

# Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

### PART 4

### POLICE INVESTIGATORY AND OTHER POWERS

## **CHAPTER 3**

# QUESTIONING OF CERTAIN CHILDREN

Child interview order

# 46 Appeal against decision under section 44

- (1) An appeal taken to the Sheriff Appeal Court under section 110 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 against a decision of the sheriff under section 44 may be taken only where the sheriff, on an application made by a constable or by or on behalf of the child to whom the decision relates, gives permission.
- (2) Permission to appeal against such a decision must be applied for—
  - (a) where a child interview order is made, before the end of the period of 3 working days beginning with the day after the day on which the child is provided with a copy of the order under section 45,
  - (b) where the sheriff refuses to make such an order, before the end of the period of 3 working days beginning with the day after the day on which the decision is made
- (3) An appeal against the decision of the sheriff under section 44 must be taken before the end of the period of 3 working days beginning with the day on which permission to appeal is given.
- (4) A decision of the Sheriff Appeal Court on an appeal against the sheriff's decision is final.
- (5) Subsection (6) applies where—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) the Sheriff Appeal Court upholds or varies the order appealed against, and
- (b) the investigative interview authorised by the order has not been completed at the time the appeal is determined.
- (6) The Sheriff Appeal Court may, in substitution for the period mentioned in section 44(7) (or any period specified by virtue of that section), specify—
  - (a) a period (not exceeding 7 days) at the end of which the child interview order is to cease to have effect, and
  - (b) the day on which that period is to begin.