



Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

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PART 3

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

26 Decisions inconsistent with section 25

- (1) A children's hearing or a court may make a decision that is inconsistent with the requirement imposed by section 25(2) if—
- (a) the children's hearing^[F1], pre-hearing panel] or court considers that, for the purpose of protecting members of the public from serious harm (whether physical or not), it is necessary that the decision be made, and
 - (b) in coming to the decision, the children's hearing^[F1], pre-hearing panel] or court complies with subsection (2).
- (2) The children's hearing^[F2], pre-hearing panel] or court is to regard the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout the child's childhood as a primary consideration rather than the paramount consideration.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 26(1)(a)(b) inserted (24.6.2013) by [The Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Modification of Primary Legislation\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/211\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20(3)**
- F2** Words in s. 26(2) inserted (24.6.2013) by [The Children's Hearings \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(Modification of Primary Legislation\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/211\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 20(3)**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 26 in force at 24.6.2013 by [S.S.I. 2013/195](#), **arts. 2, 3**

Changes to legislation:

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011, Section 26 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 17A inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 6\(2\)](#)
- s. 25(3) inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 30\(7\)](#)
- s. 27(3)-(4A) substituted for s. 27(3)(4) by [2020 asp 16 s. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 62(5)(q)-(u) inserted by [2020 asp 9 s. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 163(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 163(2) by [2020 asp 16 s. 27\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 164(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 164(2) by [2020 asp 16 s. 27\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 165(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 165(2) by [2020 asp 16 s. 27\(5\)\(b\)](#)