



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 32

PART III

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY POLICING ARRANGEMENTS

Police districts

20 Police districts.

- (1) Each district, other than Belfast, shall be a police district.
- (2) In the district of Belfast there shall be such number of police districts (not exceeding 4), as may be determined by the Chief Constable; and each such police district shall consist of such area as may be so determined.
- (3) For each police district the Chief Constable shall designate as district commander a police officer of the required rank.
- (4) In any statutory provision—
 - (a) for any reference to a police sub-division there shall be substituted a reference to a police district established under this section;
 - (b) for any reference to a sub-divisional commander there shall be substituted a reference to a district commander designated under this section.
- (5) “Required rank” means a rank not less than that of chief inspector.

^{F1}21 District policing partnership sub-groups for Belfast

.....

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000, Cross Heading: Police districts. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 21 repealed (1.4.2012) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 24\)](#), s. 111(3), [Sch. 8 Pt. 2](#); S.R. 2012/142, art. 2(e)

[^{F2}21A Annual report by sub-groups to Belfast district policing partnership

- (1) A sub-group established under section 21 shall, not later than 2 months after the end of each financial year, submit to the district policing partnership for Belfast a general report on the exercise of its functions during that year.
- (2) A report under subsection (1) shall include details of the arrangements made under section 21(2)(c).
- (3) Before submitting any report under subsection (1), a sub-group shall consult the district commander of its police district.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 21A inserted (4.9.2007) by [Police \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2003 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 19, [Sch. 1 para. 6](#); S.R. 2007/371, art. 2(c)

[^{F3}21B Annual report by Belfast district policing partnership to council

- (1) The district policing partnership for Belfast shall, not later than 4 months after the end of each financial year, submit to the district council for Belfast a general report on the exercise during that year of—
 - (a) its functions;
 - (b) the functions of the sub-groups established under section 21.
- (2) When the district policing partnership submits its report under subsection (1) it shall at the same time—
 - (a) send to the council copies of the sub-group reports for the year;
 - (b) send copies of its report and the sub-group reports for the year to the Board.
- (3) If the district policing partnership has made arrangements under section 16(1)(c) the report under subsection (1) shall include details of the arrangements.
- (4) Before submitting any report under subsection (1), the district policing partnership shall consult the district commander of each police district in the district of Belfast.
- (5) The district council shall arrange for a report submitted under subsection (1) to be published in such manner as appears to the council to be appropriate.
- (6) The district council may arrange for a sub-group report to be published with the report submitted under subsection (1) if—
 - (a) the council considers publication of the sub-group report to be appropriate, or
 - (b) the district policing partnership has requested the publication of the sub-group report.
- (7) A “sub-group report” is a report submitted to the district policing partnership under section 21A.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000, Cross Heading: Police districts. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 21B inserted (4.9.2007) by Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (c. 6), s. 19, Sch. 1 para. 7; S.R. 2007/371, art. 2(c)

[^{F4}21C Other reports by sub-groups to Belfast district policing partnership

- (1) A sub-group established under section 21 shall, whenever so required by the district policing partnership for Belfast, submit to the partnership a report on any matter which is specified in the requirement and is connected with the exercise of its functions.
- (2) A report under this section shall be made—
 - (a) in such form as may be specified in the requirement under subsection (1); and
 - (b) within the period of 2 months from the date on which that requirement is made, or within such longer period as may be agreed between the sub-group and the partnership.
- (3) The partnership may arrange for a report submitted under this section to be published in such manner as appears to the partnership to be appropriate.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply if the partnership has imposed the requirement under subsection (1) to enable it to comply with a requirement imposed on it under section 21D(1).]

Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 21C inserted (4.9.2007) by Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (c. 6), s. 19, Sch. 1 para. 8; S.R. 2007/371, art. 2(c)

[^{F5}21D Reports by Belfast district policing partnership to Board

- (1) The district policing partnership for Belfast shall, whenever so required by the Board, submit to the Board a report on any matter which is specified in the requirement and is connected with the exercise of—
 - (a) its functions, or
 - (b) the functions of a sub-group established under section 21.
- (2) A report under this section shall be made—
 - (a) in such form as may be specified in the requirement under subsection (1); and
 - (b) within the required period or such longer period as may be agreed between the district policing partnership and the Board.
- (3) The required period is—
 - (a) 4 months from the date on which the requirement under subsection (1) is made, if the requirement relates wholly or in part to the functions of a sub-group;
 - (b) 3 months from the date on which the requirement under subsection (1) is made, in any other case.
- (4) When the district policing partnership submits its report under subsection (1) it shall at the same time send to the Board copies of any related sub-group report.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000, Cross Heading: Police districts. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) The Board may arrange for the publication, in such manner as appears to the Board to be appropriate, of—
- (a) a report submitted under subsection (1);
 - (b) a related sub-group report.
- (6) A “sub-group report” is a report submitted to the district policing partnership under section 21C.
- (7) A sub-group report is related to a report submitted in pursuance of a requirement under subsection (1) if the district policing partnership imposed the requirement to submit the sub-group report to enable it to comply with the requirement under subsection (1).]

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 21D inserted (4.9.2007) by [Police \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2003 \(c. 6\), s. 19, Sch. 1 para. 9](#); S.R. 2007/371, art. 2(c)

22 The local policing plan.

- (1) Each district commander shall issue, and may from time to time revise, a plan (“the local policing plan”) setting out the proposed arrangements for the policing of the police district.
 - (2) The local policing plan may relate to matters to which the policing plan also relates, or to other matters, but in any event shall be so framed as to be consistent with the policing plan.
 - (3) Before issuing or revising a local policing plan, the district commander shall consult the [F6policing and community safety partnership] whose district is, or includes, the police district and take account of any views expressed.
- [F7(3A) Before issuing or revising a local policing plan for a police district established under section 20(2), the district commander shall also consult the [F8district policing and community safety partnership] and take account of any views expressed.]
- (4) The district commander shall arrange for the local policing plan issued or revised under this section to be published in such manner as appears to him to be appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in s. 22(3) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 24\), s. 111\(3\), Sch. 7 para. 8\(1\)](#); S.R. 2012/142, art. 2(d)
- F7** S. 22(3A) inserted (4.9.2007) by [Police \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2003 \(c. 6\), s. 19, Sch. 1 para. 10](#); S.R. 2007/371, art. 2(c)
- F8** Words in s. 22(3A) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 24\), s. 111\(3\), Sch. 7 para. 8\(2\)](#); S.R. 2012/142, art. 2(d)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000,
Cross Heading: Police districts.