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**LIST OF OFFENCES AND RELEVANT PROTECTIVE MEASURES THAT CAN BE USED AS EVIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE IN A LEGAL AID CLAIM IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

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**Table 1 - Domestic violence**

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*England and Wales*

<b>Offence / Measure (England &amp; Wales)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (England &amp; Wales)</b>
Procuring a miscarriage	Abortion Act 1967 s5(2)
Aiding, abetting, counselling, or procuring the commission of: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table; or	Accessories and Abettors Act 1861 s8

<b>Offence / Measure (England &amp; Wales)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (England &amp; Wales)</b>
(b) the offence of attempted murder	
Offence of forced marriage: England and Wales	Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, s121
Trafficking people for exploitation	Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004 s4
Abduction of child by parent	Child Abduction Act 1984 s1
Abduction of child by other persons (not parent)	Child Abduction Act 1984 s2
Cruelty to persons under sixteen	Children and Young Persons Act 1933 s1
Kidnapping	Common law
False imprisonment	Common law
Perverting the course of public justice	Common law
Incitement (pre 1 October 2008) in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table; and (b) the offence of murder	Common law
Improper use of public electronic communications network	Communications Act 2003 s127
Racially or religiously aggravated assault	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s29
Racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s30
Racially or religiously aggravated public order offences	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s31
Racially or religiously aggravated harassment etc	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s32
Domestic violence protection notice	Crime and Security Act 2010 ss 24-26
Domestic violence protection order	Crime and Security Act 2010 ss 27-29

Offence / Measure (England & Wales)	Statutory provision or common law (England & Wales)
Attempting to commit an offence in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table and (b) the offence of murder	Criminal Attempts Act 1981 s1
Destroying or damaging property	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s1
Threats to destroy or damage property	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s2
Common assault and battery	Criminal Justice Act 1988 s39
Disclosing (or threatening to disclose) private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress	Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 s33
Possession of extreme pornographic images	Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 s63
Intimidation etc. of witnesses, jurors and others	Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 s51
The offence of conspiracy in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table; and (b) the offence of murder	Criminal Law Act 1977 s1
Violence for securing entry	Criminal Law Act 1977 s6
Domestic abuse protection notice	Domestic Abuse Act 2021 ss 22-26
Domestic abuse protection order	Domestic Abuse Act 2021 ss 27-49
Controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship	Domestic Abuse Act 2021 s68
Offences against the person committed outside of the UK: England and Wales	Domestic Abuse Act 2021 s72
Breaching non-molestation order	Family Law Act 1996 s42A
Breach of forced marriage protection order	Family Law Act 1996 s63CA

<b>Offence / Measure (England &amp; Wales)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (England &amp; Wales)</b>
Breach of a Female Genital Mutilation protection order	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s5A and paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003
Child destruction	Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 s1
Offence of sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety	Malicious Communications Act 1988 s1
Slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour, or human trafficking (or committing offence with intention to commit such an offence)	Modern Slavery Act 2015 ss1, 2 and 4
Threats to kill	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s16
Shooting or attempting to shoot, or wounding, with intent to do grievous bodily harm or to resist apprehension	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s18
Inflicting bodily injury with or without weapon	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s20
Attempting to choke, etc. in order to commit or assist in the committing of any indictable offence	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s21
Using chloroform etc. to commit or assist in the committing of any indictable offence	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s22
Maliciously administering poison, etc. so as to endanger life or inflict grievous bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s23
Maliciously administering poison, etc. with intent to injure, aggrieve, or annoy any other person	Offences Against the Person Act 1861 s24
Causing gunpowder to explode, or sending to any person an explosive substance, or throwing corrosive fluid on a person, with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s29

Offence / Measure (England & Wales)	Statutory provision or common law (England & Wales)
Assault occasioning bodily harm - common assault	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s47
Prohibition of harassment – pursuing conduct in breach of s.1(1) Protection from Harassment Act 1997	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s1
Harassment	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s2
Stalking	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s2A
Breach of s.1 (prohibition of harassment) Protection from Harassment Act 1997	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s3
Injunctions to protect persons from harassment within s.1(1A)	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s3A
Putting people in fear of violence	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s4
Stalking involving fear of violence or serious alarm or distress	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s4A
Offences committed outside the United Kingdom (putting people in fear of violence or stalking involving fear of violence etc)	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s4B
Restraining orders on conviction	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s5
Restraining orders on acquittal	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s5A
Affray	Public Order Act 1986 s3
Fear or provocation of violence	Public Order Act 1986 s4
Intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Public Order Act 1986 s4A

<b>Offence / Measure (England &amp; Wales)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (England &amp; Wales)</b>
Harassment, alarm or distress	Public Order Act 1986 s5
Encouraging or assisting an offence (inchoate offences) in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table; or (b) the offence of murder	Serious Crime Act 2007 ss44-46
Strangulation or suffocation	Serious Crime Act 2015, s75A
Strangulation or suffocation committed outside of the United Kingdom	Serious Crime Act 2015, s75B
Controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship	Serious Crime Act 2015, s76
Controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship committed outside of the United Kingdom	Serious Crime Act 2015, s76A
Sexual assault	Sexual Assault Act 2003 s3
Rape	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s1
Procurement of woman by threats	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s2
Administering drugs to obtain or facilitate intercourse	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s4
Indecent assault on a woman	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s14
Indecent assault on a man	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s15
Rape	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s1
Assault by penetration	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s2
Sexual assault	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s3
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s4
Causing or inciting prostitution for gain	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s52
Controlling prostitution for gain	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s53

<b>Offence / Measure (England &amp; Wales)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (England &amp; Wales)</b>
Trafficking into the UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s57
Trafficking within the UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s58
Trafficking out of the UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s59
Administering a substance with intent	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s61
Committing an offence with intent to commit a sexual offence	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s62
Trespass with intent to commit a sexual offence	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s63
Offence of voyeurism	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s67
Breach of stalking protection order etc	Stalking Protection Act 2019 s8
Theft	Theft Act 1968 s7
Blackmail	Theft Act 1968 s21

*Scotland*

<b>Offence (Scotland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)</b>
Procuring a miscarriage	Abortion Act 1967 s5(2)
Any offence where the aggravation at section 1 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 has been proven	Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016
Aggravation of offence where abuse of partner or ex-partner	Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 s1
Disclosing or threatening to disclose an intimate photograph or film	Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 s2
Offence of forced marriage or forced civil partnership	Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, s122

Offence (Scotland)	Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)
Trafficking people for exploitation	Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004 s4
Offence in Scotland of parent, etc. taking or sending child out of United Kingdom	Child Abduction Act 1984 s6
Cruelty to persons under sixteen	Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 s12
Rape	Common law
Theft	Common law
Extortion	Common law
Malicious mischief	Common law
Threats to destroy or damage property	Common law
Threats to kill	Common law
Common assault (and aggravated assault)	Common law
Indecent assault	Common law
Theft of child under the age of puberty (plagium)	Common law
Breach of the peace	Common law
Attempt to pervert the course of justice	Common law
Clandestine injury to women	Common law
Abduction	Common law
Perverting the course of public justice	Common law
The offence of conspiracy in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table and (b) the offence of murder	Common law



Offence (Scotland)	Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)
Improper use of public electronic communications network	Communications Act 2003 s127
Offences racially aggravated in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table and (b) the offence of murder	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s96
Traffic in prostitution etc	Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 s22
Offences aggravated by religious prejudice in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table and (b) the offence of murder	Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 s74
Threatening or abusive behaviour	Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 s38
Offence of Stalking	Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 s39
Offence of stalking committed outside the United Kingdom	Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 s39A
Trading in prostitution and brothel-keeping	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s11
Racially aggravated harassment	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s50A
Vandalism	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s52
Procuring	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s7
Abduction and unlawful detention	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s8
Statutory offences: art or part and aiding and abetting in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table and	Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 s293

<b>Offence (Scotland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)</b>
(b) the offence of attempted murder	
Attempt at crime in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table and (b) the offence of murder	Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 s294
Breach of domestic abuse protection notice	Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 s7
Breach of domestic abuse protection order or interim domestic abuse protection order	Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 s17
Breach of domestic abuse interdict with power of arrest	Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2011 s2
Abusive behaviour towards partner or ex-partner	Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 s1
Breach of forced marriage protection order	Forced Marriage etc.(Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 Part 1 s9
Human trafficking	Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 s1
Breach of non-harassment order	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s9
Offence of female genital mutilation: extra-territorial acts	Serious Crime Act 2015, s70
Rape	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s1
Administering a substance for sexual purposes	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s11
Assault by penetration	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s2
Sexual assault	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s3
Sexual coercion	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s4
Offences committed outside of the United Kingdom: adult victims	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s54D

<b>Offence (Scotland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)</b>

*Northern Ireland*

<b>Offence (Northern Ireland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)</b>
Aiding, abetting, counselling, or procuring the commission of: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table; or (b) the offence of attempted murder	Accessories and Abettors Act 1861 s8
Trafficking people for exploitation	Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004 s4
Indecent assault with intent to commit rape (pre-2009)	Attempted Rape, etc, Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 s2
Abduction of child by parent	Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 article 3
Abduction of child by other persons	Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 article 4
Cruelty to persons under sixteen	Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 s20
Abducting a girl under 18 with intent to marry	Common Law
Affray	Common Law
Burglary with intent to commit rape	Common Law
False imprisonment	Common Law
Kidnapping	Common Law
Rape	Common Law
Improper use of public electronic communications network	Communications Act 2003 s127
Attempting to commit an offence in relation to:	Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 article 3

Offence (Northern Ireland)	Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)
a) an indictable offence listed in this table; or (b) the offence of murder	
Destroying or damaging property	Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 article 3
Threats to destroy or damage property	Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 article 4
Intimidation etc. of witnesses, jurors and others	Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 article 47
Rape	Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 article 18
Indecent assault on a man	Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 article 21
Child destruction	Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1945 s25
Possession of extreme pornographic images	Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 s63
Procurement of woman by threats (pre-2008)	Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 s3
Administering drugs to obtain or facilitate intercourse	Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 s3
Offences against the person committed outside of the UK: Northern Ireland	Domestic Abuse Act 2021, s73
Offence of domestic abuse	Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 s1
Contravention of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a non-molestation order;</li> <li>- (where a non-molestation order is in force) an occupation order or an order under Article 18;</li> <li>- an exclusion requirement including by virtue of Article 57A of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 in an</li> </ul>	Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 articles 25(a) and (b)

Offence (Northern Ireland)	Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)
interim care order made under Article 57 of that Order; or - an exclusion requirement included by virtue of Article 63A of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 in an emergency protection order made under Article 63 of that Order	
Breach of a Female Genital Mutilation protection order	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s5A and paragraph 21 of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003
Slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour	Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, s1
Human trafficking	Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, s2
Committing offence with intent to commit offence under sections 1 or 2 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015	Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, s4
Offence of forced marriage	Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, s16
Offence of non-fatal strangulation or asphyxiation	Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 s28
Disclosing private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress	Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 s51
Offence of sending letters etc. with intent to cause distress or anxiety	Malicious Communications (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 article 3
Conspiring or soliciting to commit murder	Offences Against the Person Act 1861 s4
Threats to kill	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s16

Offence (Northern Ireland)	Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)
Shooting or attempting to shoot, or wounding, with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s18
Inflicting bodily injury with or without weapon	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s20
Attempting to choke, etc. in order to commit any indictable offence	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s21
Using chloroform etc to commit or assist in the committing of any indictable offence	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s22
Maliciously administering poison, etc. so as to endanger life or inflict grievous bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s23
Maliciously administering poison, etc. with intent to injure, aggrieve, or annoy any other person	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s24
Causing gunpowder to explode, or sending to any person an explosive substance, or throwing corrosive fluid on a person, with intent to do grievous bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s29
Common assault and battery	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s42
Assault occasioning bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s47
Rape	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s48
Indecent assault on a woman (pre-2009)	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s52
Indecent assault on a man	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s62
Harassment	Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 article 4

<b>Offence (Northern Ireland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)</b>
Putting people in fear of violence	Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 article 6
Offence of stalking	Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 s1
Offence of threatening or abusive behaviour	Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 s2
Offence of breaching order	Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 s13
Intimidation by force threats or menaces	Protection of Person and Property Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, s1
Affray	Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 article 3
Encouraging or assisting an offence (inchoate offences) in relation to: (a) an indictable offence listed in this table; or (b) the offence of murder	Serious Crime Act 2007 ss44-46
Rape	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 5
Assault by penetration	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 6
Causing or inciting prostitution for gain	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 62
Controlling prostitution for gain	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 63
Administering a substance with intent to commit a sexual offence	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 65
Committing an offence with intent to commit a sexual offence	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 66
Trespass with intent to commit a sexual offence	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 67

<b>Offence (Northern Ireland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)</b>
Sexual assault	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 7
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 8
Voyeurism	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 71
Voyeurism: Additional offences	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 71A-71B
Sending etc an unwanted sexual image	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 72A
Trafficking into the UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s57
Trafficking within the UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s58
Trafficking out of the UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s59
Theft	Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 s1
Burglary	Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 s9
Blackmail	Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 s20



**Table 2 - Child abuse**

The list of offences that can be used as evidence of child abuse in a legal aid claim are in the tables below; the list includes the offences listed in table 1 when committed against a child.

Evidence of an equivalent offence committed in a country outside of England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland may be accepted. However, this will be decided by the Legal Aid Agency and evidence should be in English.

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*England and Wales*

<b>Offence (England &amp; Wales)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (England &amp; Wales)</b>
Abduction of children in care etc	Children Act 1989 s49
Allowing persons under 16 to be in brothels	Children and Young Person Act 1933 s3
Causing or allowing persons under 16 to be used for begging	Children and Young Person Act 1933 s4
Giving intoxicating liquor to children under 5	Children and Young Person Act 1933 s5
Murder/manslaughter (of a child)	Common law
Possession of prohibited images of children	Coroners and Justice Act 2009 s62
Possession of indecent photos of child	Criminal Justice Act 1988 s160
Inciting girl under 16 to have incestuous sexual intercourse (pre-2004)	Criminal Law Act 1977 s54
Offences against the person committed outside of the UK: England and Wales	Domestic Abuse Act 2021, s72
Causing or allowing child or vulnerable adult to suffer serious physical harm or death	Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 s5
Breach of forced marriage protection order	Family Law Act 1996 s63CA

<b>Offence (England &amp; Wales)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (England &amp; Wales)</b>
Female genital mutilation	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s1
Assisting girl to mutilate own genitalia	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s2
Assisting a non-UK person to mutilate overseas a girl's genitalia	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s3
Failure to protect a girl from risk of female genital mutilation	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s3A
Breach of a Female Genital Mutilation protection order	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s5A and paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003
Indecent conduct towards young child	Indecency with Children Act 1960 s1
Exposing child whereby life is endangered or health permanently injured	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s27
Indecent photos of children	Protection of Children Act 1978 s1
Intercourse with girl under 13	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s5
Intercourse with girl between 13 and 16	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s6
Buggery	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s12
Rape of a child under 13	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s5
Assault of a child under 13 by penetration	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s6
Sexual assault of a child under 13	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s7
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s8
Sexual activity with a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s9
Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s10

<b>Offence (England &amp; Wales)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (England &amp; Wales)</b>
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s11
Causing a child to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s12
Child sex offences committed by children or young persons	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s13
Arranging or facilitating commission of a child sex offence	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s14
Meeting a child following sexual grooming etc	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s15
Sexual communication with a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s15A
Abuse of position of trust: sexual activity with child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s16
Abuse of position of trust: causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s17
Abuse of position of trust: sexual activity in the presence of a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s18
Abuse of position of trust: causing a child to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s19
Sexual activity with a child family member	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s25
Inciting a child family to engage sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s26
Paying for sexual services of a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s47
Causing or inciting child prostitution or pornography	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s48
Controlling a child in relation to sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s49
Arranging or facilitating sexual exploitation of a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s50

*Scotland*

<b>Offence (Scotland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)</b>
Causing or allowing persons under 16 to be used for begging	Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 s15
Giving exciseable liquor to children under 5	Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 s16
Exposing children under 7 to risk of burning	Children and Young Person (Scotland) Act 1937 s22
Indecent photographs etc. of children	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 s52
Possession of indecent photographs of child	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 s52A
Cruel and unusual treatment (but only if offence is in relation to a child)	Common law
Murder/manslaughter (of a child)	Common law
Sodomy (of a child)	Common law
Lewd, indecent or libidinous practice or behaviour (towards a child)	Common law
Incest (but only applicable if offence is in relation to child family members)	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s1
Intercourse with step-child	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s2
Intercourse of person in position of trust with child under 16 (pre 2010)	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s3
Intercourse with girl under 16 (pre-2010)	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s5
Indecent behaviour towards girl between 12 and 16 (pre-2010)	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s6
Allowing child to be in brothel	Criminal Law (Consolidation) Scotland Act 1995 s12

<b>Offence (Scotland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)</b>
Breach of forced marriage protection order	Forced Marriage etc.(Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 Part 1 s9
Female genital mutilation	Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 s1
Assisting girl to mutilate own genitalia	Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 s2
Aiding and abetting female genital mutilation	Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 s3
Offence of female genital mutilation: extra-territorial acts	Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 s4
Meeting a child following certain preliminary contact	Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005 s1
Paying for sexual services of a child	Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005 s9
Causing or inciting child prostitution or pornography	Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005 s10
Controlling a child providing sexual services or involved in pornography	Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005 s11
Arranging or facilitating provision by child of sexual services or child pornography	Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005 s12
Rape of a young child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s18
Sexual assault on a young child by penetration	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s19
Sexual assault on a young child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s20
Causing a young child to participate in sexual activity	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s21

<b>Offence (Scotland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)</b>
Causing a young child to be present during a sexual activity	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s22
Causing a young child to look at a sexual image	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s23
Communicating indecently with a young child etc.	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s24
Sexual exposure to a young child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s25
Voyeurism towards a young child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s26
Having intercourse with an older child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s28
Engaging in penetrative sexual activity with or towards an older child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s29
Engaging in sexual activity with or towards an older child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s30
Causing an older child to participate in sexual activity	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s31
Causing an older child to be present during a sexual activity	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s32
Causing an older child to look at a sexual image	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s33
Communicating indecently with an older child etc	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s34
Sexual exposure to an older child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s35
Voyeurism towards an older child	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s36
Older children engaging in sexual activity with each other	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s37

<b>Offence (Scotland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Scotland)</b>
Sexual abuse of trust	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s42
Offences committed outside of the United Kingdom: child victims	Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 s55

*Northern Ireland*

<b>Offence (Northern Ireland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)</b>
Allowing persons under 16 to be in brothels	Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 s14
Causing or allowing persons under sixteen to be used for begging	Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 s15
Giving intoxicating liquor to children under 5	Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 s16
Abduction of children in care etc	Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 article 68
Allowing persons under 16 to be in brothels	Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 s3
Indecent conduct towards young child	Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 s22
Causing or allowing persons under 16 to be used for begging	Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 s24
Giving intoxicating liquor to children under 5	Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 s25
Murder/manslaughter (of a child)	Common law
Possession of prohibited images of children	Coroners and Justice Act 2009 s62
Possession of indecent photographs of child	Criminal Justice (Evidence Etc) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 article 15
Inciting girl under sixteen to have incestuous sexual intercourse	Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 article 9

Offence (Northern Ireland)	Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)
Buggery	Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 article 19
Intercourse with girl under 13	Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 s4
Defilement of girl between 13 and 16 years of age	Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 s5
Offences against the person committed outside of the UK: Northern Ireland	Domestic Abuse Act 2021, s73
Causing or allowing child or vulnerable adult to die	Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act 2004 s7
A person is guilty of an offence , if without reasonable excuse , that person contravenes: - a non-molestation order; - an exclusion requirement including by virtue of Article 57A of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 in an interim care order made under Article 57 of that Order; or - an exclusion requirement included by virtue of Article 63A of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 in an emergency protection order made under Article 63 of that Order.	Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, Article 25
Female genital mutilation	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s1
Assisting girl to mutilate own genitalia	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s2
Assisting a non-UK person to mutilate overseas a girl's genitalia	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s3
Breach of a Female Genital Mutilation protection order	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s5A and paragraph 21 of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003
Breach of forced marriage protection order	Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 paragraph 7 of Part 2 of Schedule 1



<b>Offence (Northern Ireland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)</b>
Offence of infanticide	Infanticide Act (Northern Ireland) 1939, s1
Exposing children whereby life is endangered or health permanently injured	Offences Against the Person Act 1861 s27
Buggery	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s61
Indecent photographs of children	Protection of Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 article 3
Abuse of position of trust	Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2000 s3
Rape of a child under 13	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 12
Assault of a child under 13 by penetration	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 13
Sexual assault of a child under 13	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 14
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 15
Sexual activity with a child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 16
Causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 17
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 18
Causing a child to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 19
Sexual offences against children committed by children or young persons	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 20
Arranging or facilitating commission of a sex offence against a child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 21

<b>Offence (Northern Ireland)</b>	<b>Statutory provision or common law (Northern Ireland)</b>
Meeting a child following sexual grooming etc	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 22
Sexual communication with a child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 22A
Communicating with a person with a view to grooming a particular child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 22B
Communicating with a group with a view to grooming a particular child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 22C
Abuse of position of trust: sexual activity with child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 23
Abuse of position of trust: causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 24
Abuse of position of trust: sexual activity in the presence of a child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 25
Abuse of position of trust: causing a child to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 26
Sexual activity with a child family member	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 32
Inciting a child of the family to engage sexual activity	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 33
Paying for sexual services of a child	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 37
Causing or inciting child prostitution or pornography	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 38
Controlling a child prostitute or a child involved in pornography	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 39
Arranging or facilitating child pornography	Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 article 40