



Sentencing Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 17

THIRD GROUP OF PARTS Disposals

PART 6

ORDERS RELATING TO CONDUCT

CHAPTER 1

REFERRAL ORDERS FOR OFFENDERS AGED UNDER 18

Making referral orders

85 Duty and power to make referral order

- (1) Where a referral order is available—
 - (a) the court must make a referral order if the compulsory referral conditions are met;
 - (b) otherwise, the court may make a referral order.
- (2) The compulsory referral conditions are met where—
 - (a) the offence is an imprisonable offence,
 - (b) the offender pleaded guilty to the offence and to any connected offence, and
 - (c) the offender has never been—
 - (i) convicted by or before a court in the United Kingdom of any offence other than the offence and any connected offence, or
 - (ii) convicted by or before a court in another member State of any offence.
- (3) For the effect of making a referral order on the court's other sentencing powers, see section 89.