



## 2022 CHAPTER 25

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5.—(1) Each department must publish and maintain guidance on the exercise of the functions conferred on a specified public service body by sections 2 and 6.

(2) The guidance must be first issued as soon as reasonably practicable after a body (or class of bodies) is first specified in regulations under section 2.

(3) Guidance issued under subsection (1) must in particular include guidance about the matters in relation to which section 2 imposes requirements.

(4) Each specified public service body to which guidance is issued under this section must have regard to the guidance as it relates to that body.

(5) Before the first issue of the guidance mentioned in subsection (1), a department—

(a) must consult the specified public service bodies to which the guidance relates; and

(b) may consult any other person or body they think appropriate.

(6) A department may issue guidance jointly with one or more departments.