STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2026 No. 342

# DOMESTIC ABUSE, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 6, 8 and 9 and Saving Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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| *Made - - - -* | *24th March 2026* |
| *Coming into force - -* | *25th March 2026* |

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86(1) and 90(6), (7), (8) and (9) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021(**a**).

**Citation, commencement and extent**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 6, 8 and 9 and Saving Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

**Amendment to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024**

**2.** In regulation 1(2)(g) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024(**b**), for "31 March 2026" substitute "24 November 2026".

**Amendment to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025**

**3.** In regulation 1(2)(f) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025(**c**), for "31st March 2026" substitute "24th November 2026".

**Amendments to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 9 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025**

**4.**—(1) The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 9 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025(**d**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1(3)(f), for "31st March 2026" substitute "24th November 2026".

(3) In regulation 3(3)(a), for "31st March 2026" substitute "24th November 2026".

(**a**) 2021 c. 17.
(**b**) S.I. 2024/1191 (C. 76), amended by S.I. 2025/515 and S.I. 2025/1222.
(**c**) S.I. 2025/319 (C. 10), amended by S.I. 2025/515 and S.I. 2025/1222.
(**d**) S.I. 2025/515 (C. 22), amended by S.I. 2025/1222.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Justice

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

24th March 2026

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/1191 (C. 76)) ("the No. 6 Regulations"), the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/319 (C. 10)) ("the No. 8 Regulations") and the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 9 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/515 (C. 22)) ("the No. 9 Regulations").

The No. 6 Regulations, the No. 8 Regulations and the No. 9 Regulations brought Part 3 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (c. 17) ("the Act"), except section 55, into force for specified areas of England and Wales. These provisions were commenced on a piloted basis, for specified periods of time originally ending with 26th November 2025 and extended to 31st March 2026 by regulations 2, 3 and 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 6, 8 and 9 and Saving Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/1222).

Regulations 2, 3 and 4 of these Regulations amend the No. 6 Regulations, the No. 8 Regulations and the No. 9 Regulations respectively so that Part 3 of the Act, as commenced by those instruments, continues to be in force in those areas until 24th November 2026.

An impact assessment has not been published for these Regulations as no significant impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen arising from the provisions these Regulations amend. An impact assessment has been published in relation to the Act, which does consider the impact of domestic abuse protection orders and copies can be obtained from the Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London SW1H 9AJ, or from: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1007463/DA_Act_2021_Impact_Assessment.pdf.

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