STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2026 No. 1126 (C. 92)

# DOMESTIC ABUSE, ENGLAND AND WALES

# FAMILY LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026

*Made - - - -* *22nd October 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 81(2) and (3)(a) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024(**a**).

**Citation and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (Commencement No. 12 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026.

(2) In these Regulations, "the 2024 Act" means the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024.

**Commencement of section 18**

**2.** Section 18 of the 2024 Act (restricting parental responsibility where one parent kills the other) comes into force on 18th December 2026.

**Transitional provision**

**3.**—(1) The amendments made by section 18 of the 2024 Act apply only in relation to offences committed on or after 18th December 2026.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), where an offence is found to have been committed over a period of 2 or more days, or at some time during a period of 2 or more days, it must be taken to have been committed on the last of those days.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

*Jake Richards*
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

22nd October 2026

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

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations bring into force section 18 of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (c. 21) ("the 2024 Act"). These are the twelfth commencement Regulations made under the 2024 Act.

Regulation 2 brings into force section 18 of the 2024 Act which inserts sections 10A and 10B into the Children Act 1989 (c. 41).

Regulation 3 provides that the amendments made by section 18 of the 2024 Act apply only in relation to offences committed on or after 18 December 2026. Where an offence is committed over a period of more than a day, or a date range for the offence being committed is provided, it is treated as having been committed on the last day for the purpose of the regulation.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this statutory instrument as no impact, or significant impact, on the private, voluntary or public sectors 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 |

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| 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 |
| Section 19 | 15th September 2026 | 2026/1009 |

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