



# Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

2019 asp 7

## PART 4 **S**

### POLICE INVESTIGATORY AND OTHER POWERS

#### CHAPTER 3 **S**

##### QUESTIONING OF CERTAIN CHILDREN

###### *Child interview order*

#### 42 Application for child interview order **S**

- (1) A constable may apply to the sheriff for a child interview order.
- (2) An application for a child interview order must—
  - (a) identify the applicant,
  - (b) identify the child in respect of whom the order is sought,
  - (c) in so far as practicable, identify a parent of the child,
  - (d) state the grounds on which the application is made,
  - (e) set out provisional plans for the investigative interview of the child, and
  - (f) be accompanied by supporting evidence, whether documentary or otherwise, sufficient to enable the sheriff to determine the application.
- (3) Before making an application for a child interview order, the constable must—
  - (a) determine which local authority is the relevant local authority in relation to the planning and conduct of the proposed investigative interview of the child, and
  - (b) consult that authority about the making of the application and the provisional plans mentioned in subsection (2)(e) (unless such consultation is not practicable).

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(4) In this Chapter, “relevant local authority” has the meaning given by section 201 of the 2011 Act.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Pt. 4 applied (with modifications) (17.12.2021) by 2004 c. 20, s. 56B (as inserted by [The Age of Criminal Responsibility \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1458\)](#), arts. 1(1), **19**)
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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 42 in force at 17.12.2021 by [S.S.I. 2021/449](#), **reg. 2**

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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):

- s. 18(1A) inserted by [2020 asp 13 sch. 5 para. 7\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 20A inserted by [2020 asp 13 sch. 5 para. 7\(9\)](#)