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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 1458**

**The Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019  
(Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2021**

**PART 3**

Police powers etc.

*Cross-border enforcement by constables of territorial police forces*

**Offences**

- 16.**—(1) A person commits an offence if the person, without reasonable excuse, intentionally—
- (a) obstructs a person mentioned in paragraph (2), or
  - (b) otherwise interferes with a police investigation into an incident in Scotland in relation to which a Scottish constable has grounds to suspect that a child, while under 12 years of age—
    - (i) by behaving in a violent or dangerous way, has caused or risked causing serious physical harm to another person, or
    - (ii) by behaving in a sexually violent or sexually coercive way, has caused or risked causing harm (whether physical or not) to another person.
- (2) The person is a constable or other person acting—
- (a) under article 10,
  - (b) in pursuance of a child interview order or under article 11,
  - (c) under article 12,
  - (d) under article 13.
- (3) A person who commits an offence under paragraph (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Art. 16 in force at 17.12.2021, see [art. 1\(1\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2021, Section 16.