

Crime and Policing Act 2026 – Manchester Housing Providers Partnership

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Crime and Policing Act 2026

- Relevant ASB-related changes come into effect on 26 October 2026
- Civil injunctions ‘split’ into (1) respect orders (2) housing injunction (3) youth injunctions
- Extends closure order powers to RPs

Respect Orders vs Housing Injunctions

- Respect Order criteria:
 - (1) D has engaged in or threatened to engage in anti-social behaviour
 - (2) It is just and convenient to make the order for the purpose of preventing D from engaging in anti-social behaviour
- ASB for the purposes of a respect order is ‘conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person’
- For social landlords, ASB must relate to its ‘housing management functions’

Respect Orders vs Housing Injunctions

- Housing Injunction criteria:
 - (1) D has engaged in or threatened to engage in housing-related anti-social conduct
 - (2) It is just and convenient to make the order for the purpose of preventing D from engaging in housing-related anti-social conduct
- Housing-related anti-social conduct is conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises; or housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person
- Lower bar than for Respect Orders

Respect orders

- Many similarities with existing civil injunction orders
- Any breach is a criminal offence – arrested and prosecuted in Mags/Crown Court
- Required to carry out a risk assessment (even before applying without notice)
- Notification requirements – must inform any person the applicant considers appropriate
- Court can treat an application for a respect order as an application for a housing injunction

Housing Injunctions

- Risk assessment
- Reasons you may apply for housing injunction rather than a respect order:
 - Behaviour plainly doesn't meet threshold for respect order
 - How quick will pursuing breaches be?
 - Control over breaches?
 - Effect on continuing possession proceedings?

Closure orders

- RPs will now be able to apply in respect of their properties
- Fundamentals – as well as meeting the test will need to ensure procedurally spot on re both process and documents
- For a 72 hour closure notice (as opposed to 48 hours), notice must be signed by an individual who is part of the RP's senior management
- Before issuing notice, must consult with any body or individual think appropriate – likely police and local authority

Challenges

- Co-ordination
- Technical
- Compliance with internal processes and considerations (including proportionality/discrimination)
- Scrutiny?

Impact and next steps for RPs – general

- Ensuring officer familiarity
- Formal amendments to policy – ASB of course but others? Starter reviews?
- Internal piloting re options? – some may work better in one Court area than another
- Documents and templates – proportionality assessments, witness statements, Court documents

Impact and next steps for RPs – Respect Orders and Housing Injunctions

- Risk assessments
- Information to complainants re breaches – expectation management
- Will officers need to be prepared to give evidence in criminal cases?

Impact and next steps for RPs – Closure Orders

- New powers, new responsibilities – who will lead?
- Resourcing
- Relationships with Police and local authority
- Practicalities for consultation/sign off with Police and local authority (and any other relevant local bodies – mental health team?)
- Clear internal processes and plans for mechanics of applications – notices, approvals, evidence, co-ordination, hearings



See the Possibility[★]

Questions?



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