

2024 No. XX

CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

VICTIMS OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT

The Victim Support (Specified Roles) Regulations 2024

Made - - - -

Laid before Parliament

Coming into force - -

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 15(1), (2) and (3) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024^(a).

Citation, commencement and extent

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Victim Support (Specified Roles) Regulations 2024.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on [DATE].
- (3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, “the Act” means the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024.

Independent domestic violence advisors

- 3.—(1) The role of independent domestic violence advisor is specified for the purposes of section 15 of the Act.
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation—
 - (a) the role of an independent domestic violence advisor is to provide support to individuals who are victims of criminal conduct which constitutes domestic abuse, where the support provided relates to that conduct;
 - (b) “domestic abuse” has the meaning given by Part 1 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021^(b).

Independent sexual violence advisors

- 4.—(1) The role of independent sexual violence advisor is specified for the purposes of section 15 of the Act.

(a) 2024 c. XX
(b) 2021 c. 17

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, the role of an independent sexual violence advisor is to provide support to individuals who are victims of criminal conduct of a sexual nature, where the support provided relates to that conduct.

Independent stalking advocates

5.—(1) The role of independent stalking advocate is specified for the purposes of section 15 of the Act.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation—

- (a) the role of an independent stalking advocate is to provide support to individuals who are victims of criminal conduct which involves acts associated with stalking;
- (b) the reference to acts associated with stalking is to be read in accordance with section 2A of the Protection from Harassment Act 1997^(a).

Name

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

Date

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 15(1) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (“the Act”) provides that the Secretary of State must issue guidance about specified victim support roles, which are roles performed by individuals involving the provision of support to victims of criminal conduct (where the support relates to that conduct) (see section 15(2) of the Act).

These Regulations specify which victim support roles the Secretary of State must issue guidance about pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act.

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 has been published alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

^(a) 1997 c. 40