



Police Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 16

PART I

ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

[^{F1}Police areas and police forces]

1 Police areas.

- (1) England and Wales shall be divided into police areas.
- (2) The police areas referred to in subsection (1) shall be—
 - (a) those listed in Schedule 1 (subject to [^{F1}any amendment made to the first column of that Schedule by regulations under section 31A or any amendment made to the second column, or to the first and second columns, by an order] under section 32 below, [^{F2}section 45 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013,][^{F3}section 17 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007]),
 - (b) the metropolitan police district, and
 - (c) the City of London police area.
- (3) References in Schedule 1 to any local government area are to that area as it is for the time being, ^{F4} . . .

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(2)(a) substituted (31.1.2017) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\), ss. 124\(2\), 183\(5\) \(a\)\(e\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 1(2)(a) substituted (30.9.2013) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\), s. 75\(2\)\(d\), Sch. 1 para. 2](#)
- F3** Words in s. 1(2)(a) substituted (1.11.2007 for E.) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 \(c. 28\), s. 245\(5\), Sch. 1 para. 19\(2\); S.I. 2007/3136, art. 2\(b\)](#)

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F4 Words in s. 1(3) repealed (1.4.2000) by 1999 c. 29, ss. 325, 423, Sch. 27 para. 69, **Sch. 34 Pt. VII** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 1999/3271, **art. 4(b)(c)(d)**

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