



Health Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 28

PART 3

DRUGS, MEDICINES AND PHARMACIES

CHAPTER 1

SUPERVISION OF MANAGEMENT AND USE OF CONTROLLED DRUGS

21 Offences in connection with power to enter and inspect

- (1) A person commits an offence if he—
 - (a) intentionally obstructs a person in the exercise of his powers under section 20(1),
 - (b) conceals from a person acting under section 20(1) anything which that person is entitled to inspect, or
 - (c) without reasonable excuse fails to produce any relevant records which a person acting under section 20(1) requires to be produced.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine, or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F1}the general limit in a magistrates' court] or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.
- (3) In the application of this section to Scotland and Northern Ireland, the reference to 12 months in subsection (2)(b) is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
for the Health Act 2006, Section 21. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [s. 21\(2\)\(b\)](#) (and, by implication, the same words in [s. 21\(3\)](#)) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by virtue of [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1** table

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 21 in force at 1.1.2007 for E. by [S.I. 2006/3125](#), **art. 2(1)**
I2 [S. 21](#) in force at 1.3.2007 for S. by [S.I. 2006/3125](#), **art. 2(2)**
I3 [S. 21](#) in force at 13.12.2008 for W. by [S.I. 2008/3171](#), **art. 2(a)**
I4 [S. 21](#) in force at 1.8.2012 for N.I. by [S.R. 2012/307](#), **art. 2(a)**

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