



Police Reform Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 30

PART 2

COMPLAINTS AND MISCONDUCT

[^{F1}The Independent Office for Police Conduct]

[^{F1}10D Code of practice

- (1) The Director General and the Office must jointly prepare a code of practice dealing with the relationship between the Director General and the Office.
- (2) In doing so, they must (in particular) seek to reflect the principle that the Director General is to act independently when making decisions in connection with the carrying out of the Director General's functions.
- (3) The code must include provision as to the following—
 - (a) how the strategy required by section 10C is to be prepared, reviewed and revised;
 - (b) the matters to be covered by the strategy and the periods to be covered by it from time to time;
 - (c) how the carrying out of functions by the Director General is to be monitored and reviewed by other members of the Office;
 - (d) the giving of advice to the Director General by other members of the Office in connection with the carrying out of functions by the Director General;
 - (e) the keeping of written records of instances where the Director General has not followed advice given by other members of the Office and the reasons for not doing so;
 - (f) how non-executive members of the Office are to give practical effect to the requirement imposed by subsection (2).
- (4) The Code may include whatever other provision the Director General and the Office think appropriate.

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- (5) The Director General and the Office must jointly review the code regularly and revise it as appropriate.
- (6) The Director General and the Office must each comply with the code.
- (7) The Director General and the Office must jointly publish a code (or revised code) prepared under this section (stating the time from which it takes effect).]

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 10A-10D inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 8.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 34(6)**, 183(1)(5)(e); S.I. 2017/1249, [reg. 2](#) (with [reg. 3](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Pt. 2: power to amend conferred (E.W.) (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 3.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by 2004 c. 21, **s. 4K(2)(4)** (as inserted by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 1 para. 5**; S.I. 2017/399, [reg. 2](#), **Sch. para. 38**)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 26F inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 6](#)
- s. 28A(6A)(6B) inserted by [2023 c. 41 s. 45\(2\)](#)