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**The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support
for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019**

Meaning of appropriate adult support

3.—(1) For the purposes of Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the 2016 Act and these Regulations, “appropriate adult support” includes support of the sort mentioned in paragraph (2) for vulnerable persons during a criminal investigation by the police where—

- (a) The vulnerable person—
 - (i) is or appears to be the victim of an offence or alleged offence,
 - (ii) is a witness or potential witness in relation to an offence or alleged offence,
 - (iii) is suspected of committing an offence or alleged offence or,
 - (iv) is officially accused of committing an offence or alleged offence,
 - (b) a constable believes that the vulnerable person is 16 years of age or over and,
 - (c) intimation of the matters mentioned in paragraph (3) is sent by the police to a provider of appropriate adult support.
- (2) That is, support to—
- (a) help the vulnerable person to understand what is happening, and
 - (b) facilitate effective communication between the vulnerable person and the police.
- (3) Those matters are—
- (a) that appropriate adult support is, in the view of the constable, required by the vulnerable person, and
 - (b) the place where the appropriate adult support is required.