



# Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

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## PART 4

### POLICE INVESTIGATORY AND OTHER POWERS

#### CHAPTER 3

##### QUESTIONING OF CERTAIN CHILDREN

###### *Register of child interview rights practitioners*

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must establish and maintain a register of persons who are authorised to provide advice, support and assistance to children in relation to their involvement in investigative interviews.
- (2) A person may be included in the register only if the person is a solicitor who is entitled to provide children's legal assistance under section 28M of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make further provision in connection with—
  - (a) the register (including the establishment and maintenance of the register),
  - (b) child interview rights practitioners (including provision for the payment of expenses, fees and allowances to such practitioners by the Scottish Ministers).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3)(b) may in particular include provision—
  - (a) about how child interview rights practitioners are appointed to cases, and
  - (b) requiring, so far as reasonably practicable, the views of the child involved in the case as to the appointment of a particular child interview rights practitioner to be ascertained and, taking account of the child's age and maturity, had regard to.

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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(5) In this section—

“investigative interview” means an investigative interview authorised by virtue of section 40(2) or by a child interview order,

“solicitor” means a solicitor enrolled in the roll of solicitors kept under section 7 of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980.