



Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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PART 1

POLICE REFORM

CHAPTER 2

THE POLICE SERVICE OF SCOTLAND

Chief constable

18 Delegation of chief constable's functions

- (1) The chief constable may direct or authorise any other constable to carry out any of the chief constable's functions.
- (2) A direction or authorisation under subsection (1) does not affect the chief constable's—
 - (a) responsibility for the carrying out of delegated functions, or
 - (b) ability to carry out delegated functions.
- (3) The Authority must designate a deputy chief constable to carry out the chief constable's functions where—
 - (a) the office of chief constable is vacant, or
 - (b) the chief constable is unable to carry out those functions by reason of being absent, incapacitated or suspended from duty.
- (4) Only one deputy chief constable may be so designated to act at any one time.
- (5) This section does not affect any restriction on delegation of the chief constable's functions contained in any enactment which makes provision in that regard.

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