



# Magistrates' Courts Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 43

### PART VII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

##### *Process*

#### <sup>F2</sup>[<sup>F1</sup>125] **Disclosure of information for enforcing warrants.**

- (1) Basic personal information held by a relevant public authority may, on the application of [<sup>F3</sup>the designated officer for a magistrates' court] , be supplied by the authority to him (or to a justices' clerk <sup>F4</sup>. . . who is specified in the application) for the purpose of facilitating the enforcement of a section 125A(1) warrant which is so specified.
- (2) In this section—
  - “basic personal information” means a person’s name, date of birth or national insurance number or the address (or any of the addresses) of a person;
  - “relevant public authority” means a Minister of the Crown, government department, local authority or chief officer of police specified in an order made by the Lord Chancellor; and
  - “a section 125A(1) warrant” means a warrant to which section 125A(1) above applies <sup>F5</sup>. . .
- (3) Information supplied to any person under subsection (1) above, or this subsection, for the purpose of facilitating the enforcement of a section 125A(1) warrant may be supplied by him for that purpose to—
  - (a) any person entitled to execute the warrant;
  - (b) any employee of a body or person who, for the purposes of section 125B above, is an approved enforcement agency in relation to the warrant; or
  - [<sup>F6</sup>(c) any justices' clerk or other person appointed under section 2(1) of the Courts Act 2003.]
- (4) A person who intentionally or recklessly—

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- (a) discloses information supplied to him under this section otherwise than as permitted by subsection (3) above; or
  - (b) uses information so supplied otherwise than for the purpose of facilitating the enforcement of the section 125A(1) warrant concerned,
- commits an offence.
- (5) But it is not an offence under subsection (4) above—
- (a) to disclose any information in accordance with any enactment or order of a court or for the purposes of any proceedings before a court; or
  - (b) to disclose any information which has previously been lawfully disclosed to the public.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (4) above is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.
- (7) The power to make orders conferred by subsection (2) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 125BA inserted (18.7.2005) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\)](#), [ss. 27\(1\), 60](#); [S.I. 2005/1821](#), [art. 2](#)
- F2** S. 125C inserted (8.1.2001) by [1999 c. 22, s. 94](#), (with s. 107, Sch. 14 para. 7(2)); [S.I. 2000/3280](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [art. 3](#))
- F3** Words in s. 125C(1) substituted (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), [ss. 109\(1\), 110](#), [Sch. 8 para. 240\(2\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2005/910](#), [art. 3\(y\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 125C(1) repealed (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), [ss. 109\(1\)\(3\), 110](#), [Sch. 8 para. 240\(2\)\(b\)](#), [Sch. 10](#); [S.I. 2005/910](#), [art. 3\(y\)\(aa\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 125C(2) repealed (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), [ss. 109\(1\)\(3\), 110](#), [Sch. 8 para. 240\(3\)](#), [Sch. 10](#); [S.I. 2005/910](#), [art. 3\(y\)\(aa\)](#)
- F6** S. 125C(3)(c) substituted (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), [ss. 109\(1\), 110](#), [Sch. 8 para. 240\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2005/910](#), [art. 3\(y\)](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 125C extended (8.1.2001) by [S.I. 2000/3277](#), [art. 2](#)
- C2** S. 125-126 applied (23.2.2004) by [S.I. 2004/176](#), [reg. 10](#)

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