



Police Act 1996

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PART IV

COMPLAINTS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS ETC.

CHAPTER I

COMPLAINTS

Interpretation

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In this Chapter—

“the appropriate authority” means—

- (a) in relation to a member of the metropolitan police force, the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and
- (b) in relation to a member of any other police force—
- (c) if he is a senior officer, the police authority for the force’s area, and
- (ii) if he is not a senior officer, the chief officer of police of the force;

“the Authority” means the Police Complaints Authority;

“complaint” means a complaint about the conduct of a member of a police force which is submitted—

- (a) by a member of the public, or
- (b) on behalf of a member of the public and with his written consent;

“disciplinary proceedings” means proceedings identified as such by regulations under section 50;

“investigating officer” means a member of a police force appointed under section 68(3) or, as the case may be, section 69(5) or (6) to investigate a complaint;

Status: *This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

“senior officer” means a member of a police force holding a rank above that of superintendent;

“serious injury” means a fracture, damage to an internal organ, impairment of bodily function, a deep cut or a deep laceration.