STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 1009 (C. 82)

DOMESTIC ABUSE, ENGLAND AND WALES

DOMESTIC ABUSE, NORTHERN IRELAND

The Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (Commencement No. 11) Regulations 2026

Made - - - - *8th September 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 81(2) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024(**a**).

Citation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (Commencement No. 11) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

Commencement of section 19

2. Section 19 of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (domestic abuse related death reviews) comes into force on 15th September 2026.

Satvir Kaur
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Home Office

8th September 2026

(**a**) 2024 c. 21.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force a specified provision of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (c. 21) ("the 2024 Act"). These are the eleventh commencement Regulations made under the 2024 Act.

Regulation 2 brings into force section 19 (domestic abuse related death reviews) of the 2024 Act which inserts section 8A (establishment and conduct of reviews) into the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28) ("the 2004 Act"). Section 8A provides for Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews to replace Domestic Homicide Reviews under section 9 of the 2004 Act in England and Wales. Section 8A introduces a new framework for reviewing deaths that appear to have resulted from domestic abuse within the meaning of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (c. 17). It establishes a statutory duty for specified bodies, including police forces, local authorities, NHS bodies, probation services, and integrated care boards, to establish or participate in reviews aimed at identifying lessons to be learned from a death. The person or body that establishes a review must send a copy of any report, setting out their conclusions, to the Secretary of State and the Domestic Abuse Commissioner. The section also enables the Secretary of State to amend the list of bodies required to participate in such reviews.

Section 8A makes consequential provision to ensure that, in relation to Northern Ireland, domestic homicide reviews will continue to take place under section 9 of the 2004 Act.

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

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The following provisions of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 have been brought into force by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.I. No.*
Section 68	17th June 2024	2024/755
Section 75 (partially)	2nd August 2024	2024/846
Section 76 (partially)	2nd August 2024	2024/846
Section 34 (partially)	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 36 (partially)	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 37	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 38	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 39	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 40 (partially)	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 41 (partially)	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 42 (partially)	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 43 (partially)	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 44	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 45	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 47	18th September 2024	2024/966
Section 66 (partially)	1st November 2024	2024/966
Section 67	1st November 2024	2024/966
Section 1	29th January 2025	2025/95
Section 2 (partially)	29th January 2025	2025/95

Section 5	29th January 2025	2025/95
Section 22 (partially)	29th January 2025	2025/95
Section 23 (partially)	29th January 2025	2025/95
Section 24 (partially)	29th January 2025	2025/95
Section 25 (partially)	29th January 2025	2025/95
Section 26 (partially)	29th January 2025	2025/95
Section 27	29th January 2025	2025/95
Section 66 (remainder)	1st February 2025	2024/966
Section 58 (partially)	3rd February 2025	2025/95
Section 59 (partially)	3rd February 2025	2025/95
Section 65	3rd February 2025	2025/95
Section 74	3rd February 2025	2025/95
Section 60 (partially)	3rd April 2025	2025/441
Schedule 2	3rd April 2025	2025/441
Section 16	9th May 2025	2025/441
Section 75 (remainder)	27th May 2025	2025/441
Section 76 (remainder)	27th May 2025	2025/441
Section 17 (partially)	1st June 2025	2025/616
Section 17 (remainder)	1st October 2025	2025/616
Section 21	25th June 2025	2025/731
Section 34 (remainder)	25th June 2025	2025/731
Section 35	25th June 2025	2025/731
Section 36 (remainder)	25th June 2025	2025/731
Section 40 (remainder)	25th June 2025	2025/731
Section 41 (remainder)	25th June 2025	2025/731
Section 42 (remainder)	25th June 2025	2025/731
Section 43 (remainder)	25th June 2025	2025/731
Section 20 (partially)	7th November 2025	2025/1168
Section 23 (remainder)	31st December 2025	2025/1325
Section 24 (remainder)	31st December 2025	2025/1325
Section 25 (remainder)	31st December 2025	2025/1325
Section 26 (remainder)	31st December 2025	2025/1325
Section 61	31st December 2025	2025/1325
Section 62	31st December 2025	2025/1325
Section 63	31st December 2025	2025/1325
Section 64	31st December 2025	2025/1325
Section 28	12th January 2026	2025/1168
Section 29	12th January 2026	2025/1168
Section 30	12th January 2026	2025/1168
Section 31	31st March 2026	2026/317

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