

**2022 No. 456 (C. 16)**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999  
(Commencement No. 23) Order 2022**

*Made* - - - - *30th March 2022*

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(a).

**Citation, interpretation and extent**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (Commencement No. 23) Order 2022.

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

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales.

**Provision coming into force on 31st March 2022**

**2.**—(1) Section 28 of the Act(b) (video recorded cross-examination or re-examination) comes into force on 31st March 2022 in relation to relevant proceedings.

(2) Proceedings are relevant for the purposes of paragraph (1) if paragraph (3) applies.

(3) This paragraph applies if—

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

(i) Great Grimsby Combined Court;

(ii) Kingston-upon-Hull Combined Court Centre; or

(iii) York; and

(b) the witness is eligible for assistance by virtue of section 17(4) of the Act(c) (complainants in respect of a sexual offence or a modern slavery offence who are witnesses in proceedings relating to that offence, or that offence and any other offences).

**Provision coming into force on 4th April 2022**

**3.**—(1) Section 28 of the Act comes into force on 4th April 2022 in relation to relevant proceedings.

(2) Proceedings are relevant for the purposes of paragraph (1) if paragraph (3) applies.

(3) This paragraph applies if—

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(a) 1999 c. 23; section 64(4) was amended by paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 to the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6).

(b) Amended by paragraph 384(c) of Schedule 8 to the Courts Act 2003 (c. 39).

(c) Amended by section 46(2) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c.30).

- (a) the proceedings take place before the Crown Court sitting at Bradford Combined Court Centre; and
- (b) the witness is eligible for assistance by virtue of section 17(4) of the Act.

**Provision coming into force on 11th April 2022**

4.—(1) Section 28 of the Act comes into force on 11th April 2022 in relation to relevant proceedings.

(2) Proceedings are relevant for the purposes of paragraph (1) if paragraph (3) applies.

(3) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) the proceedings take place before the Crown Court sitting at Teesside Combined Court Centre; and
- (b) the witness is eligible for assistance by virtue of section 17(4) of the Act.

30th March 2022

*James Cartlidge*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Ministry of Justice

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Section 28 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (c. 23) (“the Act”) provides that where a video recorded interview of a witness has been admitted as their evidence in chief under section 27 of the Act, the court may also direct that any cross-examination and re-examination of the witness be video recorded and that recording admitted as evidence.

Article 2 of this Order makes provision for the coming into force of section 28 of the Act on 31st March 2022 for the purposes of proceedings before the Crown Court sitting at York, Kingston-upon-Hull Combined Court Centre, or Great Grimsby Combined Court Centre, where a witness is eligible for assistance by virtue of section 17(4) of the Act (complainants in respect of a sexual offence or modern slavery offence who are witnesses in proceedings relating to that offence, or that offence and any other offences). Articles 3 and 4 make provision for the coming into force of section 28 on 4th April 2022 for the purposes of proceedings before the Crown Court sitting at Bradford Combined Court Centre, and on 11th April 2022 for the purposes of proceedings before the Crown Court sitting at Teesside Combined Court Centre, where the witness is eligible for assistance by virtue of section 17(4) of the Act.

S.I. 2019/947 brought section 28 into force in relation to proceedings before the Crown Court sitting at Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, or Liverpool, where the witness is eligible for special measures under section 17(4) of the Act.

S.I. 2021/1036 brought section 28 into force in relation to proceedings before the Crown Court sitting at Durham, Harrow, Isleworth, or Wood Green, where the witness is eligible for special measures under section 17(4) of the Act.

This Order expands the availability of section 28 directions to proceedings before the Crown Court in five further locations, where the witness is eligible for assistance by virtue of section 17(4) of the Act.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no significant impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

### NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 have been brought into force in England and Wales by commencement order made before the date of this Order:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 1 to 15 (remainder)	26.06.2000	2000/1587
Sections 16 to 27	24.07.2002	2002/1739
Section 28 (partially)	30.12.2013	2013/3236
	02.01.2017	2016/1201
	03.06.2019	2019/947
	24.02.2020	2020/155
	24.08.2020	2020/888
	26.10.2020	2020/1159
	23.11.2020	2020/1331
	04.03.2021	2021/244
	30.09.2021	2021/1036
Section 29	23.02.2004	2004/299
Schedule 1	26.06.2000	2000/1587
Sections 30 to 33	24.07.2002	2002/1739
Sections 34 and 35	04.09.2000	2000/2091
Sections 36 and 37	24.07.2002	2002/1739
Sections 38 and 39	04.09.2000	2000/2091
Section 40 (remainder)	04.09.2000	2000/2091
Sections 41 to 43	04.12.2000	2000/3075
Section 45 (partially)	13.04.2015	2015/818
Section 46	07.10.2004	2004/2428
Section 47	24.07.2002	2002/1739
Section 48 (partially)	07.10.2004	2004/2428
	13.04.2015	2015/818
Section 49 (partially)	07.10.2004	2004/2428
	13.04.2015	2015/818
Sections 50 to 52 (partially)	07.10.2004	2004/2428
	13.04.2015	2015/818
Sections 53 to 57	24.07.2002	2002/1739
Section 58 (remainder)	01.04.2003	2003/707

Sections 59 and 60	14.04.2000	2000/1034
Section 61(2) (remainder)	06.12.2006	2006/2885
Schedule 4 (partially)	14.04.2000	2000/1034
	26.06.2000	2000/1587
	24.07.2002	2002/1739
Section 67(1) (partially)	14.04.2000	2000/1034
	26.06.2000	2000/1587
	24.07.2002	2002/1739
Schedule 5	01.01.2000	1999/3427
Section 67(2)	01.01.2000	1999/3427
Section 67(3) (partially)	01.04.2000	1999/3427
	14.04.2000	2000/1034
	24.07.2002	2002/1739
	07.10.2004	2004/2428
	06.12.2006	2006/2885
Section 67(4) (partially)	04.12.2000	2000/3075
	24.07.2002	2002/1739
	01.04.2003	2003/707
	07.10.2004	2004/2428
Schedule 2 (partially)	07.10.2004	2004/2428
	13.04.2015	2015/818
Schedule 6 (partially)	01.04.2000	1999/3427
	14.04.2000	2000/1034
	04.12.2000	2000/3075
	04.09.2000	2000/2091
	24.07.2002	2002/1739
	07.10.2004	2004/2428
	06.12.2006	2006/2885
Schedule 7 (partially)	26.06.2000	2000/1587
	04.09.2000	2000/2091
	04.12.2000	2000/3075
	24.07.2002	2002/1739
	01.04.2003	2003/707
	07.10.2004	2004/2428
	13.04.2015	2015/818