



Coroners Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 13

Inquests: special cases

17 Provisions supplementary to section 16.

(1) Where a person is charged before a magistrates' court with—

- (a) murder, manslaughter or infanticide;
- (b) an offence under [^{F1}section 1 or 3A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (dangerous driving or careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs)]; ^{F2} . . .
- ^{F3}(c) an offence under section 2(1) of the ^{M1}Suicide Act 1961 consisting of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the suicide of another,

[^{F4}; or

- (d) an offence under section 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (causing or allowing the death of a child or vulnerable adult),]

the [^{F5}designated officer for] the court shall inform the coroner who is responsible for holding an inquest into the death of the making of the charge and of the result of the proceedings before that court.

(2) Where a person charged with—

- (a) murder, manslaughter or infanticide;
- (b) an offence under [^{F6}section 1 or 3A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (dangerous driving or careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs)]; ^{F2} . . .
- ^{F7}(c) an offence under section 2(1) of the ^{M2}Suicide Act 1961 consisting of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the suicide of another,

[^{F4}; or

- (d) an offence under section 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (causing or allowing the death of a child or vulnerable adult),]

is committed for trial to the Crown Court, the appropriate officer of the Crown Court at the place where the person charged is tried shall inform the coroner of the result of the proceedings before that court.

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- (3) Where the Director of Public Prosecutions has under section 16(1)(b) above requested a coroner to adjourn an inquest, then, whether or not the inquest is adjourned as a result, the Director shall—
- (a) inform the coroner of the result of the proceedings before the magistrates' court in the case of the person charged as mentioned in that paragraph; and
 - (b) if that person is committed for trial to the Crown Court, inform the coroner of the result of the proceedings before that court.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 17(1)(b) substituted (1.7.1992) by [Road Traffic Act 1991 \(c. 40, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 48, [Sch. 4 para. 41](#); [S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, Sch.](#)
- F2** Word preceding s. 17(1)(c) and word preceding s. 17(2)(c) repealed (21.3.2005) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 58(2), 60, [Sch. 11](#); [S.I. 2005/579, art. 2\(e\)\(i\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 17(1)(c) substituted (1.2.2010) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\)](#), ss. 177, 182, [Sch. 22 para. 9\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2010/145, art. 2\(2\)](#), Sch. para. 26(b)
- F4** S. 17(1)(d) and s. 17(2)(d) (and preceding words) inserted (21.3.2005) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), ss. 58(1), 60, [Sch. 10 para. 27](#); [S.I. 2005/579, art. 2\(c\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 17(1) substituted (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), ss. 109(1), 110, [Sch. 8 para. 302](#); [S.I. 2005/910, art. 3\(y\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 17(2)(b) substituted (1.7.1992) by [Road Traffic Act 1991 \(c. 40, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 48, [Sch. 4 para. 41](#); [S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, Sch.](#)
- F7** Words in s. 17(2)(c) substituted (1.2.2010) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\)](#), ss. 177, 182, [Sch. 22 para. 9\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2010/145, art. 2\(2\)](#), Sch. para. 26(b)

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