
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 439

The Commissioner for Children and Young
People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

Formal investigations

Obstruction and contempt in relation to formal investigation

22.—(1) If any person without lawful excuse—

- (a) obstructs the Commissioner or any officer of the Commissioner in the conduct of a formal investigation; or
- (b) is guilty of any act in relation to such an investigation which, if that investigation were a proceeding in the High Court, would constitute contempt of court,

the Commissioner may certify the offence to the High Court.

(2) Where an offence is certified under this Article, the High Court may inquire into the matter and, after hearing—

- (a) any witnesses who may be produced against or on behalf of the person charged with the offence; and
- (b) any statement that may be offered in defence,

may deal with the person charged with the offence in any manner in which the court could deal with him if he had committed the same offence in relation to the court.

(3) This Article does not apply to the taking in good faith of any action mentioned in Article 16(12).