



# Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 6

### PART VIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

##### *Disclosure of pre-sentence reports etc.*

#### **156 Disclosure of pre-sentence reports**

- (1) This section applies where a court obtains a pre-sentence report.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4) below, the court shall give a copy of the report—
  - (a) to the offender or his counsel or solicitor; and
  - (b) to the prosecutor, that is to say, the person having the conduct of the proceedings in respect of the offence.
- (3) If the offender is aged under 17 and is not represented by counsel or a solicitor, a copy of the report need not be given to him but shall be given to his parent or guardian if present in court.
- (4) If the prosecutor is not of a description prescribed by order made by the Secretary of State, a copy of the report need not be given to the prosecutor if the court considers that it would be inappropriate for him to be given it.
- (5) No information obtained by virtue of subsection (2)(b) above shall be used or disclosed otherwise than for the purpose of—
  - (a) determining whether representations as to matters contained in the report need to be made to the court; or
  - (b) making such representations to the court.