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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 41**

**The Police (Conduct) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**PART 4**

**Misconduct Proceedings**

**Persons conducting misconduct proceedings: members other than senior officers**

**27.**—(1) This regulation applies where the member concerned is not a senior officer.

(2) The misconduct meeting shall be conducted by a person appointed by the Chief Constable who is not an interested party and who satisfies paragraph (3).

(3) The person shall be another member of at least one rank higher than the member concerned and of at least the rank of inspector.

(4) Where the case is referred to a misconduct hearing, that hearing shall be conducted by a panel of three persons appointed by the Chief Constable, comprising—

- (a) a senior officer who shall be the chair;
- (b) a police officer of the rank of superintendent or above; and
- (c) a person selected by the appropriate authority from a list of candidates maintained by the Chief Constable for the purposes of these Regulations.

(5) In the case of directed proceedings, the misconduct hearing shall be conducted by a panel of three persons appointed by the Chief Constable, none of whom is an interested party and comprising—

- (a) a barrister or solicitor of not less than seven years' standing, who shall be the chair and who has been nominated by the Lord Chief Justice for the purpose of this regulation;
- (b) a police officer of the rank of superintendent or above; and
- (c) another panel member who is not a serving police officer, selected from a list of candidates maintained by the Chief Constable for the purposes of these Regulations.

(6) In the case of directed proceedings the Ombudsman shall present the case.