

- (e) punishing B.

3 Interpretation

- (1) Section 1(1) applies to behaviour of any kind including, in particular—
 - (a) saying or otherwise communicating something as well as doing something,
 - (b) failing to say or otherwise communicate, or do, something (but only where that failure is intentional).
- (2) In section 1(1) and (2), “psychological harm” includes fear, alarm and distress.
- (3) For the purposes of section 1—
 - (a) a course of behaviour involves behaviour on at least two occasions,
 - (b) a person is A’s partner if they are—
 - (i) spouses or civil partners of each other,
 - (ii) living together as if spouses or civil partners of each other, or
 - (iii) in an intimate personal relationship with each other,and the reference to A’s ex-partner is to be construed accordingly.
- (4) The reference in section 2(1)(a) to violent behaviour includes sexual violence as well as physical violence.

