



# Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 60

### PART IX

#### POLICE COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINE

##### *Handling of complaints etc.*

#### **86 Investigation of complaints against senior officers**

- (1) Where a complaint about the conduct of a senior officer—
  - (a) is submitted to the appropriate authority ; or
  - (b) is sent to the appropriate authority under section 84(3) above,it shall be the appropriate authority's duty to record it and, subject to subsection (2) below, to investigate it.
- (2) The appropriate authority may deal with the complaint according to the appropriate authority's discretion, if satisfied that the conduct complained of, even if proved, would not justify a criminal or disciplinary charge.
- (3) In any other case the appropriate authority shall appoint an officer from the appropriate authority's force or from some other force to investigate the complaint.
- (4) A chief officer shall provide an officer to be appointed, if a request is made to him for one to be appointed under subsection (3) above.
- (5) No officer may be appointed unless he is of at least the rank of the officer against whom the complaint is made.
- (6) Unless an investigation under this section is supervised by the Authority under section 89 below, the investigating officer shall submit his report on it to the appropriate authority.