



# Crime and Disorder Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 37

### PART III

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

##### *Functions of courts etc.*

#### **47 Powers of youth courts.**

- (1) Where a person who appears or is brought before a youth court charged with an offence subsequently attains the age of 18, the youth court may, at any time—
- (a) before the start of the trial; <sup>F1</sup> . . .
  - <sup>F1</sup>(b) . . . . .
- remit the person for trial <sup>F2</sup> . . . to a magistrates' court (other than a youth court) <sup>F3</sup> . . . .

In this subsection “the start of the trial” shall be construed in accordance with section 22(11B) of the 1985 Act.

- (2) Where a person is remitted under subsection (1) above—
- (a) he shall have no right of appeal against the order of remission;
  - (b) the remitting court shall adjourn proceedings in relation to the offence; and
  - (c) subsections (3) and (4) below shall apply.
- (3) The following, namely—
- (a) section 128 of the 1980 Act; and
  - (b) all other enactments (whenever passed) relating to remand or the granting of bail in criminal proceedings,

shall have effect in relation to the remitting court's power or duty to remand the person on the adjournment as if any reference to the court to or before which the person remanded is to be brought or appear after remand were a reference to the court to which he is being remitted (“the other court”).

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- (4) The other court may deal with the case in any way in which it would have power to deal with it if all proceedings relating to the offence which took place before the remitting court had taken place before the other court.
- (5) After subsection (3) of section 10 of the 1980 Act (adjournment of trial) there shall be inserted the following subsection—
- “(3A) A youth court shall not be required to adjourn any proceedings for an offence at any stage by reason only of the fact—
- (a) that the court commits the accused for trial for another offence; or
  - (b) that the accused is charged with another offence.”
- (6) After subsection (1) of section 24 of the 1980 Act (summary trial of information against child or young person for indictable offence) there shall be inserted the following subsection—
- “(1A) Where a magistrates’ court—
- (a) commits a person under the age of 18 for trial for an offence of homicide; or
  - (b) in a case falling within subsection (1)(a) above, commits such a person for trial for an offence,
- the court may also commit him for trial for any other indictable offence with which he is charged at the same time if the charges for both offences could be joined in the same indictment.”
- (7) In subsection (2) of section 47 (procedure in youth courts) of the<sup>M1</sup>Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (“the 1933 Act”), the words from the beginning to “court; and” shall cease to have effect.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word and para. (b) in s. 47(1) repealed (25.8.2000) by 2000 c. 6, ss. 165, 168(1), **Sch. 12 Pt. I** (with **Sch. 11 paras. 1, 2**)
- F2** Words in s. 47(1) repealed (25.8.2000) by 2000 c. 6, ss. 165, 168(1), **Sch. 12 Pt. I** (with **Sch. 11 paras. 1, 2**)
- F3** Words in s. 47(1) omitted (1.4.2005) by virtue of **The Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/886)**, art. 2, **Sch. para. 59**

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 47 wholly in force; S. 47 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 121. In force at 30.9.1998 by **S.I. 1998/2327**, **art. 2(1)** (subject to savings in **arts. 5-8**)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1933 c.12.

## 48 Youth courts: power of stipendiary magistrates to sit alone.

- (1) In paragraph 15 of Schedule 2 to the 1933 Act (constitution of youth courts)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), after the word “shall”, in the first place where it occurs, there shall be inserted the words “ either consist of a metropolitan stipendiary magistrate sitting alone or ” and the word “shall”, in the other place where it occurs, shall cease to have effect;

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- (b) in paragraph (b), after the words “the chairman” there shall be inserted the words “ (where applicable) ”; and
- (c) in paragraph (c), after the words “the other members” there shall be inserted the words “ (where applicable) ”.

(2) In paragraph 17 of that Schedule, the words “or, if a metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, may sit alone” shall cease to have effect.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I2** S. 48 wholly in force; S. 48 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 121. In force at 30.9.1998 by S.I. 1998/2327, **art. 2(1)** (subject to savings in **arts. 5-8**)

#### **49 Powers of magistrates’ courts exercisable by single justice etc.**

(1) The following powers of a magistrates’ court for any area may be exercised by a single justice of the peace for that area, namely—

- (a) to extend bail or to impose or vary conditions of bail;
- (b) to mark an information as withdrawn;
- (c) to dismiss an information, or to discharge an accused in respect of an information, where no evidence is offered by the prosecution;
- (d) to make an order for the payment of defence costs out of central funds;
- (e) to request a pre-sentence report following a plea of guilty and, for that purpose, to give an indication of the seriousness of the offence;
- (f) to request a medical report and, for that purpose, to remand the accused in custody or on bail;
- (g) to remit an offender to another court for sentence;
- (h) where a person has been granted police bail to appear at a magistrates’ court, to appoint an earlier time for his appearance;
- (i) to extend, with the consent of the accused, a custody time limit or an overall time limit;
- <sup>F4</sup>(j) .....
- (k) where an accused has been convicted of an offence, to order him to produce his driving licence;
- (l) to give a direction prohibiting the publication of matters disclosed or exempted from disclosure in court;
- (m) to give, vary or revoke directions for the conduct of a trial, including directions as to the following matters, namely—
  - (i) the timetable for the proceedings;
  - (ii) the attendance of the parties;
  - (iii) the service of documents (including summaries of any legal arguments relied on by the parties);
  - (iv) the manner in which evidence is to be given; and
- (n) to give, vary or revoke orders for separate or joint trials in the case of two or more accused or two or more informations.

<sup>F5</sup>(2) Criminal Procedure Rules may, subject to subsection (3) below, provide that any of the things which, by virtue of subsection (1) above, are authorised to be done by a

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single justice of the peace for any area may, subject to any specified restrictions or conditions, be done by a justices' clerk for that area.]

- (3) [<sup>F6</sup>Criminal Procedure Rules] which make such provision as is mentioned in subsection (2) above shall not authorise a justices' clerk—
- (a) without the consent of the prosecutor and the accused, to extend bail on conditions other than those (if any) previously imposed, or to impose or vary conditions of bail;
  - (b) to give an indication of the seriousness of an offence for the purposes of a pre-sentence report;
  - (c) to remand the accused in custody for the purposes of a medical report or, without the consent of the prosecutor and the accused, to remand the accused on bail for those purposes on conditions other than those (if any) previously imposed;
  - (d) to give a direction prohibiting the publication of matters disclosed or exempted from disclosure in court; or
  - (e) without the consent of the parties, to give, vary or revoke orders for separate or joint trials in the case of two or more accused or two or more informations.
- (4) Before making any [<sup>F7</sup>Criminal Procedure Rules] which make such provision as is mentioned in subsection (2) above in relation to any area, the [<sup>F8</sup>Criminal Procedure Rule Committee] shall consult justices of the peace and justices' clerks for that area.
- (5) In this section and section 50 below “justices' clerk” has the same meaning as in section 144 of the 1980 Act.

#### Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 49(1)(j) repealed (2.4.2001) by 1999 c. 22, s. 106, **Sch. 15 Pt. I** (with Sch. 14 paras. 7(2), 36(9)); S.I. 2001/916, **art. 3(b)** (with Sch. 2 para. 2)
- F5** S. 49(2) substituted (1.9.2004) by The Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2035), art. 3, **Sch. para. 36(2)** (with art. 2(2))
- F6** Words in s. 49(3) substituted (1.9.2004) by The Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2035), art. 3, **Sch. para. 36(3)** (with art. 2(2))
- F7** Words in s. 49(4) substituted (1.9.2004) by The Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2035), art. 3, **Sch. para. 36(4)(a)** (with art. 2(2))
- F8** Words in s. 49(4) substituted (1.9.2004) by The Courts Act 2003 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2035), art. 3, **Sch. para. 36(4)(b)** (with art. 2(2))

#### Commencement Information

- I3** S. 49 wholly in force at 1.11.1999; S. 49 not in force at Royal Assent see s, 121. In force at 31.7.1998 for the purpose of making rules which make such provision as is mentioned in ss.(2) of this section by S.I. 1998/1883, **art. 2(b)**; S. 49 in force at 30.9.1998 in the areas specified in Sch. 2 of the said S.I. by S.I. 1998/2327, **art. 3(2)**, **Sch. 2**; S. 49 in force at 1.11.1999 insofar as not already in force by S.I. 1999/2976, **art. 2**

## 50 Early administrative hearings.

- (1) Where a person (“the accused”) has been charged with an offence at a police station, the magistrates' court before whom he appears or is brought for the first time in relation to the charge may, unless the accused falls to be dealt with under section 51 below, consist of a single justice.

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[<sup>F9</sup>(2) At a hearing conducted by a single justice under this section the accused shall be asked whether he wishes to be granted a right to representation funded by the Legal Services Commission as part of the Criminal Defence Service.

(2A) Where the accused wishes to be granted such a right, the Legal Services Commission shall decide whether or not to grant him that right.]

- (3) At such a hearing the single justice—
- (a) may exercise, subject to subsection (2) above, such of his powers as a single justice as he thinks fit; and
  - (b) on adjourning the hearing, may remand the accused in custody or on bail.

(4) This section applies in relation to a justices' clerk as it applies in relation to a single justice; but nothing in subsection (3)(b) above authorises such a clerk to remand the accused in custody or, without the consent of the prosecutor and the accused, to remand the accused on bail on conditions other than those (if any) previously imposed.

[<sup>F10</sup>(4A) A hearing conducted by a single justice under this section may be—

- (a) adjourned to enable the decision mentioned in subsection (2A) above to be taken, and
- (b) subsequently resumed by a single justice.]

<sup>F11</sup>(5) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F9** S. 50(2)(2A) substituted for s. 50(2) (2.10.2006) by The Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2493), {reg. 8(2)}
- F10** S. 50(4A) inserted (2.10.2006) by The Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2493), {reg. 8(3)}
- F11** S. 50(5) repealed (2.4.2001) by 1999 c. 22, s. 106, **Sch. 15 Pt. I** (with **Sch. 14 paras. 7(2), 36(9)**); S.I. 2001/916, **art. 3(b)** (with **Sch. 2 para. 2**)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 50 extended (1.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/2784, **rule 3(2)**

#### Commencement Information

- I4** S. 50 wholly in force; S. 50 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 121. In force at 30.9.1998 by S.I. 1998/2327, **art. 2(1)** (subject to savings in **arts. 5-8**)

## 51 No committal proceedings for indictable-only offences.

(1) Where an adult appears or is brought before a magistrates' court ("the court") charged with an offence triable only on indictment ("the indictable-only offence"), the court shall send him forthwith to the Crown Court for trial—

- (a) for that offence, and
- (b) for any either-way or summary offence with which he is charged which fulfils the requisite conditions (as set out in subsection (11) below).

(2) Where an adult who has been sent for trial under subsection (1) above subsequently appears or is brought before a magistrates' court charged with an either-way or

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summary offence which fulfils the requisite conditions, the court may send him forthwith to the Crown Court for trial for the either-way or summary offence.

(3) Where—

- (a) the court sends an adult for trial under subsection (1) above;
- (b) another adult appears or is brought before the court on the same or a subsequent occasion charged jointly with him with an either-way offence; and
- (c) that offence appears to the court to be related to the indictable-only offence,

the court shall where it is the same occasion, and may where it is a subsequent occasion, send the other adult forthwith to the Crown Court for trial for the either-way offence.

(4) Where a court sends an adult for trial under subsection (3) above, it shall at the same time send him to the Crown Court for trial for any either-way or summary offence with which he is charged which fulfils the requisite conditions.

(5) Where—

- (a) the court sends an adult for trial under subsection (1) or (3) above; and
- (b) a child or young person appears or is brought before the court on the same or a subsequent occasion charged jointly with the adult with an indictable offence for which the adult is sent for trial,

the court shall, if it considers it necessary in the interests of justice to do so, send the child or young person forthwith to the Crown Court for trial for the indictable offence.

(6) Where a court sends a child or young person for trial under subsection (5) above, it may at the same time send him to the Crown Court for trial for any either-way or summary offence with which he is charged which fulfils the requisite conditions.

(7) The court shall specify in a notice the offence or offences for which a person is sent for trial under this section and the place at which he is to be tried; and a copy of the notice shall be served on the accused and given to the Crown Court sitting at that place.

(8) In a case where there is more than one indictable-only offence and the court includes an either-way or a summary offence in the notice under subsection (7) above, the court shall specify in that notice the indictable-only offence to which the either-way offence or, as the case may be, the summary offence appears to the court to be related.

(9) The trial of the information charging any summary offence for which a person is sent for trial under this section shall be treated as if the court had adjourned it under section 10 of the 1980 Act and had not fixed the time and place for its resumption.

(10) In selecting the place of trial for the purpose of subsection (7) above, the court shall have regard to—

- (a) the convenience of the defence, the prosecution and the witnesses;
- (b) the desirability of expediting the trial; and
- (c) any direction given by or on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor under section 75(1) of the [F12Senior Courts Act 1981].

(11) An offence fulfils the requisite conditions if—

- (a) it appears to the court to be related to the indictable-only offence; and
- (b) in the case of a summary offence, it is punishable with imprisonment or involves obligatory or discretionary disqualification from driving.

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- (12) For the purposes of this section—
- (a) “adult” means a person aged 18 or over, and references to an adult include references to a corporation;
  - (b) “either-way offence” means an offence which, if committed by an adult, is triable either on indictment or summarily;
  - (c) an either-way offence is related to an indictable-only offence if the charge for the either-way offence could be joined in the same indictment as the charge for the indictable-only offence;
  - (d) a summary offence is related to an indictable-only offence if it arises out of circumstances which are the same as or connected with those giving rise to the indictable-only offence.

#### Textual Amendments

**F12** Words in 51(10)(c) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 59\(5\), 148\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### Commencement Information

**I5** S. 51 wholly in force; S. 51 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 121; S. 51 in force at 4.1.1999 for the purpose of sending any person for trial under s. 51 from any area specified in Sch. 2 of the said S.I. by [S.I. 1998/2327, art. 4\(2\)](#); s. 51 in force at 15.1.2001 to the extent that it is not already in force by [S.I. 2000/3283, art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions in [art. 3](#))

### [<sup>F13</sup>51A Sending cases to the Crown Court: children and young persons

- (1) This section is subject to sections 24A and 24B of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (which provide for certain offences involving children or young persons to be tried summarily).
- (2) Where a child or young person appears or is brought before a magistrates' court (“the court”) charged with an offence and any of the conditions mentioned in subsection (3) below is satisfied, the court shall send him forthwith to the Crown Court for trial for the offence.
- (3) Those conditions are—
  - (a) that the offence falls within subsection (12) below;
  - (b) that the offence is such as is mentioned in subsection (1) of section 91 of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (other than one mentioned in paragraph (d) below in relation to which it appears to the court as mentioned there) and the court considers that if he is found guilty of the offence it ought to be possible to sentence him in pursuance of subsection (3) of that section;
  - (c) that notice is given to the court under section 51B or 51C below in respect of the offence;
  - (d) that the offence is a specified offence (within the meaning of section 224 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003) and it appears to the court that if he is found guilty of the offence the criteria for the imposition of a sentence under section 226(3) or 228(2) of that Act would be met.
- (4) Where the court sends a child or young person for trial under subsection (2) above, it may at the same time send him to the Crown Court for trial for any indictable or summary offence with which he is charged and which—

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- (a) (if it is an indictable offence) appears to the court to be related to the offence mentioned in subsection (2) above; or
  - (b) (if it is a summary offence) appears to the court to be related to the offence mentioned in subsection (2) above or to the indictable offence, and which fulfils the requisite condition (as defined in subsection (9) below).
- (5) Where a child or young person who has been sent for trial under subsection (2) above subsequently appears or is brought before a magistrates' court charged with an indictable or summary offence which—
- (a) appears to the court to be related to the offence mentioned in subsection (2) above; and
  - (b) (in the case of a summary offence) fulfils the requisite condition,
- the court may send him forthwith to the Crown Court for trial for the indictable or summary offence.
- (6) Where—
- (a) the court sends a child or young person (“C”) for trial under subsection (2) or (4) above; and
  - (b) an adult appears or is brought before the court on the same or a subsequent occasion charged jointly with C with an either-way offence for which C is sent for trial under subsection (2) or (4) above, or an either-way offence which appears to the court to be related to that offence,
- the court shall where it is the same occasion, and may where it is a subsequent occasion, send the adult forthwith to the Crown Court for trial for the either-way offence.
- (7) Where the court sends an adult for trial under subsection (6) above, it shall at the same time send him to the Crown Court for trial for any either-way or summary offence with which he is charged and which—
- (a) (if it is an either-way offence) appears to the court to be related to the offence for which he was sent for trial; and
  - (b) (if it is a summary offence) appears to the court to be related to the offence for which he was sent for trial or to the either-way offence, and which fulfils the requisite condition.
- (8) The trial of the information charging any summary offence for which a person is sent for trial under this section shall be treated as if the court had adjourned it under section 10 of the 1980 Act and had not fixed the time and place for its resumption.
- (9) A summary offence fulfils the requisite condition if it is punishable with imprisonment or involves obligatory or discretionary disqualification from driving.
- (10) In the case of a child or young person charged with an offence—
- (a) if the offence satisfies any of the conditions in subsection (3) above, the offence shall be dealt with under subsection (2) above and not under any other provision of this section or section 51 above;
  - (b) subject to paragraph (a) above, if the offence is one in respect of which the requirements of subsection (7) of section 51 above for sending the child or young person to the Crown Court are satisfied, the offence shall be dealt with under that subsection and not under any other provision of this section or section 51 above.



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- (11) The functions of a magistrates' court under this section, and its related functions under section 51D below, may be discharged by a single justice.
- (12) An offence falls within this subsection if—
- (a) it is an offence of homicide;<sup>F14</sup> . . .
  - (b) each of the requirements of section 51A(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 would be satisfied with respect to—
    - (i) the offence; and
    - (ii) the person charged with it,if he were convicted of the offence; <sup>F15</sup>or
  - (c) section 29(3) of Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 (minimum sentences in certain cases of using someone to mind a weapon) would apply if he were convicted of the offence.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F13** Ss. 51-51E substituted for s. 51 (4.4.2005 for specified purposes, 18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 5.11.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 18; [S.I. 2005/950](#), art. 2(1), Sch. 1 para. 29(a) (with Sch. 2) (as explained (29.7.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2122](#), art. 2; and as amended: (14.7.2008) by [2008 c. 4](#), Sch. 26 para. 78, Sch. 28 Pt. 2; [S.I. 2008/1586](#), Sch. 1 paras. 48(s), 50(2)(d); (30.11.2009) by [S.I. 2009/3111](#), art. 2; (3.12.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2905](#), art. 4; (3.12.2012) by [2012 c. 10](#), Sch. 14 para. 17; [S.I. 2012/2906](#), art. 2(1); [S.I. 2012/1320](#), art. 4(1)(c)(2)(3) (with art. 5) (see [S.I. 2012/2574](#), art. 4(2) and [S.I. 2013/1103](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2012/2574](#), art. 2(2)(3)(c), Sch. (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (4.11.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2761](#), art. 2) (with [S.I. 2013/1103](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2013/1103](#), art. 2(1)(c)(2)(3) (with arts. 3, 4)
- F14** Word at the end of s. 51A(12)(a) repealed (6.4.2007) by [Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 \(c. 38\)](#), ss. 49, 65, 66(2), Sch. 1 para. 5, {Sch. 5}; [S.I. 2007/858](#), [art. 2\(g\)\(m\)\(n\)\(viii\)](#)
- F15** S. 51A(12)(c) and word inserted (6.4.2007) by [Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 \(c. 38\)](#), ss. 49, 66(2), [Sch. 1 para. 5](#); [S.I. 2007/858](#), [art. 2\(g\)](#)

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#### 51B Notices in serious or complex fraud cases

- (1) A notice may be given by a designated authority under this section in respect of an indictable offence if the authority is of the opinion that the evidence of the offence charged—
- (a) is sufficient for the person charged to be put on trial for the offence; and
  - (b) reveals a case of fraud of such seriousness or complexity that it is appropriate that the management of the case should without delay be taken over by the Crown Court.
- (2) That opinion must be certified by the designated authority in the notice.
- (3) The notice must also specify the proposed place of trial, and in selecting that place the designated authority must have regard to the same matters as are specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of section 51D(4) below.
- (4) A notice under this section must be given to the magistrates' court at which the person charged appears or before which he is brought.

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- (5) Such a notice must be given to the magistrates' court before any summary trial begins.
- (6) The effect of such a notice is that the functions of the magistrates' court cease in relation to the case, except—
  - (a) for the purposes of section 51D below;
  - (b) as provided by [<sup>F16</sup>regulations under section 19 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012]; and
  - (c) as provided by section 52 below.
- (7) The functions of a designated authority under this section may be exercised by an officer of the authority acting on behalf of the authority.
- (8) A decision to give a notice under this section shall not be subject to appeal or liable to be questioned in any court (whether a magistrates' court or not).
- (9) In this section “designated authority” means—
  - (a) the Director of Public Prosecutions;
  - (b) the Director of the Serious Fraud Office;
  - <sup>F17</sup>(c) .....
  - (e) the Secretary of State.

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- F13** Ss. 51-51E substituted for s. 51 (4.4.2005 for specified purposes, 18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 5.11.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 18; [S.I. 2005/950](#), art. 2(1), Sch. 1 para. 29(a) (with Sch. 2) (as explained (29.7.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2122](#), art. 2; and as amended: (14.7.2008) by [2008 c. 4](#), Sch. 26 para. 78, Sch. 28 Pt. 2; [S.I. 2008/1586](#), Sch. 1 paras. 48(s), 50(2)(d); (30.11.2009) by [S.I. 2009/3111](#), art. 2; (3.12.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2905](#), art. 4; (3.12.2012) by [2012 c. 10](#), Sch. 14 para. 17; [S.I. 2012/2906](#), art. 2(1); [S.I. 2012/1320](#), art. 4(1)(c)(2)(3) (with art. 5) (see [S.I. 2012/2574](#), art. 4(2) and [S.I. 2013/1103](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2012/2574](#), art. 2(2)(3)(c), Sch. (with arts. 3, 4) (as amended (4.11.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2761](#), art. 2) (with [S.I. 2013/1103](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2013/1103](#), art. 2(1)(c)(2)(3) (with arts. 3, 4)
- F16** Words in s. 51B(6)(b) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(c. 10\)](#), s. 151(1), [Sch. 5 para. 48](#); [S.I. 2013/453](#), art. 3(h) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2013/534](#), art. 6)
- F17** S. 51B(9)(c) omitted (27.3.2014) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Merger of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Director of Revenue and Customs Prosecutions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/834\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 2 para. 15](#)

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#### 51C Notices in certain cases involving children

- (1) A notice may be given by the Director of Public Prosecutions under this section in respect of an offence falling within subsection (3) below if he is of the opinion—
  - (a) that the evidence of the offence would be sufficient for the person charged to be put on trial for the offence;
  - (b) that a child would be called as a witness at the trial; and

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- (c) that, for the purpose of avoiding any prejudice to the welfare of the child, the case should be taken over and proceeded with without delay by the Crown Court.
- (2) That opinion must be certified by the Director of Public Prosecutions in the notice.
- (3) This subsection applies to an offence—
- (a) which involves an assault on, or injury or a threat of injury to, a person;
  - (b) under section 1 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (cruelty to persons under 16);
  - (c) under the Sexual Offences Act 1956, the Protection of Children Act 1978 or the Sexual Offences Act 2003;
  - (d) of kidnapping or false imprisonment, or an offence under section 1 or 2 of the Child Abduction Act 1984;
  - [ under section 1 or 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015;]
- <sup>F18</sup>(da)
- (e) which consists of attempting or conspiring to commit, or of aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring or inciting the commission of, an offence falling within paragraph (a), (b), (c)[<sup>F19</sup>, (d) or (da)] above.
- (4) Subsections (4), (5) and (6) of section 51B above apply for the purposes of this section as they apply for the purposes of that.
- (5) The functions of the Director of Public Prosecutions under this section may be exercised by an officer acting on behalf of the Director.
- (6) A decision to give a notice under this section shall not be subject to appeal or liable to be questioned in any court (whether a magistrates' court or not).
- (7) In this section “child” means—
- (a) a person who is under the age of 17; or
  - (b) any person of whom a video recording (as defined in section 63(1) of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999) was made when he was under the age of 17 with a view to its admission as his evidence in chief in the trial referred to in subsection (1) above.

### Textual Amendments

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- F18** S. 51C(3)(da) inserted (17.3.2016) by [The Modern Slavery Act 2015 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/244\)](#), regs. 1(1), [9\(a\)](#)
- F19** Words in s. 51C(3)(e) substituted (17.3.2016) by [The Modern Slavery Act 2015 \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/244\)](#), regs. 1(1), [9\(b\)](#)

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#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 51C(3)(e) amended (1.10.2008) by [Serious Crime Act 2007 \(c. 27\)](#), **ss. 63(1)**, 94(1), **Sch. 6 para. 36**; [S.I. 2008/2504](#), **art. 2(a)**

### 51D Notice of offence and place of trial

- (1) The court shall specify in a notice—
  - (a) the offence or offences for which a person is sent for trial under section 51 or 51A above; and
  - (b) the place at which he is to be tried (which, if a notice has been given under section 51B above, must be the place specified in that notice).
- (2) A copy of the notice shall be served on the accused and given to the Crown Court sitting at that place.
- (3) In a case where a person is sent for trial under section 51 or 51A above for more than one offence, the court shall specify in that notice, for each offence—
  - (a) the subsection under which the person is so sent; and
  - (b) if applicable, the offence to which that offence appears to the court to be related.
- (4) Where the court selects the place of trial for the purposes of subsection (1) above, it shall have regard to—
  - (a) the convenience of the defence, the prosecution and the witnesses;
  - (b) the desirability of expediting the trial; and
  - (c) any direction given by or on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor under section 75(1) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

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### 51E Interpretation of sections 50A to 51D

For the purposes of sections 50A to 51D above—

- (a) “adult” means a person aged 18 or over, and references to an adult include a corporation;
- (b) “either-way offence” means an offence triable either way;
- (c) an either-way offence is related to an indictable offence if the charge for the either-way offence could be joined in the same indictment as the charge for the indictable offence;

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- (d) a summary offence is related to an indictable offence if it arises out of circumstances which are the same as or connected with those giving rise to the indictable offence.]

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#### 52 Provisions supplementing section 51 <sup>F20</sup> and 51A].

- (1) Subject to section 4 of the <sup>M2</sup>Bail Act 1976, section 41 of the 1980 Act <sup>F21</sup>, section 115(1) of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009], regulations under section 22 of the 1985 Act and section 25 of the 1994 Act, the court may send a person for trial under section 51 <sup>F22</sup> or 51A] above—
- (a) in custody, that is to say, by committing him to custody there to be safely kept until delivered in due course of law; or
- (b) on bail in accordance with the <sup>M3</sup>Bail Act 1976, that is to say, by directing him to appear before the Crown Court for trial.
- (2) Where—
- (a) the person's release on bail under subsection (1)(b) above is conditional on his providing one or more sureties; and
- (b) in accordance with subsection (3) of section 8 of the <sup>M4</sup>Bail Act 1976, the court fixes the amount in which a surety is to be bound with a view to his entering into his recognisance subsequently in accordance with subsections (4) and (5) or (6) of that section,
- the court shall in the meantime make an order such as is mentioned in subsection (1) (a) above.
- (3) The court shall treat as an indictable offence for the purposes of section 51 <sup>F23</sup> or 51A] above an offence which is mentioned in the first column of Schedule 2 to the 1980 Act (offences for which the value involved is relevant to the mode of trial) unless it is clear to the court, having regard to any representations made by the prosecutor or the accused, that the value involved does not exceed the relevant sum.
- (4) In subsection (3) above “the value involved” and “the relevant sum” have the same meanings as in section 22 of the 1980 Act (certain offences triable either way to be tried summarily if value involved is small).
- (5) A magistrates' court may adjourn any proceedings under section 51 <sup>F24</sup> or 51A] above, and if it does so shall remand the accused.
- (6) Schedule 3 to this Act (which makes further provision in relation to persons sent to the Crown Court for trial under section 51 <sup>F25</sup> or 51A] above) shall have effect.

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- F21** Words in s. 52(1) inserted (1.2.2010) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\)](#), ss. 177(1), 182(5), [Sch. 21 para. 78](#); S.I. 2010/145, [art. 2\(2\)](#), Sch. para. 25(b)
- F22** Words in s. 52(1) inserted (9.5.2005 for specified purposes, 18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), [Sch. 3 para. 69\(a\)](#); S.I. 2005/1267, art. 2(1)(2)(b), Sch. Pt. 2; S.I. 2012/1320, art. 4(1)(c)(2)(3) (with art. 5) (see S.I. 2012/2574, art. 4(2) and S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4); S.I. 2013/1103, art. 2(1)(c)(2)(3) (with arts. 3, 4)
- F23** Words in s. 52(3) inserted (9.5.2005 for specified purposes, 18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), [Sch. 3 para. 69\(b\)](#); S.I. 2005/1267, art. 2(1)(2)(b), Sch. Pt. 2; S.I. 2012/1320, art. 4(1)(c)(2)(3) (with art. 5) (see S.I. 2012/2574, art. 4(2) and S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4); S.I. 2013/1103, art. 2(1)(c)(2)(3) (with arts. 3, 4)
- F24** Words in s. 52(5) inserted (9.5.2005 for specified purposes, 18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), [Sch. 3 para. 69\(c\)](#); S.I. 2005/1267, art. 2(1)(2)(b), Sch. Pt. 2; S.I. 2012/1320, art. 4(1)(c)(2)(3) (with art. 5) (see S.I. 2012/2574, art. 4(2) and S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4); S.I. 2013/1103, art. 2(1)(c)(2)(3) (with arts. 3, 4)
- F25** Words in s. 52(6) inserted (9.5.2005 for specified purposes, 18.6.2012 for specified purposes, 28.5.2013 for specified purposes) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), s. 336(3)(4), [Sch. 3 para. 69\(d\)](#); S.I. 2005/1267, art. 2(1)(2)(b), Sch. Pt. 2; S.I. 2012/1320, art. 4(1)(c)(2)(3) (with art. 5) (see S.I. 2012/2574, art. 4(2) and S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4); S.I. 2013/1103, art. 2(1)(c)(2)(3) (with arts. 3, 4)

### Commencement Information

- I6** S. 52 wholly in force; S. 52 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 121. S. 52(6) in force at 30.9.1998 for certain purposes by [S.I. 1998/2327](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#) (subject to savings in [arts. 5-8](#)); S. 52 in force at 4.1.1999 for the purpose of sending any person for trial under s. 51 from any area specified in Sch. 2 of the said S.I. by [S.I. 1998/2327](#), [art. 4\(2\)](#); S. 52 in force at 15.1.2001 to the extent that it is not already in force by [S.I. 2000/3283](#), [art. 2](#) (with transitional provisions in [art. 3](#))

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