#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 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.