



Children and Young Persons Act 1933

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PART III

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN
RELATION TO CRIMINAL AND SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS

General Provisions as to Preliminary Proceedings

[^{F1}34 Attendance at court of parent of child or young person charged with an offence, &c.

(1) Where a child or young person is charged with any offence [^{F2}is the subject of an application for a care or supervision order under Part IV of the Children Act 1989] or is for any other reason brought before a court, any person who is a parent or guardian of his may be required to attend at the court before which the case is heard or determined during all the stages of the proceedings, and any such person shall be so required at any stage where the court thinks it desirable, unless the court is satisfied that it would be unreasonable to require his attendance.

[Where a child or young person is in police detention, such steps as are practicable ^{F3}(2) shall be taken to ascertain the identity of a person responsible for his welfare.

(3) If it is practicable to ascertain the identity of a person responsible for the welfare of the child or young person, that person shall be informed, unless it is not practicable to do so—

- (a) that the child or young person has been arrested;
- (b) why he has been arrested; and
- (c) where he is being detained.

(4) Where information falls to be given under subsection (3) above, it shall be given as soon as it is practicable to do so.

(5) For the purposes of this section the persons who may be responsible for the welfare of a child or young person are—

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- (a) his parent or guardian; or
- (b) any other person who has for the time being assumed responsibility for his welfare.
- (6) If it is practicable to give a person responsible for the welfare of the child or young person the information required by subsection (3) above, that person shall be given it as soon as it is practicable to do so.
- (7) If it appears that at the time of his arrest a supervision order, as defined in section 11 of the ^{M1}Children and Young Persons Act 1969 [^{F4}or Part IV of the Children Act 1989], is in force in respect of him, the person responsible for his supervision shall also be informed as described in subsection (3) above as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so.
- [If it appears that at the time of his arrest the child or young person is being ^{F5}(7A) provided with accommodation by or on behalf of a local authority under section 20 of the Children Act 1989, the local authority shall also be informed as described in subsection (3) above as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so.]
- (8) The reference to a parent or guardian in subsection (5) above is —
^{F6} . . . in the case of a child or young person in the care of a local authority, a reference to that authority; ^{F7} . . .
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- (9) The rights conferred on a child or young person by subsections (2) to (8) above are in addition to his rights under section 56 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.
- (10) The reference in subsection (2) above to a child or young person who is in police detention includes a reference to a child or young person who has been detained under the terrorism provisions; and in subsection (3) above “arrest” includes such detention.
- (11) In subsection (10) above “the terrorism provisions” has the meaning assigned to it by section 65 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 34 substituted by [Children and Young Persons Act 1963 \(c. 37\), s. 25\(1\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 34(1) inserted (14. 10. 1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\), s. 108\(5\)\(6\), Sch. 13 para. 6\(1\)](#) (with Sch. 14 para. 1(1)); [S.I. 1991/828, art. 3\(2\)](#).
- F3** S. 34(2)–(11) substituted for s. 34(2) by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(c. 60, SIF 95\), s. 57](#)
- F4** Words in s. 34(7) inserted (14. 10. 1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\), s. 108\(5\)\(6\), Sch. 13 para. 6\(2\)](#) (with Sch. 14 para. 1(1)); [S.I. 1991/828, art. 3\(2\)](#).
- F5** S. 34(7A) inserted (14. 10. 1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\), s. 108\(5\)\(6\), Sch. 13 para. 6\(3\)](#) (with Sch. 14 para. 1(1)); [S.I. 1991/828, art. 3\(2\)](#).
- F6** Word "(a)" in s. 34(8) repealed (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\), s. 108\(6\)\(7\), Sch.15](#) (with [Sch. 14 para. 27\(4\)](#)); [S.I. 1991/828, art. 3\(2\)](#)
- F7** Words from "and (b)" to the end in s. 34(8) repealed (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\), s. 108\(6\)\(7\), Sch. 15](#) (with [Sch. 14 para. 27\(4\)](#)); [S.I. 1991/828, art. 3\(2\)](#)

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