

News story: Information Centre and filing services over the festive period

Availability of our Information Centre and our filing services over the festive season.

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Christmas

Our Information Centre will be closed on Friday 24 December until 9am on Tuesday 29 December 2021. You should not rely on other direct line numbers being answered during this period.

Any forms or documents filed during this period will receive their legally acknowledged filing date, but may not be processed until the next working day. Please continue to file through our website, by post or e-mail forms@ipo.gov.uk.

New Year

Our Information Centre will be closed on Friday 31 December 2021 until 9am on Tuesday 4 January 2022. You should not rely on other direct line numbers being answered during this period.

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1. 21 December 2021

Information centre opening access over the Christmas holidays 2021.

2. 2 December 2019

2019 festive holiday opening hours have been added.

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A man who inflicted years of abuse on his partner will spend longer in prison after Solicitor General, Robert Buckland QC MP, referred his sentence to the Court of Appeal for being too low.

Andrew Parkin, 53, subjected his then partner, and mother of his 3 children to years of controlling and coercive behaviour. Over that period he demanded to know where she was at all times, required her to answer his numerous calls

immediately, and visited family members if he couldn't find her. This behaviour continued even when the relationship had ended and he had moved out to live with his new girlfriend.

This behaviour culminated in him raping his victim on 3 occasions in August 2017.

Parkin was originally sentenced at Sheffield Crown Court in September where he received 7 years imprisonment for 3 counts of rape and one count of controlling and coercive behaviour. The Court of Appeal has quashed the original sentence and increased it to 12 years in prison.

Speaking after the hearing, the Solicitor General said:

Andrew Parkin subjected his victim to years of abuse; he controlled her and eventually raped her in her own home where she should have felt safe. This abuse will have had a devastating impact on the victim and it is only right the Court has seen fit to increase his prison term.

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