



# Sentencing Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 17

### THIRD GROUP OF PARTS Disposals

#### PART 10

##### CUSTODIAL SENTENCES

#### CHAPTER 1

##### CUSTODY: GENERAL PROVISIONS

###### *General limits on powers to impose custodial sentences*

### **227 Restriction on imposing imprisonment on persons under 21**

#### *Sentence of imprisonment*

- (1) No court may pass a sentence of imprisonment on an offender for an offence if the offender is aged under 21 when convicted of the offence.

#### *Committal to prison*

- (2) No court may commit a person who is aged under 21 to prison for any reason, except as provided by subsection (3).
- (3) Subsection (2) does not prevent the committal to prison of a person aged under 21 who is—
- remanded in custody,
  - committed in custody for sentence, or
  - sent in custody for trial under section 51 or 51A of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.