



Criminal Justice and Courts Services Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 43

PART II

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Indecent conduct towards children

39 Extension of offence: conduct towards 14 and 15 year olds

In section 1(1) of the Indecency with Children Act 1960 (indecent conduct towards young child), for “fourteen” there is substituted “sixteen”.

40 Extension of corresponding Northern Ireland offence: conduct towards 14 to 16 year olds

(1) The Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 is amended as follows.

(2) At the end of section 22 (indecent conduct towards child) there is inserted—

“(2) In this section, “child” means a person under the age of seventeen.”

(3) In section 180(1) (interpretation), in the definition of “child”—

(a) after ““child”” there is inserted “, except when used in section 22,” and

(b) at the end there is inserted “and, when used in section 22, has the meaning assigned to it by that section”.