



Police Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 16

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Miscellaneous

98 Cross-border aid of one police force by another.

- (1) The chief officer of police of a police force in England or Wales may, on the application of [^{F1}the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland] or the chief constable of the [^{F2}Police Service of Northern Ireland], provide constables or other assistance for the purpose of enabling the Scottish force or the [^{F2}Police Service of Northern Ireland] to meet any special demand on its resources.
- (2) [^{F3}The chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland] may, on the application of the chief officer of police of a police force in England or Wales ^{F4}... the chief constable of the [^{F2}Police Service of Northern Ireland]^{F5}..., provide constables or other assistance for the purpose of enabling the English or Welsh force or the [^{F2}Police Service of Northern Ireland]^{F5}... to meet any special demand on its resources.
- (3) The chief constable of the [^{F2}Police Service of Northern Ireland] may, on the application of the chief officer of police of a police force in England or Wales or [^{F6}the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland]^{F7}..., provide constables or other assistance for the purpose of enabling the English or Welsh force or the Scottish force ^{F7}... to meet any special demand on its resources.

^{F8}(3A)

- (4) If it appears to the Secretary of State—
 - (a) to be expedient in the interests of public safety or order that a police force ^{F9}...should be reinforced or should receive other assistance for the purpose of enabling it to meet any special demand on its resources, and
 - (b) that satisfactory arrangements under subsection (1), [^{F10}(2) or (3)] cannot be made, or cannot be made in time,

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he may direct the chief officer of police of any police force in England or Wales, [^{F11}the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland] or the chief constable of the [^{F2}Police Service of Northern Ireland]^{F9} ..., as the case may be, to provide such constables or other assistance for that purpose as may be specified in the direction.

- (5) While a constable is provided under this section for the assistance of another police force ^{F12}... he shall, notwithstanding any enactment,—
- (a) be under the direction and control of the chief officer of police of that other force (or, where that other force is [^{F13}the Police Service of Scotland] or the [^{F2}Police Service of Northern Ireland]^{F12} ..., of [^{F14}the chief constable of that Service]^{F15} ...); and
 - (b) have in any place the like powers and privileges as a member of that other force has in that place as a constable.
- (6) The [^{F16}local policing body] maintaining a police force for which assistance is provided under this section shall pay to the [^{F16}local policing body] maintaining the force from which that assistance is provided such contribution as may be agreed upon between [^{F17}those bodies] or, in the absence of any such agreement, as may be provided by any agreement subsisting at the time between all [^{F18}local policing bodies] generally, or, in the absence of such general agreement, as may be determined by the Secretary of State.

^{F19}(6A)

^{F20}(6B) In this section “local policing body” includes—

- (a) [^{F21}the Scottish Police Authority], and
- (b) the Northern Ireland Policing Board.]

(7) In the application of this section to Scotland, any expression used in this section and in the [^{F22}Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012] shall have the same meaning in this section as in that Act.

^{F23}(8) “Constable”, in relation to Northern Ireland, means a police officer within the meaning of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 98(1) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 98(1)-(5) substituted (4.11.2001) by 2000 c. 32, s. 74, **Sch. 6 para. 12(4)**; S.R. 2001/396, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F3** Words in s. 98(2) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(b)**
- F4** Word in s. 98(2) repealed (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 50, s. 134(2), **Sch. 10**; S.I. 1998/354, **art. 2(2)(ay)**
- F5** Words in s. 98(2) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), **Sch. 4 para. 83(2)**, **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), **Sch. paras. 10, 13(y)**
- F6** Words in s. 98(3) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(c)**
- F7** Words in s. 98(3) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), **Sch. 4 para. 83(2)**, **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), **Sch. paras. 10, 13(y)**
- F8** S. 98(3A) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), **Sch. 4 para. 83(3)**, **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), **Sch. paras. 10, 13(y)**

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- F9** Words in s. 98(4) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), Sch. 4 para. 83(4)(a), **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. paras. 10, 13(y)
- F10** Words in s. 98(4) substituted (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), **Sch. 4 para. 83(4)(b)**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. para. 10
- F11** Words in s. 98(4) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(d)**
- F12** Words in s. 98(5) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), Sch. 4 para. 83(5)(a), **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. paras. 10, 13(y)
- F13** Words in s. 98(5)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(e)(i)**
- F14** Words in s. 98(5)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(e)(ii)**
- F15** Words in s. 98(5)(a) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(e)(iii)**
- F16** Words in s. 98(6) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 45(2)(a)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F17** Words in s. 98(6) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 45(2)(b)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F18** Words in s. 98(6) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 45(2)(c)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F19** S. 98(6A) repealed (1.4.2006) by Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), s. 178(8), Sch. 4 para. 83(6), **Sch. 17 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/378, art. 4(1), Sch. paras. 10, 13(y)
- F20** S. 98(6B) inserted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 16 para. 45(3)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F21** Words in s. 98(6B) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(f)**
- F22** Words in s. 98(7) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/602), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 25(5)(g)**
- F23** S. 98(8) substituted (4.11.2001) for s. 98(8)(9) by 2000 c. 32, s. 74, **Sch. 6 para. 12(5)**; S.R. 2001/396, art. 2, **Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 98(6): power to apply conferred (28.1.2016 for specified purposes, 28.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by 2009 c. 20, **Sch. 5C para. 11(1)(a)** (as inserted (E.W.) by Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (c. 1), s. 25(2), **Sch. 2**)

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