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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 6

#### NOTICES OF TRANSFER: PROCEDURE IN LIEU OF COMMITTAL

##### Extent Information

**E1** Schedule 6 extends to England and Wales only except as mentioned in s. 102(4)-(6)

##### Textual Amendments

**F1** Sch. 6 repealed (18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 5.11.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 62(3), [Sch. 37 Pt. 4](#); [S.I. 2012/1320](#), art. 4(1)(c)(d)(2)(3) (with art. 5); [S.I. 2012/2574](#), art. 2(1)(c)(d)(2)(3), Sch. (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (4.11.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2761](#), art. 2) (with [S.I. 2013/1103](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2013/1103](#), art. 2(1)(c)(d)(2)(3) (with arts. 3, 4)

##### Commencement Information

**II** Sch. 6 wholly in force at 1.10.1992, see s. 102(2)(3) and [S.I. 1992/333](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#)

#### *Avoidance of delay*

- 7 (1) Where a notice of transfer has been given in relation to any case—
- (a) the Crown Court before which the case is to be tried; and
  - (b) any magistrates' court which exercises any functions under paragraph 2 or 3 above or section 20(4) of the <sup>M1</sup>Legal Aid Act 1988 in relation to the case, shall, in exercising any of its powers in relation to the case, have regard to the desirability of avoiding prejudice to the welfare of any relevant child witness that may be occasioned by unnecessary delay in bringing the case to trial.
- (2) In this paragraph “child” has the same meaning as in section 53 of this Act and “relevant child witness” means a child who will be called as a witness at the trial and who is alleged—
- (a) to be a person against whom an offence to which the notice of transfer relates was committed; or
  - (b) to have witnessed the commission of such an offence.]

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##### Marginal Citations

**M1** [1988 c. 34](#).

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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. 24(2)(ba) inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(7\)](#)
- s. 46(3)(aa) substituted for word by [2008 c. 4 s. 33\(7\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 33(2)(4)(7)(8) omitted (3.12.2012) by virtue of 2012 c. 10, s. 118(4)(a); S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2(d))
- s. 46ZA inserted by [2008 c. 4 s. 33\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 33(2)(4)(7)(8) omitted (3.12.2012) by virtue of 2012 c. 10, s. 118(4)(a); S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2(d))