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## Summary

From 1 June 2015, youth courts will have the power to impose Gang-Related Violence Injunctions.

## Background

Gang-related injunctions were introduced by the Policing and Crime Act 2009, which made provision for civil injunctions to be granted by the county court (or High Court) on application by the police or local authority in order to prevent gang related violence. This was amended by the Crime and Security Act 2010 to enable gang-related injunctions to be taken out against those aged between 14 and 17 by creating two new penalties for breach.

## **Section 18, Crime and Courts Act 2013: Youth courts to have jurisdiction to grant gang-related injunctions**

Section 18, , makes amendments to provide for applications for gang-related injunctions for 14 to 17 year olds to be heard in the youth court, sitting in a civil capacity, rather than in the county court (or High Court). The effect of this measure will be to allow the courts with the most appropriate facilities and expertise in dealing with young people to consider these matters. Section 18 also introduced Schedule 12.

## **Schedule 12, Crime and Courts Act 2013:**

Schedule 12 makes consequential amendments, including an amendment to secure that appeals against decisions of the youth court lie to the Crown Court. Schedule 12 also makes a minor change to what may be permitted by rules of court for all gang-related injunctions, regardless of age, so that if a without notice application is dismissed an appeal may be brought by the applicant without informing the respondent

## Legislation

See the legislation here: [Section 18 Crime and Courts Act 2013](#).