



# Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

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## *Reports*

### **10 Annual report**

- (1) The Commissioner must lay before the Parliament annually a report on the exercise of the Commissioner's functions.
- (2) The report must include—
  - (a) a review of issues identified by the Commissioner in the period covered by the report as being relevant to children and young people;
  - (b) a review of the Commissioner's activity in that period, including the steps taken to fulfil each of the Commissioner's functions;
  - (c) any recommendations by the Commissioner arising out of such activity; and
  - (d) an overview of work to be undertaken by the Commissioner in the year following the period covered by the report, including the strategy for involving children and young people in the work of the Commissioner.

### **11 Reports on investigations**

- (1) The Commissioner must, at the conclusion of any investigation, lay before the Parliament a report of the investigation.
- (2) The report must contain any recommendations by the Commissioner arising out of the investigation.
- (3) A report of an investigation into the activities of a person named in, or identifiable from, the report may be laid before the Parliament only if that person has, where this is reasonable and practicable, been given a copy of the draft report and an opportunity to make representations on it.

**12 Other reports to Parliament**

The Commissioner may lay before the Parliament such other reports on the exercise of the Commissioner's functions as the Commissioner considers necessary or appropriate.

**13 Anonymity for children and young people**

The Commissioner must ensure that, so far as reasonable and practicable having regard to the subject matter, a report under this Act does not name or identify any child or young person, or group of children or young people, referred to in it.

**14 Publication**

- (1) The Commissioner must publish any report laid before the Parliament under this Act.
- (2) The Commissioner may publish any other report relating to the exercise of the Commissioner's functions.
- (3) Where the Commissioner publishes a report which is not specifically designed for children or young people the Commissioner must also publish a child friendly version of the report.