
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 1965

POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections
(Designation of Police Area Returning Officers) Order 2012**

Made - - - - 24th July 2012

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2)

This Order is made by the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by section 54(1)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011⁽¹⁾.

In accordance with section 7(2)(ha) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000⁽²⁾, the Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Designation of Police Area Returning Officers) Order 2012.

(2) This Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

(3) “Police area” means a police area listed in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996⁽³⁾ (police areas outside London).

Designation of police area returning officers

2.—(1) This article designates for the purposes of section 54(1) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (returning officers etc) the person who is to be police area returning officer for—

- (a) each police area in England other than Lancashire and Sussex, and
- (b) each police area in Wales other than Gwent.

(2) In respect of a police area in England listed in column 1 of Schedule 1, the police area returning officer is to be the person who is acting returning officer for the parliamentary constituency listed

(1) 2011 c.13.

(2) 2000 c.41. Section 7(2)(ha) was inserted by paragraph 11 of Schedule 10 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

(3) 1996 c.16.

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in column 2 of the Schedule opposite to the name of the police area (being a constituency that falls wholly or partly within the police area)(4).

(3) In respect of a police area in Wales listed in column 1 of Schedule 2, the police area returning officer is to be the person who is acting returning officer for the parliamentary constituency listed in column 2 of the Schedule opposite to the name of the police area (being a constituency that falls wholly or partly within the police area)(5).

Home Office
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Nick Herbert
Minister of State

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- (4) The person who is acting returning officer for a parliamentary constituency in England is determined by section 28(1)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2) (“the 1983 Act”) and by order made under section 28(1)(b) of that Act. Section 28(1)(b) was amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50).
- (5) The person who is acting returning officer for a parliamentary constituency in Wales is determined by section 28(1)(aa) of the 1983 Act and by order made under section 28(1)(b) of that Act. Section 28(1)(aa) was inserted by paragraph 68(3) of Schedule 16 to the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19).

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2(2)

Police area returning officers: England

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Name of police area in England</i>	<i>Parliamentary constituency for which the acting returning officer is police area returning officer</i>
Avon & Somerset	Bristol South
Bedfordshire	Luton South
Cambridgeshire	South East Cambridgeshire
Cheshire	Halton
Cleveland	Stockton South
Cumbria	Westmorland and Lonsdale
Derbyshire	Amber Valley
Devon and Cornwall	South East Cornwall
Dorset	Poole
Durham	Durham
Essex	Chelmsford
Gloucestershire	Stroud
Greater Manchester	Manchester Central
Hampshire	Southampton, Itchen
Hertfordshire	Broxbourne
Humberside	East Yorkshire
Kent	Dover
Leicestershire	North West Leicestershire
Lincolnshire	Lincoln
Merseyside	Liverpool, Riverside
Norfolk	Norwich South
North Yorkshire	York Outer
Northamptonshire	Kettering
Northumbria	Sunderland Central
Nottinghamshire	Rushcliffe

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<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Name of police area in England</i>	<i>Parliamentary constituency for which the acting returning officer is police area returning officer</i>
South Yorkshire	Barnsley East
Staffordshire	Stoke-on-Trent North
Suffolk	Waveney
Surrey	Guildford
Thames Valley	Aylesbury
Warwickshire	Stratford-on-Avon
West Mercia	North Shropshire
West Midlands	Birmingham, Edgbaston
West Yorkshire	Wakefield
Wiltshire	South Swindon

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2(3)

Police area returning officers: Wales

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
<i>Name of police area in Wales</i>	<i>Parliamentary constituency for which the acting returning officer is police area returning officer</i>
Dyfed-Powys	Preseli Pembrokeshire
North Wales	Delyn
South Wales	Bridgend

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision in relation to elections in England and Wales of police and crime commissioners under Part 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c.13).

Article 2(2) and Schedule 1 designate the persons who, in any such election, are to act as the returning officer for each police area in England apart from Lancashire, Sussex, the metropolitan police district and the City of London police area.

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Article 2(3) and Schedule 2 designate the persons who are to act as the returning officer for each police area in Wales apart from Gwent.