



Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 6

PART III

MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY REFERRAL OF YOUNG OFFENDERS

Referral orders

20 Making of referral orders: attendance of parents etc

- (1) A court making a referral order may make an order requiring—
 - (a) the appropriate person, or
 - (b) in a case where there are two or more appropriate persons, any one or more of them,to attend the meetings of the youth offender panel.
- (2) Where an offender is aged under 16 when a court makes a referral order in his case—
 - (a) the court shall exercise its power under subsection (1) above so as to require at least one appropriate person to attend meetings of the youth offender panel; and
 - (b) if the offender falls within subsection (6) below, the person or persons so required to attend those meetings shall be or include a representative of the local authority mentioned in that subsection.
- (3) The court shall not under this section make an order requiring a person to attend meetings of the youth offender panel—
 - (a) if the court is satisfied that it would be unreasonable to do so; or
 - (b) to an extent which the court is satisfied would be unreasonable.
- (4) Except where the offender falls within subsection (6) below, each person who is a parent or guardian of the offender is an “appropriate person” for the purposes of this section.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) Where the offender falls within subsection (6) below, each of the following is an “appropriate person” for the purposes of this section—
- (a) a representative of the local authority mentioned in that subsection; and
 - (b) each person who is a parent or guardian of the offender with whom the offender is allowed to live.
- (6) An offender falls within this subsection if he is (within the meaning of the Children Act 1989) a child who is looked after by a local authority.
- (7) If, at the time when a court makes an order under this section—
- (a) a person who is required by the order to attend meetings of a youth offender panel is not present in court, or
 - (b) a local authority whose representative is so required to attend such meetings is not represented in court,
- the court must send him or (as the case may be) the authority a copy of the order forthwith.