

# Teenagers (Safety and Wellbeing) Bill

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**B**E IT ENACTED by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## 1 National plan

- (1) Within six months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must prepare and lay before Parliament a national plan for the prevention of crime against teenagers (a “national plan”).
- (2) A national plan laid under subsection (1) must include—
  - (a) targets for reducing the number of teenagers who are harmed through criminal exploitation, 5
  - (b) the objectives the Government intends to pursue in order to meet these targets, and
  - (c) the name of the Department which will be responsible for supervising the implementation of the plan and which will be accountable for it. 10

## 2 Duty of the Secretary of State to promote safety and wellbeing of teenagers

- (1) The Secretary of State must promote the safety and wellbeing of teenagers.
- (2) The Secretary of State must work with other Ministers to—
  - (a) improve the safety and wellbeing of teenagers; and 15
  - (b) prevent crime against teenagers.
- (3) The Secretary of State must work with local authorities and integrated care boards in England to improve wellbeing outcomes for teenagers.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament an annual report of the outcomes of their work under subsection (3), which should include information about the wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged teenagers. 20

**3 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Teenagers (Safety and Wellbeing) Act 2023.

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