



# Police Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 16

### PART I

#### ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

##### *[<sup>F1</sup>General provisions]*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>23I Collaboration agreements: definitions**

- (1) This section has effect for the purposes of sections [<sup>F2</sup>22A] to 23H.
- (2) “Police force” includes—
  - (a) the British Transport Police Force, and
  - (b) the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.
- (3) “Chief officer” means—
  - (a) in relation to the British Transport Police Force, the Chief Constable of the force,
  - (b) in relation to the Civil Nuclear Constabulary, the chief constable of the Constabulary, and
  - (c) in relation to any other police force, the chief officer of police of that force.
- (4) [<sup>F3</sup>“Policing body” means—
  - [ a local policing body,]  
<sup>F3</sup>(aa)
    - (a) the British Transport Police Authority, and
    - (b) the Civil Nuclear Police Authority.
- [ The following expressions have the meanings given in section 22A—  
<sup>F4</sup>(5) “collaboration agreement”;  
“force collaboration provision”;  
“policing body collaboration provision”;  
“policing body & force collaboration provision”.

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- (6) References to the police force which a policing body is responsible for maintaining include—
- (a) in the case of the British Transport Police Authority, the British Transport Police, and
  - (b) in the case of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority, the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.
- (7) References to a police force include—
- (a) references to the special constables appointed by a chief officer of police, <sup>F5</sup>...
  - (b) references to the civilian employees of the police force; [<sup>F6</sup>and
  - (c) references to persons who are under the direction and control of the chief officer of police by virtue of being volunteers with the force;]
- and references to the members of a police force are to be read accordingly.
- (8) For that purpose “civilian employee” means—
- (a) in the case of a police force maintained under section 2 or 5A, the members of the civilian staff of that force;
  - (b) in the case of any other police force, the employees of the policing body responsible for maintaining that force who are under the direction and control of the chief officer of police of that force.]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 23-23I substituted for s. 23 (12.3.2010) by Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c. 26), **ss. 5**, 116(1); S.I. 2010/507, art. 4(a)
- F2** Word in s. 23I(1) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 12 para. 11(2)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F3** Words in s. 23I(4) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 12 para. 11(3)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F4** Ss. 23I(5)-(8) inserted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 12 para. 11(4)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F5** Word in s. 23I(7)(a) omitted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 12 para. 10(3)(a)**; S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F6** S. 23I(7)(c) and word inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 12 para. 10(3)(b)**; S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)

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