STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 1201 (C. 84)

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (Commencement No. 15) Order 2016

Made - - - - 7th December 2016

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 64(4) and 68(3) of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999(**1**).

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (Commencement No. 15) Order 2016.

(2) In this Order, "the Act" means the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999.

Provisions coming into force on 2nd January 2017

2.—(1) Section 28 of the Act(**2**) (video recorded cross-examination or re-examination) comes into force on 2nd January 2017 in relation to relevant proceedings.

(2) Proceedings are relevant for the purposes of article 2(1) if—

(a) they take place before the Crown Court sitting at—

(i) Kingston-upon-Thames;

(ii) Leeds, or

(iii) Liverpool, and

(b) the witness is eligible for assistance by virtue of section 16(1)(a) of the Act(**3**) (witnesses eligible for assistance on grounds of age) where the witness is aged 16 or 17 at the time of the hearing.

(**1**) 1999 c. 23; section 64(4) has been amended by section 165(4) and Part 1 of Schedule 12 to the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6).
(**2**) Section 28 has been amended by section 109(1) and paragraph 384(c) of Schedule 8 to the Courts Act 2003 (c. 39).
(**3**) Section 16 has been amended by section 98(1) and (2) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25).

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