



# Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

## 2011 CHAPTER 13

### PART 1

#### POLICE REFORM

#### CHAPTER 7

##### OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO POLICING AND CRIME AND DISORDER

##### *Duties and powers of Secretary of State*

#### **79 Policing protocol**

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue a policing protocol.
- (2) Each relevant person must have regard to the policing protocol in exercising the person's functions.
- (3) The Secretary of State may at any time—
  - (a) vary the policing protocol, or
  - (b) replace the policing protocol.
- (4) Before varying or replacing the policing protocol, the Secretary of State must consult—
  - (a) such persons as appear to the Secretary of State to represent the views of elected local policing bodies,
  - (b) such persons as appear to the Secretary of State to represent the views of chief officers of police of police forces maintained by elected local policing bodies,
  - (c) such persons as appear to the Secretary of State to represent the views of police and crime panels, and

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- (d) such other persons as the Secretary of State thinks fit.
- (5) The functions of the Secretary of State under subsections (1) and (3) are exercisable by order.
- (6) In this section—
- “police and crime panel” means—
- (a) each police and crime panel established in accordance with Schedule 6 (police areas outside London);
  - (b) the London Assembly's police and crime panel (see section 32);
- “policing protocol” means a document which sets out, or otherwise makes provision about, ways in which relevant persons should (in the Secretary of State's view) exercise, or refrain from exercising, functions so as to—
- (a) encourage, maintain or improve working relationships (including co-operative working) between relevant persons, or
  - (b) limit or prevent the overlapping or conflicting exercise of functions;
- “relevant persons” means—
- (a) the Secretary of State in the exercise of policing functions;
  - (b) each elected local policing body;
  - (c) the chief officer of each police force maintained by an elected local policing body;
  - (d) police and crime panels.

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**Commencement Information**

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