



# Police Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 16

### PART IV

#### COMPLAINTS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS ETC.

#### <sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER I

#### COMPLAINTS

#### *Handling of Complaints etc.*

#### **81 Regulations.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations as to the procedure to be followed under this Chapter.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall by regulations provide—
  - (a) that, subject to such exceptions, and in accordance with such procedures, as may be specified in the regulations, the chief officer of police of a police force shall supply a copy of, or of the record of, any complaint concerning the conduct of a member of his force—
    - (i) to that member, and
    - (ii) to the person by or on behalf of whom the complaint was submitted;
  - (b) procedures for the informal resolution of complaints of such descriptions as may be specified in the regulations, and for giving the person by or on behalf of whom the complaint was submitted a record of the outcome of any such procedure if he applies for one within such period as the regulations may provide;
  - (c) procedures for giving a member of a police force, whose conduct is the subject of a complaint which falls to be resolved informally, an opportunity to comment orally or in writing on the complaint;
  - (d) for cases in which any provision of this Chapter is not to apply where—

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- (i) a complaint, other than a complaint which falls to be resolved informally, is withdrawn, or
  - (ii) the complainant indicates that he does not wish any further steps to be taken;
  - (e) for enabling the Authority to dispense with any requirement of this Chapter;
  - (f) for enabling the Authority to relinquish the supervision of the investigation of any complaint or other matter;
  - (g) procedures for the reference or submission of complaints or other matters to the Authority;
  - (h) for the time within which the Authority are to give a notification under section 72(2);
  - (i) that the Authority shall be supplied with such information or documents of such description as may be specified in the regulations at such time or in such circumstances as may be so specified;
  - (j) that any action or decision of the Authority which they take in consequence of their receipt of a memorandum under section 75 shall, if it is an action or decision of a description specified in the regulations, be notified to the person concerned and that, in connection with such a notification, the Authority shall have power to supply that person with any relevant information;
  - (k) that chief officers of police shall have power to delegate any functions conferred on them by or by virtue of this Chapter.
- (3) In this section “document” means anything in which information of any description is recorded.

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

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