



# Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 28

### PART 3

#### VICTIMS ETC

### CHAPTER 1

#### THE VICTIMS' CODE

## 32 Code of practice for victims

- (1) The Secretary of State [<sup>F1</sup>for Justice] must issue a code of practice as to the services to be provided to a victim of criminal conduct by persons appearing to him to have functions relating to—
  - (a) victims of criminal conduct, or
  - (b) any aspect of the criminal justice system.
- (2) The code may restrict the application of its provisions to—
  - (a) specified descriptions of victims;
  - (b) victims of specified offences or descriptions of conduct;
  - (c) specified persons or descriptions of persons appearing to the Secretary of State [<sup>F1</sup>for Justice] to have functions of the kind mentioned in subsection (1).
- (3) The code may include provision requiring or permitting the services which are to be provided to a victim to be provided to one or more others—
  - (a) instead of the victim (for example where the victim has died);
  - (b) as well as the victim.
- (4) The code may make different provision for different purposes, including different provision for—

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- (a) different descriptions of victims;
  - (b) persons who have different functions or descriptions of functions;
  - (c) different areas.
- (5) The code may not require anything to be done by—
- (a) a person acting in a judicial capacity;
  - (b) a person acting in the discharge of a function of a member of the Crown Prosecution Service which involves the exercise of a discretion.
- (6) In determining whether a person is a victim of criminal conduct for the purposes of this section, it is immaterial that no person has been charged with or convicted of an offence in respect of the conduct.
- (7) In this section—
- “criminal conduct” means conduct constituting an offence;
  - “specified” means specified in the code.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 32 inserted (22.8.2007) by [The Secretary of State for Justice Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2128\)](#), arts. 1(2), 8, **Sch. para. 10(2)**
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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 32: functions transferred (22.8.2007) by [The Secretary of State for Justice Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2128\)](#), arts. 1(2), **4(2)(a)** (with art. 7)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 9 para. 26A inserted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 3 para. 12](#)