



Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

2003 asp 17

Functions

5 United Nations Convention and equal opportunities

- (1) In exercising functions under this Act, the Commissioner must comply with subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) The Commissioner must have regard to any relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- (3) The Commissioner must, in particular—
 - (a) regard, and encourage others to regard, the best interests of children and young people as a primary consideration; and
 - (b) have regard to, and encourage others to have regard to, the views of children and young people on all matters affecting them, due allowance being made for age and maturity.
- (4) The Commissioner must act in a manner which encourages equal opportunities and, in particular, the observance of the equal opportunity requirements.

Changes to legislation:

Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003, Section 5 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 February 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(2A) inserted by [2024 asp 1 s. 11\(2\)](#)