

## ***Open letter to Chief Executive (IOM Gov) Re: Covid Regs***



### **Why were 22 children arrested for breach of Manx Coronavirus Regulations?**

We have recently written to the Interim Chief Executive (IOM Gov), Mr C. Randall, regarding the nature and formulation of previously in force Coronavirus Regulations.

This matter is relevant to the present IOM *Independent Covid Review* chaired by Kate Brunner KC.

The particular areas of serious concern relate to why Manx Coronavirus Regulations applied to children (rather than just adults) and why breach of such Regulations was potentially punishable by custody.

In the Isle of Man 248 persons were arrested for breach of Coronavirus Regulations, including 22 juveniles (persons under the age of 17). Shockingly, 70 persons received custodial sentences and 2 custodial sentences were handed down by the Juvenile Court for breach of Manx Coronavirus Regulations.

In contrast, in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland Coronavirus Regulations only applied to adults and were only punishable by on the spot fines.

*See link below to our Open Correspondence dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.*

<https://www.ik.im/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/27.09.23-Letter-to-Mr-C.-Randall-Interim-Chief-Executive-Officer.pdf>