

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS AND CONDUCT MATTERS ETC.

PART 3

INVESTIGATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS

Power of the Commission to determine the form of an investigation

- 15 (1) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) a complaint or recordable conduct matter is referred to the Commission; and
 - (b) the Commission determines that it is necessary for the complaint or matter to be investigated.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Commission to determine the form which the investigation should take.
- (3) In making a determination under sub-paragraph (2) the Commission shall have regard to the following factors—
- (a) the seriousness of the case; and
 - (b) the public interest.
- (4) The only forms which the investigation may take in accordance with a determination made under this paragraph are—
- (a) an investigation by the appropriate authority on its own behalf;
 - (b) an investigation by that authority under the supervision of the Commission;
 - (c) an investigation by that authority under the management of the Commission;
 - (d) an investigation by the Commission.
- (5) The Commission may at any time make a further determination under this paragraph to replace an earlier one.
- (6) Where a determination under this paragraph replaces an earlier determination under this paragraph, or relates to a complaint or matter in relation to which the appropriate authority has already begun an investigation on its own behalf, the Commission may give—
- (a) the appropriate authority, and
 - (b) any person previously appointed to carry out the investigation,
- such directions as it considers appropriate for the purpose of giving effect to the new determination.
- (7) It shall be the duty of a person to whom a direction is given under sub-paragraph (6) to comply with it.

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- (8) The Commission shall notify the appropriate authority of any determination that it makes under this paragraph in relation to a particular complaint or recordable conduct matter.

Investigations by the appropriate authority on its own behalf

- 16 (1) This paragraph applies if the appropriate authority is required by virtue of—
- (a) any determination made by that authority under paragraph 6(2) (whether following the recording of a complaint or on a reference back under paragraph 5(2)) or under paragraph 8(4), or
 - (b) any determination made by the Commission under paragraph 15,
- to make arrangements for a complaint or recordable conduct matter to be investigated by the appropriate authority on its own behalf.
- (2) This paragraph also applies if—
- (a) a determination falls to be made by that authority under paragraph 10(4)(b), or 11(3)(b) or 14(2) in relation to any recordable conduct matter; and
 - (b) the appropriate authority determine that it is necessary for the matter to be investigated by the authority on its own behalf.
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), it shall be the duty of the appropriate authority to appoint—
- (a) a person serving with the police (whether under the direction and control of the chief officer of police of the relevant force or of the chief officer of another force), or
 - (b) a member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the National Crime Squad,
- to investigate the complaint or matter.
- (4) The person appointed under this paragraph to investigate any complaint or matter—
- (a) in the case of an investigation relating to any conduct of a chief officer, must not be a person under that chief officer's direction and control; and
 - (b) in the case of an investigation relating to any conduct of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis or of the Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, must be the person nominated by the Secretary of State for appointment under this paragraph.

Investigations supervised by the Commission

- 17 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission has determined that it should supervise the investigation by the appropriate authority of any complaint or recordable conduct matter.
- (2) On being given notice of that determination, the appropriate authority shall, if it has not already done so, appoint—
- (a) a person serving with the police (whether under the direction and control of the chief officer of police of the relevant force or of the chief officer of another force), or
 - (b) a member of the National Criminal Intelligence Service or the National Crime Squad,
- to investigate the complaint or matter.

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- (3) The Commission may require that no appointment is made under sub-paragraph (2) unless it has given notice to the appropriate authority that it approves the person whom that authority proposes to appoint.
- (4) Where a person has already been appointed to investigate the complaint or matter, or is selected under this sub-paragraph for appointment, and the Commission is not satisfied with that person, the Commission may require the appropriate authority, as soon as reasonably practicable after being required to do so—
 - (a) to select another person falling within sub-paragraph (2)(a) or (b) to investigate the complaint or matter; and
 - (b) to notify the Commission of the person selected.
- (5) Where a selection made in pursuance of a requirement under sub-paragraph (4) has been notified to the Commission, the appropriate authority shall appoint that person to investigate the complaint or matter if, but only if, the Commission notifies the authority that it approves the appointment of that person.
- (6) A person appointed under this paragraph to investigate any complaint or matter—
 - (a) in the case of an investigation relating to any conduct of a chief officer, must not be a person under that chief officer’s direction and control; and
 - (b) in the case of an investigation relating to any conduct of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis or of the Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, must be the person nominated by the Secretary of State for appointment under this paragraph.
- (7) The person appointed to investigate the complaint or matter shall comply with all such requirements in relation to the carrying out of that investigation as may, in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of this sub-paragraph by the Secretary of State, be imposed by the Commission in relation to that investigation.

Investigations managed by the Commission

- 18 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission has determined that it should manage the investigation by the appropriate authority of any complaint or recordable conduct matter.
- (2) Sub-paragraphs (2) to (6) of paragraph 17 shall apply as they apply in the case of an investigation which the Commission has determined is one that it should supervise.
- (3) The person appointed to investigate the complaint or matter shall, in relation to that investigation, be under the direction and control of the Commission.

Investigations by the Commission itself

- 19 (1) This paragraph applies where the Commission has determined that it should itself carry out the investigation of a complaint or recordable conduct matter.
- (2) The Commission shall designate both—
 - (a) a member of the Commission’s staff to take charge of the investigation on behalf of the Commission, and
 - (b) all such other members of the Commission’s staff as are required by the Commission to assist him.

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- (3) The person designated under sub-paragraph (2) to be the person to take charge of an investigation relating to any conduct of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis or of the Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis must be the person nominated by the Secretary of State to be so designated under that sub-paragraph.
- (4) A member of the Commission’s staff who—
- (a) is designated under sub-paragraph (2) in relation to any investigation, but
 - (b) does not already, by virtue of section 97(8) of the 1996 Act, have all the powers and privileges of a constable throughout England and Wales and the adjacent United Kingdom waters,
- shall, for the purposes of the carrying out of the investigation and all purposes connected with it, have all those powers and privileges throughout England and Wales and those waters.
- (5) A member of the Commission’s staff who is not a constable shall not, as a result of sub-paragraph (4), be treated as being in police service for the purposes of—
- (a) section 280 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (c. 52) (person in police service excluded from definitions of “worker” and “employee”); or
 - (b) section 200 of the Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18) (certain provisions of that Act not to apply to persons in police service).
- (6) The Secretary of State may by order provide that such provisions of the 1984 Act relating to investigations of offences conducted by police officers as may be specified in the order shall apply, subject to such modifications as may be so specified, to investigations of offences conducted by virtue of this paragraph by members of the Commission’s staff designated under sub-paragraph (2).
- (7) References in this paragraph to the powers and privileges of a constable—
- (a) are references to any power or privilege conferred by or under any enactment (including one passed after the passing of this Act) on a constable; and
 - (b) shall have effect as if every such power were exercisable, and every such privilege existed, throughout England and Wales and the adjacent United Kingdom waters (whether or not that is the case apart from this sub-paragraph).
- (8) In this paragraph “United Kingdom waters” means the sea and other waters within the seaward limits of the United Kingdom’s territorial sea.

Restrictions on proceedings pending the conclusion of an investigation

- 20 (1) No criminal or disciplinary proceedings shall be brought in relation to any matter which is the subject of an investigation in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule until a report on that investigation has been submitted to the Commission or to the appropriate authority under paragraph 22.
- (2) Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the bringing of criminal or disciplinary proceedings in respect of any conduct at any time after the discontinuance of the investigation in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule which relates to that conduct.
- (3) The restrictions imposed by this paragraph in relation to the bringing of criminal proceedings shall not apply to the bringing of criminal proceedings by the Director of

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Power of the Commission to discontinue an investigation

- 21 (1) If at any time appears to the Commission (whether on an application by the appropriate authority or otherwise) that a complaint or matter that is being investigated—
- (a) by the appropriate authority on its own behalf, or
 - (b) under the supervision or management of the Commission,
- is of a description of complaint or matter specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this sub-paragraph, the Commission may by order require the discontinuance of the investigation.
- (2) The Commission shall not discontinue any investigation that is being carried out in accordance with paragraph 19 except in such cases as may be authorised by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (3) Where the Commission makes an order under this paragraph or discontinues an investigation being carried out in accordance with paragraph 19, it shall give notification of the discontinuance—
- (a) to the appropriate authority;
 - (b) to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the subject matter of the investigation under section 21; and
 - (c) in a case where the investigation that is discontinued is an investigation of a complaint, to the complainant.
- (4) Where an investigation of a complaint or recordable conduct matter is discontinued in accordance with this paragraph—
- (a) the Commission may give the appropriate authority directions to do any such things as it is authorised to direct by regulations made by the Secretary of State;
 - (b) the Commission may itself take any such steps of a description specified in regulations so made as it considers appropriate for purposes connected with the discontinuance of the investigation; and
 - (c) subject to the preceding paragraphs, neither the appropriate authority nor the Commission shall take any further action in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule in relation to that complaint or matter.
- (5) The appropriate authority shall comply with any directions given to it under sub-paragraph (4).

Final reports on investigations

- 22 (1) On the completion of his investigation, a person appointed under paragraph 16 shall submit a report on it to the appropriate authority.
- (2) On the completion of his investigation, a person appointed under paragraph 17 or 18 shall—
- (a) submit a report on it to the Commission; and
 - (b) send a copy of that report to the appropriate authority.

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- (3) On the completion of an investigation by the Commission itself, the person designated under paragraph 19 as the person in charge of the investigation shall submit a report on it to the Commission.
- (4) A person submitting a report under this paragraph shall not be prevented by any obligation of secrecy imposed by any rule of law or otherwise from including all such matters in his report as he thinks fit.

Action by the Commission in response to an investigation report

- 23 (1) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) a report on an investigation carried out under the management of the Commission is submitted to it under sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 22; or
 - (b) a report on an investigation carried out by a person designated by the Commission is submitted to it under sub-paragraph (3) of that paragraph.
- (2) On receipt of the report, the Commission—
- (a) if it appears that the appropriate authority has not already been sent a copy of the report, shall send a copy of the report to that authority;
 - (b) shall determine whether the report indicates that a criminal offence may have been committed by the person whose conduct was the subject-matter of the investigation;
 - (c) if it determines that the report does so indicate, shall notify the Director of Public Prosecutions of the determination and send him a copy of the report; and
 - (d) shall notify the appropriate authority of its determination under paragraph (b) and of any action taken by it under paragraph (c).
- (3) The Director of Public Prosecutions shall notify the Commission of any decision of his to take, or not to take, action in respect of the matters dealt with in any report a copy of which has been sent to him under sub-paragraph (2)(c).
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Commission to notify the persons mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) if criminal proceedings are brought against any person by the Director of Public Prosecutions in respect of any matters dealt with in a report copied to him under sub-paragraph (2)(c).
- (5) Those persons are—
- (a) in the case of a complaint, the complainant and every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21; and
 - (b) in the case of a recordable conduct matter, every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to that matter under that section.
- (6) Where the Commission—
- (a) has determined under sub-paragraph (2)(b) that there is no indication in the report that a criminal offence may have been committed,
 - (b) is notified by the Director of Public Prosecutions, in any case in which it has sent him a copy of the report, that the Director proposes to take no action in respect any of the matters dealt with in the report, or
 - (c) is satisfied that all criminal proceedings brought or likely to be brought in respect of matters dealt with in the report have been brought to a conclusion (apart from the bringing and determination of any appeal),

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the Commission shall give a notification to the appropriate authority requiring it to determine what action (if any) it will itself take in respect of the matters dealt with in the report.

- (7) On being required under sub-paragraph (6) to determine what action it will take in respect of the matters dealt with in the report the appropriate authority shall make that determination and submit a memorandum to the Commission which—
- (a) sets out whether the appropriate authority is proposing to take any action in respect of the matters dealt with in the report;
 - (b) if the appropriate authority is proposing to take any action, sets out what action it is proposing to take; and
 - (c) if the appropriate authority has decided in relation to any person whose conduct is the subject-matter of the report that disciplinary proceedings should not be brought against that person, sets out its reasons for so deciding.
- (8) On receipt of a memorandum under sub-paragraph (7), the Commission shall—
- (a) consider the memorandum and whether the appropriate authority is proposing to take the action that the Commission considers appropriate in respect of the matters dealt with in the report;
 - (b) determine, in the light of its consideration of those matters, whether or not to make recommendations under paragraph 27; and
 - (c) make such recommendations (if any) under that paragraph as it thinks fit.
- (9) On the making of a determination under sub-paragraph (8)(b) the Commission shall give a notification—
- (a) in the case of a complaint, to the complainant and to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21; and
 - (b) in the case of a recordable conduct matter, to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to that matter under that section.
- (10) The notification required by sub-paragraph (9) is one setting out—
- (a) the findings of the report;
 - (b) the Commission's determination under sub-paragraph (8)(b); and
 - (c) the action which the appropriate authority is to be recommended to take as a consequence of the determination.
- (11) Subsections (5) to (7) of section 20 shall have effect in relation to the duties imposed on the Commission by sub-paragraph (9) of this paragraph as they have effect in relation to the duties imposed on the Commission by that section.
- (12) Except so far as may be otherwise provided by regulations made by virtue of sub-paragraph (11), the Commission shall be entitled (notwithstanding any obligation of secrecy imposed by any rule of law or otherwise) to discharge the duty to give a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (9) notification of the findings of the report by sending that person a copy of the report.

Action by the appropriate authority in response to an investigation report

- 24 (1) This paragraph applies where—
- (a) a report of an investigation is submitted to the appropriate authority in accordance with paragraph 22(1); or

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- (b) a copy of a report on an investigation carried out under the supervision of the Commission is sent to the appropriate authority in accordance with paragraph 22(2).
- (2) On receipt of the report or (as the case may be) of the copy, the appropriate authority—
 - (a) shall determine whether the report indicates that a criminal offence may have been committed by a person whose conduct was the subject-matter of the investigation; and
 - (b) if it determines that the report does so indicate, shall notify the Director of Public Prosecutions of the determination and send him a copy of the report.
- (3) The Director of Public Prosecutions shall notify the appropriate authority of any decision of his to take, or not to take, action in respect of the matters dealt with in any report a copy of which has been sent to him under sub-paragraph (2).
- (4) It shall be the duty of the appropriate authority to notify the persons mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) if criminal proceedings are brought against any person by the Director of Public Prosecutions in respect of any matters dealt with in a report copied to him under sub-paragraph (2)(b).
- (5) Those persons are—
 - (a) in the case of a complaint, the complainant and every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21; and
 - (b) in the case of a recordable conduct matter, every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to that matter under that section.
- (6) Where the appropriate authority—
 - (a) has determined under sub-paragraph (2) that there is no indication in the report that a criminal offence may have been committed,
 - (b) is notified by the Director of Public Prosecutions, in any case in which it has sent him a copy of the report, that the Director proposes to take no action in respect any of the matters dealt with in the report, or
 - (c) is satisfied that all criminal proceedings brought or likely to be brought in respect of matters dealt with in the report have been brought to a conclusion (apart from the bringing and determination of any appeal),the appropriate authority shall determine what action (if any) it will itself take in respect of the matters dealt with in the report.
- (7) On the making of a determination under sub-paragraph (6) the appropriate authority shall give a notification—
 - (a) in the case of a complaint, to the complainant and to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21; and
 - (b) in the case of a recordable conduct matter, to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to that matter under that section.
- (8) The notification required by sub-paragraph (7) is one setting out—
 - (a) the findings of the report;
 - (b) whether the authority has determined under sub-paragraph (6) to take any action;
 - (c) the action (if any) which that authority has decided to take; and
 - (d) the complainant's right of appeal under paragraph 25.

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- (9) Subsections (5) to (7) of section 20 shall have effect in relation to the duties imposed on the appropriate authority by sub-paragraph (7) of this paragraph as they have effect in relation to the duties imposed on the appropriate authority by that section.
- (10) Except so far as may be otherwise provided by regulations made by virtue of sub-paragraph (9), the appropriate authority shall be entitled (notwithstanding any obligation of secrecy imposed by any rule of law or otherwise) to discharge the duty to give a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (7) notification of the findings of the report by sending that person a copy of the report.

Appeals to the Commission with respect to an investigation

- 25 (1) This paragraph applies where a complaint has been subjected to—
- (a) an investigation by the appropriate authority on its own behalf; or
 - (b) an investigation under the supervision of the Commission.
- (2) The complainant shall have the following rights of appeal to the Commission—
- (a) a right to appeal on the grounds that he has not been provided with adequate information—
 - (i) about the findings of the investigation; or
 - (ii) about any proposals of the appropriate authority to take, or not to take, action in consequence of the report;
 - (b) a right to appeal against the findings of the investigation; and
 - (c) a right of appeal against any proposal of the appropriate authority to take, or not to take, action in respect of any of the matters dealt with in the report of the investigation;
- and it shall be the duty of the Commission to notify the appropriate authority, every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21 and the person complained against of any appeal brought under this paragraph.
- (3) On the bringing of an appeal under this paragraph, the Commission may require the appropriate authority to submit a memorandum to the Commission which—
- (a) sets out whether the appropriate authority is proposing to take any action in respect of the matters dealt with in the report;
 - (b) if the appropriate authority is proposing to take any action, sets out what action it is proposing to take; and
 - (c) if the appropriate authority has decided in relation to any person whose conduct is the subject-matter of the report that disciplinary proceedings should not be brought against that person, sets out its reasons for so deciding;
- and it shall be the duty of the appropriate authority to comply with any requirement under this sub-paragraph.
- (4) Where the Commission so requires on the bringing of any appeal under this paragraph in the case of an investigation by the appropriate authority on its own behalf, the appropriate authority shall provide the Commission with a copy of the report of the investigation.
- (5) On an appeal under this paragraph, the Commission shall determine—
- (a) whether the complainant has been provided with adequate information about the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a);

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- (b) whether the findings of the investigation need to be reconsidered; and
 - (c) whether the appropriate authority is proposing to take the action that the Commission considers appropriate in consequence of the report.
- (6) If, on an appeal under this paragraph, the Commission determines that the complainant has not been provided with adequate information about any matter, the Commission shall give the appropriate authority all such directions as the Commission considers appropriate for securing that the complainant is properly informed.
- (7) Nothing in sub-paragraph (6) shall authorise the Commission to require the disclosure of any information the disclosure of which to the appellant has been or is capable of being withheld by virtue of regulations made under section 20(5).
- (8) If, on an appeal under this paragraph, the Commission determines that the findings of the investigation need to be reconsidered, it shall either—
 - (a) review those findings without an immediate further investigation; or
 - (b) direct that the complaint be re-investigated.
- (9) If, on an appeal under this paragraph, the Commission determines that the appropriate authority is not proposing to take the action in consequence of the report that the Commission considers appropriate, the Commission shall—
 - (a) determine, in the light of that determination, whether or not to make recommendations under paragraph 27; and
 - (b) make such recommendations (if any) under that paragraph as it thinks fit.
- (10) The Commission shall give notification of any determination under this paragraph—
 - (a) to the appropriate authority,
 - (b) to the complainant;
 - (c) to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21; and
 - (d) except in a case where it appears to the Commission that to do so might prejudice any proposed review or re-investigation of the complaint, to the person complained against.
- (11) The Commission shall also give notification of any directions given to the appropriate authority under this paragraph—
 - (a) to the complainant;
 - (b) to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21; and
 - (c) except in a case where it appears to the Commission that to do so might prejudice any proposed review or re-investigation of the complaint, to the person complained against.
- (12) It shall be the duty of the appropriate authority to comply with any directions given to it under this paragraph.
- (13) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—
 - (a) for the form and manner in which appeals under this paragraph are to be brought;
 - (b) for the period within which any such appeal must be brought; and
 - (c) for the procedure to be followed by the Commission when dealing with or disposing of any such appeal.

Reviews and re-investigations following an appeal

- 26 (1) On a review under paragraph 25(8)(a) of the findings of an investigation the powers of the Commission shall be, according to its determination on that review, to do one or more of the following—
- (a) to uphold the findings in whole or in part;
 - (b) to give the appropriate authority such directions—
 - (i) as to the carrying out by the appropriate authority of its own review of the findings,
 - (ii) as to the information to be provided to the complainant, and
 - (iii) generally as to the handling of the matter in future,as the Commission thinks fit;
 - (c) to direct that the complaint be re-investigated.
- (2) Where the Commission directs under paragraph 25 or sub-paragraph (1) that a complaint be re-investigated, it shall make a determination of the form that the re-investigation should take.
- (3) Sub-paragraphs (3) to (7) of paragraph 15 shall apply in relation to a determination under sub-paragraph (2) as they apply in the case of a determination under that paragraph.
- (4) The other provisions of this Schedule (including this paragraph) shall apply in relation to any re-investigation in pursuance of a direction under paragraph 25(8) or sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph as they apply in relation to any investigation in pursuance of a determination under paragraph 15.
- (5) The Commission shall give notification of any determination made by it under this paragraph—
- (a) to the appropriate authority;
 - (b) to the complainant;
 - (c) to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21; and
 - (d) except in a case where it appears to the Commission that to do so might prejudice any proposed re-investigation of the complaint, to the person complained against.
- (6) The Commission shall also give notification of any directions given to the appropriate authority under this paragraph —
- (a) to the complainant;
 - (b) to every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section ; and
 - (c) except in a case where it appears to the Commission that to do so might prejudice any proposed review or re-investigation of the complaint, to the person complained against.

Duties with respect to disciplinary proceedings

- 27 (1) This paragraph applies where, in the case of any investigation, the appropriate authority—

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- (a) has given, or is required to give, a notification under paragraph 24(7) of the action it is proposing to take in relation to the matters dealt with in any report of the investigation; or
 - (b) has submitted, or is required to submit, a memorandum to the Commission under paragraph 23 or 25 setting out the action that it is proposing to take in relation to those matters.
- (2) Subject to paragraph 20 and to any recommendations or directions under the following provisions of this paragraph, it shall be the duty of the appropriate authority—
- (a) to take the action which has been or is required to be notified or, as the case may be, which is or is required to be set out in the memorandum; and
 - (b) in a case where that action consists of or includes the bringing of disciplinary proceedings, to secure that those proceedings, once brought, are proceeded with to a proper conclusion.
- (3) Where this paragraph applies by virtue of sub-paragraph (1)(b), the Commission may make a recommendation to the appropriate authority in respect of any person serving with the police—
- (a) that disciplinary proceedings, or such disciplinary proceedings as may be specified in the recommendation, are brought against that person in respect of the conduct which was the subject-matter of the investigation; or
 - (b) that any disciplinary proceedings brought against that person are modified so as to include such charges as may be so specified;
- and it shall be the duty of the appropriate authority to notify the Commission whether it accepts the recommendation and (if it does) to set out in the notification the steps that it is proposing to take to give effect to it.
- (4) If, after the Commission has made a recommendation under this paragraph, the appropriate authority does not take steps to secure that full effect is given to the recommendation—
- (a) the Commission may direct the appropriate authority to take steps for that purpose; and
 - (b) it shall be the duty of the appropriate authority to comply with the direction.
- (5) A direction under sub-paragraph (4) may, to such extent as the Commission thinks fit, set out the steps to be taken by the appropriate authority in order to give effect to the recommendation.
- (6) Where the Commission gives the appropriate authority a direction under this paragraph, it shall supply the appropriate authority with a statement of its reasons for doing so.
- (7) Where disciplinary proceedings have been brought in accordance with a recommendation or direction under this paragraph, it shall be the duty of the authority to ensure that they are proceeded with to a proper conclusion.
- (8) The Commission may at any time withdraw a direction given under this paragraph; and sub-paragraph (7) shall not impose any obligation in relation to any time after the withdrawal of the direction.
- (9) The appropriate authority shall keep the Commission informed—
- (a) in a case in which this paragraph applies by virtue of sub-paragraph (1)(b), of whatever action it takes in pursuance of its duty under sub-paragraph (2); and

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- (b) in every case of a recommendation or direction under this paragraph, of whatever action it takes in response to that recommendation or direction.

Information for complainant about disciplinary recommendations

28 (1) Where—

- (a) the Commission makes recommendations under paragraph 27 in the case of an investigation of a complaint, and
- (b) the appropriate authority notify the Commission that the recommendations have been accepted,

the Commission shall notify the complainant and every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21 of that fact and of the steps that have been, or are to be taken, by the appropriate authority to give effect to it.

(2) Where in the case of an investigation of a complaint the appropriate authority—

- (a) notify the Commission that it does not (either in whole or in part) accept recommendations made by the Commission under paragraph 27, or
- (b) fails to take steps to give full effect to any such recommendations,

it shall be the duty of the Commission to determine what if any further steps to take under that paragraph.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Commission to notify the complainant and every person entitled to be kept properly informed in relation to the complaint under section 21—

- (a) of any determination under sub-paragraph (2) not to take further steps under paragraph 27; and
- (b) where they determine under that sub-paragraph to take further steps under that paragraph, of the outcome of the taking of those steps.