



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000

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- 2A (1) This paragraph applies if, by virtue of section 2(2)...
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Constitution

- 3 (1) The Board shall consist of not less than 14...

Term of office

- 4 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

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Remuneration and allowances of members

- 5 (1) The Board may pay to the chairman, vice-chairman and...
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Constitution

- 6 (1) The Board shall consist of 19 members of whom—...

Political members

- 7 (1) Where this Part comes into effect in relation to...

Independent members

- 8 (1) The Minister of Justice shall so exercise his powers...

Removal of members from office

- 9 (1) The Minister of Justice may remove a person from...

Disqualification

- 10 (1) A person is disqualified for membership of the Board...

Chairman and vice-chairman

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Remuneration and allowances of members

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- 21 The application of the seal of the Board shall be...

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- 22 (1) Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or...

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Interpretation

- 1 In this Schedule— “the Authority” means the Police Authority for...

Transfer of functions

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Transfer of assets and liabilities

- 3 (1) All property, rights and liabilities to which the Authority...

Transfer of employed staff

- 4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), this paragraph applies...

Transfer of seconded staff

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies to a person who immediately before...

References to, and acts, etc. done by, or in relation to, the Authority

- 6 (1) Any reference in any statutory provision or document to...

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Accounts

7 (1) In this paragraph “the relevant period” means the period—...

SCHEDULE 3 — District policing partnerships

Interpretation

1 (1) In this Schedule “a DPP” means a district policing...

Size and composition

2 (1) A DPP shall consist of 15, 17 or 19...

Political members

3 (1) A council shall exercise its power to appoint political...

Independent members

4 (1) Appointments of independent members shall be made by the...

The council’s nominations

5 (1) Where appointments are to be made of independent members...

Code of practice on appointment of independent members

6 (1) In exercising functions under paragraphs 4 and 5, a...

Removal of members from office

7 (1) The Board, or the council with the approval of...

Disqualification

8 (1) A person is disqualified for membership of a DPP...

Chairman and vice-chairman

9 (1) For each DPP there shall be a chairman appointed...

9A (1) For each DPP there shall be a vice-chairman elected...

Allowances

10 The council may pay to the chairman, vice-chairman and other...

Idemnities

10A The council may indemnify a member of a DPP in...

Insurance against accidents

10B (1) The council may insure against risks of a member...

Finance

11 The Board shall for each financial year make to the...

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- 12 (1) The quorum for a meeting of a DPP shall...

Validity of proceedings

- 13 The validity of any proceedings of a DPP or a...

Disclosure of pecuniary interests, family connections, et cetera

- 14 Sections 28 to 33, 42, 46, 47 and 146 of...

Committees

- 15 (1) A DPP may— (a) constitute committees of such 5...

Joint partnerships

- 16 (1) The Department of Justice may by order provide that...

Belfast district policing partnership

- 17 (1) The preceding paragraphs of this Schedule have effect in...

SCHEDULE 3A — BELFAST SUB-GROUPS

Interpretation

- 1 (1) In this Schedule— “ the council ” means the...

Size and composition

- 2 (1) A sub-group shall consist of 11 members.

Political members

- 3 (1) The council shall exercise its power to appoint political...

Independent members

- 4 (1) Appointments of independent members shall be made by the...

The council's nominations

- 5 (1) Where appointments are to be made of independent members...

Code of practice on appointment of independent members

- 6 (1) In exercising functions under paragraphs 4 and 5, the...

Removal of members from office

- 7 (1) The Board, or the council with the approval of...

Disqualification

- 8 (1) A person is disqualified for membership of a sub-group...

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Chairman and vice-chairman

9 (1) For each sub-group there shall be a chairman appointed...

Allowances

10 The council may pay to the chairman, vice-chairman and other...

Indemnities

11 The council may indemnify a member of a sub-group in...

Insurance against accidents

12 (1) The council may insure against risks of a member...

Finance

13 The Board shall for each financial year make to the...

Procedure

14 (1) The quorum for a meeting of a sub-group shall...

Validity of proceedings

15 The validity of any proceedings of a sub-group or a...

Disclosure of pecuniary interests, family connections, etc.

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Committees

17 (1) A sub-group may constitute a committee of its members....

SCHEDULE 4 — The Commissioner

Appointment etc. of the Commissioner

1 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

Terms of reference

2 (1) On appointing the Commissioner, the Secretary of State shall...

Remuneration, pensions, allowances, etc.

3 (1) The Secretary of State may pay, or make such...

Staff

4 (1) The Commissioner may, with the approval of the Secretary...
5 The Employers' Liability (Defective Equipment and Compulsory
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Exercise of functions

6 (1) Any functions of the Commissioner under this Act may...

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- 7 A document purporting to be duly signed by, or on...

Finance

- 8 The Secretary of State shall pay to the Commissioner such...
9 (1) The Commissioner shall— (a) keep proper accounts and proper...

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- 1 (1) The Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 shall be...

Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 6)

- 2 (1) The Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 shall be...

Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 21)

- 3 (1) The Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998...

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- 1 In the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 after section 43...

Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (1967 c. 13)

- 2 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 at...

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)

- 3 (1) The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 shall be...

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)

- 4 (1) The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 shall be...

Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30)

- 5 In Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (defined words...

Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (NI 9)

- 6 In Article 47A(2) of the Health and Safety at Work...

Finance Act 1981 (c. 35)

- 7 In section 107(3)(k) of the Finance Act 1981 for “the...

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- 8 In section 31(3)(c) of the Aviation Security Act 1982 for...

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Official Secrets Act 1989 (c. 6)

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Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 12)

10 (1) The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989...

Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 (c. 31)

11 In section 22(4)(b) of the Aviation and Maritime Security Act...

Police Act 1996 (c. 16)

12 (1) The Police Act 1996 shall be amended as follows....

Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 6)

13 In Schedule 2 to the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996...

Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 7)

14 In Schedule 2 to the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland)...

Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 9)

15 In Article 23(5)(a) and (b) of the Proceeds of Crime...

Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 10)

16 In Article 84(2) of the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland)...

Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 16)

17 (1) The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 shall be...

Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 22)

18 In Article 84(b) of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996...

Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 23)

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Police Act 1997 (c. 50)

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Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 2)

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Police (Health and Safety) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 16)

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23 (1) The Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 shall be amended...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 44(3)(b) referred to by SI 2001/369 reg. 2C(4) (as inserted) by [S.R. 2008/314 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 1 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 2 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 3 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
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- Sch. 3 para. 6 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 7 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 8 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 9 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 10 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 11 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 12 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 13 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
- Sch. 3 para. 14 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/66 art. 2](#) (This amendment is not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 3 is already in force as a result of the commencement of s. 14 on 15.4.2002 by S.R. 2002/146, art. 2, Sch.)
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