



Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 10

PART 2

INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS [F1RELATING TO LISTED AUTHORITIES]

Reports of investigations

17 Publicising reports

- (1) If an investigation is conducted in respect of a listed authority and the authority receives a copy of a report under section 16(1)(b), the authority must make copies of that version of the report available for a period of at least three weeks—
 - (a) at one or more of the authority's offices, and
 - (b) if the authority has a website, on the website.
- (2) Throughout that period of three weeks, any person may—
 - (a) inspect the copy of the report at the office or offices concerned at any reasonable time without payment;
 - (b) make a copy of the report or any part of it at any reasonable time without payment;
 - (c) require the authority to supply him with a copy of the report or any part of it, on payment of a reasonable sum if requested;
 - (d) if the authority has a website, view the copy of the report on the website without payment.
- (3) Not later than two weeks after the copy of the report is received by the listed authority it must ensure that a notice is published in a newspaper circulating in the part of Wales in which the matter which is the subject of the report arose.
- (4) The notice must specify—

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- (a) the date on which the period of three weeks referred to in subsection (1) will begin,
 - (b) the office or offices at which a copy of the report can be inspected, and
 - (c) the address of the authority's website (if any).
- (5) The Ombudsman may give directions to listed authorities with regard to the discharge of their functions under this section.
- (6) Directions under subsection (5) may relate—
- (a) to a particular listed authority in respect of a particular report, or
 - (b) generally to the discharge of functions under this section by all or any listed authorities.
- (7) A person commits an offence if—
- (a) he wilfully obstructs a person in the exercise of a right conferred by subsection (2)(a), (b) or (d), or
 - (b) he refuses to comply with a requirement under subsection (2)(c).
- (8) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (7) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (9) The Ombudsman may direct that subsections (1) to (4) are not to apply in relation to a particular report.
- (10) In deciding whether to give a direction under subsection (9), the Ombudsman must take into account—
- (a) the public interest,
 - (b) the interests of the person aggrieved, and
 - (c) the interests of any other persons he thinks appropriate.

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