



Domestic Abuse Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 17

PART 6

OFFENCES INVOLVING ABUSIVE OR VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR

Controlling or coercive behaviour

68 Controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship

(1) Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 (offence of controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)(b), after “personally connected” insert “ (see subsection (6)) ”.

(3) Omit subsection (2).

(4) For subsection (6) substitute—

“(6) A and B are “personally connected” if any of the following applies—

- (a) they are, or have been, married to each other;
- (b) they are, or have been, civil partners of each other;
- (c) they have agreed to marry one another (whether or not the agreement has been terminated);
- (d) they have entered into a civil partnership agreement (whether or not the agreement has been terminated);
- (e) they are, or have been, in an intimate personal relationship with each other;
- (f) they each have, or there has been a time when they each have had, a parental relationship in relation to the same child (see subsection (6A));
- (g) they are relatives.

(6A) For the purposes of subsection (6)(f) a person has a parental relationship in relation to a child if—

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- (a) the person is a parent of the child, or
- (b) the person has parental responsibility for the child.”

(5) In subsection (7), for “subsection (6)” substitute “ subsections (6) and (6A) ”.

Commencement Information

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