



Children and Young Persons Act 1969

1969 CHAPTER 54

PART I

CARE AND OTHER TREATMENT OF JUVENILES THROUGH COURT PROCEEDINGS

Committal to care of local authorities

F120

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 20–22 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(6)(7), **Sch.15**, (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**

F220A

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 20A (inserted) by Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 22 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(6)(7), **Sch.15**, (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**

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Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 20–22 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(6)(7), **Sch.15**, (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**

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F4 21A

Textual Amendments
F4 S. 21A repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(6)(7), **Sch.15**, (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**

F5 22

Textual Amendments
F5 Ss. 20–22 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(6)(7), Sch. 14 para. 27(4), **Sch.15**, (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**

[F6] 23 Remands and committals to local authority accommodation.

- (1) Where—
 - (a) a court remands a child or young person charged with or convicted of one or more offences or commits him for trial or sentence; and
 - (b) he is not released on bail,
 the remand or committal shall be to local authority accommodation; and in the following provisions of this section, any reference (however expressed) to a remand shall be construed as including a reference to a committal.
- (2) A court remanding a person to local authority accommodation shall designate the local authority who are to receive him; and that authority shall be—
 - (a) in the case of a person who is being looked after by a local authority, that authority; and
 - (b) in any other case, the local authority in whose area it appears to the court that he resides or the offence or one of the offences was committed.
- (3) Where a person is remanded to local authority accommodation, it shall be lawful for any person acting on behalf of the designated authority to detain him.
- (4) Subject to subsection (5) below, a court remanding a person to local authority accommodation may, after consultation with the designated authority, require that authority to comply with a security requirement, that is to say, a requirement that the person in question be placed and kept in secure accommodation.
- (5) A court shall not impose a security requirement except in respect of a young person who has attained the age of fifteen, and then only if—
 - (a) he is charged with or has been convicted of a violent or sexual offence, or an offence punishable in the case of an adult with imprisonment for a term of fourteen years or more; or
 - (b) he has a recent history of absconding while remanded to local authority accommodation, and is charged with or has been convicted of an imprisonable offence alleged or found to have been committed while he was so remanded,
 and (in either case) the court is of opinion that only such a requirement would be adequate to protect the public from serious harm from him.

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- (6) Where a court imposes a security requirement in respect of a person, it shall be its duty—
- (a) to state in open court that it is of such opinion as is mentioned in subsection (5) above; and
 - (b) to explain to him in open court and in ordinary language why it is of that opinion;
- and a magistrates' court shall cause a reason stated by it under paragraph (b) above to be specified in the warrant of commitment and to be entered in the register.
- (7) A court remanding a person to local authority accommodation without imposing a security requirement may, after consultation with the designated authority, require that person to comply with any such conditions as could be imposed under section 3(6) of the Bail Act 1976 if he were then being granted bail.
- (8) Where a court imposes on a person any such conditions as are mentioned in subsection (7) above, it shall be its duty to explain to him in open court and in ordinary language why it is imposing those conditions; and a magistrates' court shall cause a reason stated by it under this subsection to be specified in the warrant of commitment and to be entered in the register.
- (9) A court remanding a person to local authority accommodation without imposing a security requirement may, after consultation with the designated authority, impose on that authority requirements—
- (a) for securing compliance with any conditions imposed on that person under subsection (7) above; or
 - (b) stipulating that he shall not be placed with a named person.
- (10) Where a person is remanded to local authority accommodation, a relevant court—
- (a) may, on the application of the designated authority, impose on that person any such conditions as could be imposed under subsection (7) above if the court were then remanding him to such accommodation; and
 - (b) where it does so, may impose on that authority any requirements for securing compliance with the conditions so imposed.
- (11) Where a person is remanded to local authority accommodation, a relevant court may, on the application of the designated authority or that person, vary or revoke any conditions or requirements imposed under subsection (7), (9) or (10) above.
- (12) In this section—
- “court” and “magistrates” court” include a justice;
 - “imprisonable offence” means an offence punishable in the case of an adult with imprisonment;
 - “relevant court”, in relation to a person remanded to local authority accommodation, means the court by which he was so remanded, or any magistrates' court having jurisdiction in the place where he is for the time being;
 - “secure accommodation” means accommodation which is provided in a community home [F7, a voluntary home or a registered children's home] for the purpose of restricting liberty, and is approved for that purpose by the Secretary of State;
 - “sexual offence” and “violent offence” have the same meanings as in Part I of the Criminal Justice Act 1991;

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“young person” means a person who has attained the age of fourteen years and is under the age of seventeen years.

[^{F7}but, for the purposes of the definition of “secure accommodation”, “local authority accommodation” includes any accommodation falling within section 61(2) of the ^{M1}Criminal Justice Act 1991.]

(13) In this section—

- (a) any reference to a person who is being looked after by a local authority shall be construed in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989;
- (b) any reference to consultation shall be construed as a reference to such consultation (if any) as is reasonably practicable in all the circumstances of the case; and
- (c) any reference, in relation to a person charged with or convicted of a violent or sexual offence, to protecting the public from serious harm from him shall be construed as a reference to protecting members of the public from death or serious personal injury, whether physical or psychological, occasioned by further such offences committed by him.

(14) This section has effect subject to—

- (a) section 37 of the Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980 (committal to the Crown Court with a view to a sentence of detention in a young offender institution); and
- (b) section 128(7) of that Act (remands to the custody of a constable for periods of not more than three days),

but section 128(7) shall have effect in relation to a child or young person as if for the reference to three clear days there were substituted a reference to twenty-four hours.

Textual Amendments

- F6** S. 23 substituted (1.10.1992 but until the day appointed by order under s. 62(1) of the amending Act subject to modifications made by that s. 62) by [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c. 53\)](#), ss. 60(1), 101(1), [Sch. 12](#), para. 15; S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(5), [Sch. 3](#)
- F7** Words in the definition of “secure accommodation” in s. 23(12) inserted (30.5.1995) by 1994 c. 33, s. 19(1); S.I. 1995/1378, [art.2](#)
 Words at the end of s. 23(12) inserted (30.5.1995) by 1994 c. 33, s. 19(1); S.I. 1995/1378, [art.2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 23 excluded (*prosp.* so as to come into force on the day appointed by order under s. 62(1) of the amending Act) by [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c. 53\)](#), s. 101(1), [Sch. 12 para. 15\(3\)](#); S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(5), [Sch. 3](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1991 c. 53.

[^{F11}23 Remands and committals to local authority accommodation. **E+W**

(1) Where—

- (a) a court remands a child or young person charged with or convicted of one or more offences or commits him for trial or sentence; and
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[^{F12}then, unless he is declared by the court, after consultation with a probation officer or a social worker of a local authority social services department, to be a person to whom subsection (5) below applies] the remand or committal shall be to local authority accommodation; and in the following provisions of this section, any reference (however expressed) to a remand shall be construed as including a reference to a committal.

- (2) A court remanding a person to local authority accommodation shall designate the local authority who are to receive him; and that authority shall be—
 - (a) in the case of a person who is being looked after by a local authority, that authority; and
 - (b) in any other case, the local authority in whose area it appears to the court that he resides or the offence or one of the offences was committed.
- (3) Where a person is remanded to local authority accommodation, it shall be lawful for any person acting on behalf of the designated authority to detain him.
- ^{F12}(4) Where a court declares a person to be one to whom subsection (5) below applies, it shall remand him—
 - (a) to a remand centre, if it has been notified that such a centre is available for the reception from the court of such persons; and
 - (b) to a prison, if it has not been so notified.
- (4A) A court shall not declare a person who is not legally represented in the court to be a person to whom subsection (5) below applies unless—
 - (a) he applied for legal aid and the application was refused on the ground that it did not appear his means were such that he required assistance; or
 - (b) having been informed of his right to apply for legal aid and had the opportunity to do so, he refused or failed to apply.
- (5) This subsection applies to a young person who is male and has attained the age of fifteen, but only if—
 - (a) he is charged with or has been convicted of a violent or sexual offence, or an offence punishable in the case of an adult with imprisonment for a term of fourteen years or more; or
 - (b) he has a recent history of absconding while remanded to local authority accommodation, and is charged with or has been convicted of an imprisonable offence alleged or found to have been committed while he was so remanded, and (in either case) the court is of opinion that only remanding him to a remand centre or prison would be adequate to protect the public from serious harm from him.]
- (6) Where a court [^{F12}declares a person to be one to whom subsection (5) above applies], it shall be its duty—
 - (a) to state in open court that it is of such opinion as is mentioned in [^{F12}that subsection]; and
 - (b) to explain to him in open court and in ordinary language why it is of that opinion;and a magistrates' court shall cause a reason stated by it under paragraph (b) above to be specified in the warrant of commitment and to be entered in the register.
- (7) A court remanding a person to local authority accommodation ^{F12}. . . may, after consultation with the designated authority, require that person to comply with any such

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conditions as could be imposed under section 3(6) of the Bail Act 1976 if he were then being granted bail.

- (8) Where a court imposes on a person any such conditions as are mentioned in subsection (7) above, it shall be its duty to explain to him in open court and in ordinary language why it is imposing those conditions; and a magistrates' court shall cause a reason stated by it under this subsection to be specified in the warrant of commitment and to be entered in the register.
- (9) A court remanding a person to local authority accommodation ^{F12}. . . may, after consultation with the designated authority, impose on that authority requirements—
- (a) for securing compliance with any conditions imposed on that person under subsection (7) above; or
 - (b) stipulating that he shall not be placed with a named person.
- ^{F12}(9A) Where a person is remanded to local authority accommodation, a relevant court may, on the application of the designated authority, declare him to be a person to whom subsection (5) above applies; and on its doing so, he shall cease to be remanded to local authority accommodation and subsection (4) above shall apply.]
- (10) Where a person is remanded to local authority accommodation, a relevant court—
- (a) may, on the application of the designated authority, impose on that person any such conditions as could be imposed under subsection (7) above if the court were then remanding him to such accommodation; and
 - (b) where it does so, may impose on that authority any requirements for securing compliance with the conditions so imposed.
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- (12) In this section—
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- “young person” means a person who has attained the age of fourteen years and is under the age of seventeen years.
- (13) In this section—
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 - (b) any reference to consultation shall be construed as a reference to such consultation (if any) as is reasonably practicable in all the circumstances of the case; and
 - (c) any reference, in relation to a person charged with or convicted of a violent or sexual offence, to protecting the public from serious harm from him shall be construed as a reference to protecting members of the public from death

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or serious personal injury, whether physical or psychological, occasioned by further such offences committed by him.

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- (b) section 128(7) of that Act (remands to the custody of a constable for periods of not more than three days),

but section 128(7) shall have effect in relation to a child or young person as if for the reference to three clear days there were substituted a reference to twenty-four hours.]

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 23 substituted (1.10.1992 as modified in relation to any time before such day as the Secretary of State may by Statutory Instrument appoint) by [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c. 53\)](#), ss. 60(1), 62, 101(1), [Sch. 12](#), para. 15; [S.I. 1992/333](#), art. 2(2), [Sch.2](#).

F12 Text of s. 23 by virtue of modifications made by [1991 c. 53](#), [s.62](#).

[^{F8}23A Liability to arrest for breaking conditions of remand.

- (1) A person who has been remanded or committed to local authority accommodation and in respect of whom conditions under subsection (7) or (10) of section 23 of this Act have been imposed may be arrested without warrant by a constable if the constable has reasonable grounds for suspecting that that person has broken any of those conditions.
- (2) A person arrested under subsection (1) above—
 - (a) shall, except where he was arrested within 24 hours of the time appointed for him to appear before the court in pursuance of the remand or committal, be brought as soon as practicable and in any event within 24 hours after his arrest before a justice of the peace for the petty sessions area in which he was arrested; and
 - (b) in the said excepted case shall be brought before the court before which he was to have appeared.

In reckoning for the purposes of this subsection any period of 24 hours, no account shall be taken of Christmas Day, Good Friday or any Sunday.

- (3) A justice of the peace before whom a person is brought under subsection (2) above—
 - (a) if of the opinion that that person has broken any condition imposed on him under subsection (7) or (10) of section 23 of this Act shall remand him; and that section shall apply as if he was then charged with or convicted of the offence for which he had been remanded or committed;
 - (b) if not of that opinion shall remand him to the place to which he had been remanded or committed at the time of his arrest subject to the same conditions as those which had been imposed on him at that time.]

Textual Amendments

F8 S. 23A inserted (3.2.1995) by [1994 c. 33](#), [s.23](#); [S.I. 1995/127](#), art. 2(1), [Sch.1](#) (with transitional savings in art. 2(2), [Sch.2](#) para. 1)

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[^{F9}23AA Electronic monitoring of conditions of remand

- (1) A court shall not impose a condition on a person under section 23(7)(b) above (an “electronic monitoring condition”) unless each of the following requirements is fulfilled.
- (2) The first requirement is that the person has attained the age of twelve years.
- (3) The second requirement is that—
 - (a) the person is charged with or has been convicted of a violent or sexual offence, or an offence punishable in the case of an adult with imprisonment for a term of fourteen years or more; or
 - (b) he is charged with or has been convicted of one or more imprisonable offences which, together with any other imprisonable offences of which he has been convicted in any proceedings—
 - (i) amount, or
 - (ii) would, if he were convicted of the offences with which he is charged, amount,
 to a recent history of repeatedly committing imprisonable offences while remanded on bail or to local authority accommodation.
- (4) The third requirement is that the court—
 - (a) has been notified by the Secretary of State that electronic monitoring arrangements are available in each petty sessions area which is a relevant area; and
 - (b) is satisfied that the necessary provision can be made under those arrangements.
- (5) The fourth requirement is that a youth offending team has informed the court that in its opinion the imposition of such a condition will be suitable in the person’s case.
- (6) Where a court imposes an electronic monitoring condition, the condition shall include provision for making a person responsible for the monitoring; and a person who is made so responsible shall be of a description specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (7) The Secretary of State may make rules for regulating—
 - (a) the electronic monitoring of compliance with conditions imposed under section 23(7)(a) above; and
 - (b) without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (a) above, the functions of persons made responsible for securing the electronic monitoring of compliance with such conditions.
- (8) Subsections (8) to (10) of section 3AA of the Bail Act 1976 (c. 63) (provision about rules and orders under that section) shall apply in relation to this section as they apply in relation to that section.
- (9) For the purposes of this section a petty sessions area is a relevant area in relation to a proposed electronic monitoring condition if the court considers that it will

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not be practicable to secure the electronic monitoring in question unless electronic monitoring arrangements are available in that area.]

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Textual Amendments

F9 S. 23AA inserted (1.3.2002) by Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16), s. 132(b); S.I. 2002/344, art. 2 (with transitional provisions in art. 4)

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Textual Amendments

F10 Ss. 24, 27 repealed by Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5), SIF 20), s. 89, Sch. 6

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