STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 616

CONTRACTS, ENGLAND AND WALES

CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2025

Made - - - - *19th May 2025*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 81(2) and (5) 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. 6) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Commencement of section 17

2. Section 17 (disclosures by victims that cannot be precluded by agreement) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 comes into force on—

(a) 1st June 2025 for the purpose of making regulations, and

(b) 1st October 2025 for all other purposes.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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

19th May 2025

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force section 17 of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (c. 21) ("the 2024 Act") on 1st June 2025 for the purpose of making regulations and on 1st October 2025 for all other purposes. These are the sixth commencement Regulations made under the 2024 Act.

Section 17 of the 2024 Act provides that a provision in an agreement is void in so far as it purports to preclude the making of a disclosure of information by a victim of crime, or a person who reasonably believes they are a victim of crime, to certain specified bodies (including those with law enforcement functions, qualified lawyers and individuals who provide a service to support victims) for certain specified purposes related to the criminal conduct.

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.

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

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