939
sections 151 to 156	29th October 2026	2026/960
sections 157 to 163	29th June 2026	2026/689
sections 165 and 166	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 169	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 176(7)	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 177	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 181 (remainder)	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 188	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 189(1) (partially)	29th June 2026	2026/689
sections 197 and 198	29th October 2026	2026/960

section 199	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 204 (remainder)	29th September 2026	2026/960
sections 205 to 211	21st September 2026	2026/960
section 212 (partially)	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 212 (remainder)	21st September 2026	2026/960
section 213	21st September 2026	2026/960
section 214	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 219(3)	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 221	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 226(4) (partially)	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 228	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 229 (partially)	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 233	29th June 2026	2026/689
section 246	29th September 2026	2026/960
section 247(3)(b)	29th June 2026	2026/689
Schedule 1	26th October 2026	2026/960
Schedule 2	26th October 2026	2026/960
Schedule 3	26th October 2026	2026/960
Schedule 5	29th June 2026	2026/689
paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 (partially)	21st September 2026	2026/960
paragraph 24 of Schedule 13	29th June 2026	2026/689
Schedule 14	29th June 2026	2026/689
Schedule 16	29th October 2026	2026/960
Schedule 17	29th June 2026	2026/689
paragraphs 1 to 5, 7 to 16, 25, 26(3) (partially) and 27 to 54 of Schedule 21	29th June 2026	2026/689
paragraphs 1(3), 5(1)(b), 6, 7(2) and (3), 9(2), 11(3) and 13(e) of Schedule 25 (partially)	29th June 2026	2026/689
Schedule 25 (remainder)	21st September 2026	2026/960

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