STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1817

CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (Victims' Code of Practice) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*22nd October 2015*
Laid before Parliament	*23rd October 2015*
Coming into force - -	*16th November 2015*

The Secretary of State for Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 33(7) and (8) of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 ("the Act")(**1**), makes the following Order.

In accordance with sections 32 and 33 of the Act, the Secretary of State brought into operation on 10th December 2013 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 victims of criminal conduct or any aspect of the criminal justice system. Under section 33(8) of the Act, the Secretary of State for Justice may from time to time revise a code previously brought into operation.

In accordance with section 33(2) to (4) of the Act, in preparing a draft of the revised code, the Secretary of State for Justice consulted the Attorney General and the Secretary of State for the Home Department and after doing so published it.

In accordance with section 33(5) of the Act, in considering representations made to him about the draft, the Secretary of State for Justice consulted the Attorney General and the Secretary of State for the Home Department and modified it in the light of them.

In accordance with section 33(9) of the Act, it appears to the Secretary of State for Justice that the proposed revisions would not result in a significant reduction in the quality or extent of the services to be provided under the code, or a significant restriction in the description of persons to whom services are to be provided under the code.

In accordance with section 33(6) of the Act, the Secretary of State laid the code of practice before Parliament on 22nd October 2015.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (Victims' Code of Practice) Order 2015 and comes into force on 16th November 2015.

(**1**) Sections 32 and 33 were amended by S.I. 2007/2128.