



# Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014

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*[<sup>F1</sup>Criminal investigations*

**[<sup>F1</sup>9C. Measures to assist victims in criminal investigations**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where an assessment of a person under section 9B(1) finds that the person—
  - (a) has protection needs, and
  - (b) would benefit from the use of the measures listed in subsection (3) during a relevant interview.
- (2) Where this subsection applies, the measures listed in subsection (3) may be used for the purposes of any relevant interview.
- (3) The measures are—
  - (a) conducting the relevant interview in premises designed or adapted for that purpose,
  - (b) conducting the relevant interview by or through professionals trained for that purpose,
  - (c) ensuring that all relevant interviews are conducted by the same person or persons.
- (4) The constable who is conducting or arranging the relevant interview must determine which, if any, of the measures listed in subsection (3) are to be used having regard to—
  - (a) the needs and views of the person who is or appears to be a victim in relation to the offence or alleged offence,
  - (b) the interests of justice, and
  - (c) any practical constraints on the use of any of the measures in those circumstances.
- (5) In this section, “relevant interview” has the same meaning as in section 9A(2).]

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### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 9A-9C and cross-heading inserted (23.12.2015) by [The Victims' Rights \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/444\)](#), regs. 1(2), **13**

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