



Police Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 16

PART I

ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

[^{F1}General provisions]

[^{F1}22A Collaboration agreements

- (1) A collaboration agreement may be made by—
 - (a) two or more policing bodies; or
 - (b) the chief officers of police of one or more police forces [^{F2}and—
 - (i) one or more policing bodies together with one or more other persons, or
 - (ii) if no other person is a party to the agreement, two or more policing bodies.]
- (2) A collaboration agreement is an agreement containing one or more of the following—
 - (a) provision about the discharge of functions of members of a police force (“force collaboration provision”);
 - (b) provision about support by a policing body for another policing body (“policing body collaboration provision”);
 - (c) provision about support by a policing body for the police force which another policing body is responsible for maintaining (“policing body & force collaboration provision”).
- (3) A collaboration agreement may not contain force collaboration provision unless the parties to the agreement consist of, or include,—
 - (a) the chief officer of police of each police force to which the provision relates, and
 - (b) the policing body that is responsible for maintaining each such police force.

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- (4) A collaboration agreement may not contain policing body collaboration provision unless the parties to the agreement consist of, or include, each policing body to which the provision relates.
- (5) A collaboration agreement may not contain policing body & force collaboration provision unless the parties to the agreement consist of, or include—
- (a) the policing body, or each policing body, to which the provision relates;
 - (b) the chief officer of police of the police force, or each police force, to which the provision relates; and
 - (c) the policing body that is responsible for maintaining each such police force.
- (6) Subsection [F3(1)(a)] does not prevent other persons from being parties to collaboration agreements.
- (7) Subsection (2) does not prevent a collaboration agreement from including other kinds of provision.
- (8) For the purposes of subsections (3) and (5), the circumstances in which force collaboration provision, or policing body & force collaboration provision, is to be taken to relate to a police force include the cases where provision relates—
- (a) to functions of a kind which are or may be exercisable by members of that police force, or
 - (b) to the police area for which that police force is established.
- (9) For the purposes of subsections (4) and (5), the circumstances in which policing body collaboration provision, or policing body & force collaboration provision, is to be taken to relate to a policing body include the cases where provision relates—
- (a) to functions of a kind which are or may be exercisable by that policing body or members of the staff of that body, or
 - (b) to the police area for which that policing body is established.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 22A-22C inserted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 89(2)**, 157(1); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
- F2** Words in s. 22A(1)(b) substituted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 31.3.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 157(2)(a)**, 183(5)(e)(6)(b)
- F3** Word in s. 22A(6) substituted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 31.3.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 157(2)(b)**, 183(5)(e)(6)(b)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 22A-23H: power to apply conferred (28.1.2016 for specified purposes, 28.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [2009 c. 20](#), **Sch. 5C para. 11(1)(b)** (as inserted by [Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 25(2), **Sch. 2**)
- C2** [S. 22A](#) applied (with modifications) (8.5.2017) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner Functions to the Mayor\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/470\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 10(2)**
- C3** [S. 22A\(9\)\(a\)](#) modified (E.W.) (20.12.2023) by [The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1432\)](#), arts. 1(2), 33(2), **Sch. 5 para. 10(2)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 53B-53D and cross-heading inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 2\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 2(1) omitted (16.1.2012) without ever being in force by virtue of 2011 c. 13, s. 157(1), Sch. 16 para. 378; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1)
- s. 53B(3)(c) words substituted by [2017 c. 3 Sch. 14 para. 67\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 53B was never inserted as the amending provision (2009 c. 26, s. 2(1)) was omitted without ever being in force by virtue of 2011 c. 13, s. 157(1), Sch. 16 para. 378; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1)
- s. 53B(6)(b) words substituted by [2017 c. 3 Sch. 14 para. 67\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 53B was never inserted as the amending provision (2009 c. 26, s. 2(1)) was omitted without ever being in force by virtue of 2011 c. 13, s. 157(1), Sch. 16 para. 378; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1)
- Sch. 4A para. 2(2)(ia) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 24\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 4A para. 5(7)(8) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 24\(3\)](#)