

**2023 No. XXX**

**CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**VICTIMS OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT**

**The Victims' Code Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - - \*\*\*

*Laid before Parliament* \*\*\*

*Coming into force* \*\*\*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(4) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2023(a), makes the following Regulations.

**Citation and commencement**

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Victims' Code Regulations 2023.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on [DATE].
- (3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

**Framework of the victims' code**

2. The victims' code must make provision for services to be provided to victims under the following headings—

- (a) "To be able to understand and to be understood";
- (b) "To have the details of the crime recorded without unjustified delay";
- (c) "To be provided with information when reporting the crime";
- (d) "To be referred to services that support victims and/or contact them directly and have services and support tailored to your needs";
- (e) "To be provided with information about compensation";
- (f) "To be provided with information about the investigation and prosecution";
- (g) "To make a Victim Personal Statement";
- (h) "To be given information about the trial, trial process and your role as a witness";
- (i) "To be given information about the outcome of the case and any appeals";
- (j) "To be paid expenses and have property returned";
- (k) "To be given information about the offender following a conviction"; and
- (l) "To make a complaint about your Rights not being met".

Name

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Ministry of Justice

Date

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

Section 2 of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2023 (“the Act”) provides that the Secretary of State must issue a code of practice as to services to be provided to victims, by persons appearing to the Secretary of State to have functions relating to (a) victims, or (b) any aspect of the criminal justice system. This code of practice is known as “the victims’ code” (section 2(2) of the Act).

Section 2(4) of the Act provides that the Secretary of State may make further provision about the victims’ code by regulations, including about matters that the code must include. These regulations provide that the victims’ code must include the matters listed in regulation 2 as headings.

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

An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside this instrument on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk)