



# Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003

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## PART 7

### CHILDREN

#### 53 Provision by Principal Reporter of information to victims

- (1) Where the Principal Reporter has received information about a case in which it appears that an offence has been committed by a child, the Principal Reporter may provide any information about the case as is mentioned in subsection (2) to any person mentioned in subsection (3) if (and only if)—
  - (a) the information is requested by the person; and
  - (b) the Principal Reporter is satisfied that—
    - (i) the provision of the information would not be detrimental to the best interests of the child concerned in, or any other child connected (in any way) with, the case; and
    - (ii) it is appropriate in the circumstances of the case to provide the information.
- (2) The information is information as to—
  - (a) what action the Principal Reporter has taken in the case; and
  - (b) any disposal of the case,in so far as the information relates to the offence.
- (3) The persons are—
  - (a) any person against whom the offence appears to have been committed or, where that person is a child, any relevant person; and
  - (b) any other person or class of persons, subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed.
- (4) In this section—

“child” means a person who has not attained the age of eighteen years;

“the Principal Reporter” has the same meaning as it has in Part II of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36);

“relevant person” in relation to a child means—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (a) any parent enjoying parental responsibilities or parental rights under Part I of that Act;
- (b) any person in whom parental responsibilities or rights are vested by, under or by virtue of that Act; and
- (c) any person who appears to be a person who ordinarily (and other than by reason only of that person's employment) has charge of, or control over, the child.