



## **Criminal Appeals route through the consultation paper: youth justice**



*All numbered questions and paragraphs below are hyperlinked to the relevant pages online.*

The Law Commission published a [consultation paper](#) on Criminal Appeals on 27 February. Consultation runs until 27 June 2025. By our [terms of reference](#), our review aims at ensuring that appeals and their consequences are effectively, efficiently and appropriately resolved.

This short “route through” the consultation paper is aimed at those concerned with or involved in **youth justice**. If you can and want to, we recommend that you read the full consultation paper. However, we do not expect or prefer that respondents to our consultation answer all 108 of our consultation questions; this route through is aimed at enabling those concerned in youth justice to read parts of the paper of core relevance to them so that they can answer the consultation questions of most relevance to them.

Alternatively, you can read our 37-page [summary paper](#), of which summary consultation questions [27](#), [28](#) and [29](#) will be of particular relevance to those involved in youth justice.

### How to respond

You can respond to any and all of the full consultation paper’s questions via our [online form](#) and navigate by chapter. You can also respond to our summary via its [form](#). Alternatively, you can email us with answers or queries at [criminal.appeals@lawcommission.gov.uk](mailto:criminal.appeals@lawcommission.gov.uk).

### Areas of most relevance to those concerned with or involved in youth justice

Consideration of vulnerability as a principle of criminal appeals (Chapter [4](#))

See [4.73 to 4.76](#), [4.127 to 4.129](#) and [4.139 to 4.140](#) and Question [3](#).

Youth justice issues concerning appeals from magistrates' courts (Chapter [5](#))

See [5.75 to 5.78](#) and Question [5](#) on the right to a rehearing and [5.110 to 5.115](#) and Question [8](#) on the prospect of an increased sentence on appeal. See [5.204 to 5.240](#) and Questions [13](#), [14](#), and [15](#) for appeals from youth courts and by children and young people.

Youth justice issues concerning appeals from the Crown Court (Chapter [6](#))

See [6.148](#) and Questions [19](#), [20](#) and [21](#) on “loss of time” orders.

Sentences of custody for life and Detention at His Majesty’s Pleasure (Chapter [7](#))

See [7.47 to 7.62](#) and [7.153 to 7.176](#) and Questions [31](#) and [32](#).

Appeals on decisions concerning children’s rights and reporting restrictions (Chapter [12](#))

See [12.93 to 12.100](#), [12.104](#) and [12.117](#) and Question [72](#) and [12.129](#) and Question [73](#).

Post-conviction retention periods concerning children (Chapter [15](#))

See [15.79 to 15.83](#) and [15.114 to 15.117](#) and Question [91](#).

Wider impacts on children and young people (Chapter [17](#))

See [17.130 to 17.133](#) and Question [107](#).