



Crime and Disorder Act 1998

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PART I

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

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[^{F1}5A **Combination agreements: further provision**

- (1) A combination agreement for a combined area may be made only if every responsible authority in relation to that area is a party to the agreement.
- (2) The relevant local policing body for a combined area may enter into a combination agreement for that area only if it considers that it would be in the interests of one or more of the following to do so—
 - (a) reducing crime and disorder;
 - (b) reducing re-offending;
 - (c) combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances.
 - ^{F2}(d) preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence;
 - (e) reducing instances of serious violence.]
- (3) Subsections (4) to (6) apply if a combined area in relation to a combination agreement includes (wholly or party) the area of more than one police area.
- (4) The combination agreement must include arrangements for securing effective and efficient co-operation—
 - (a) between each of the relevant local policing bodies in relation to the combined area, and

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- (b) between the responsible authorities for the area and those relevant local policing bodies.
- (5) The Secretary of State must be a party to the agreement (if not already a party by virtue of being a relevant local policing body in relation to the combined area).
- (6) The Secretary of State may enter into the agreement only if the Secretary of State—
 - (a) considers that it would be in the interests of one or more of the matters mentioned in subsection (2), and
 - (b) is satisfied that the arrangements mentioned in subsection (4) are adequate for the purposes of securing effective and efficient co-operation in the carrying out of functions under section 6.
- (7) A combination agreement—
 - (a) must be in writing, and
 - (b) may be varied by a further combination agreement.
- (8) A combination agreement may be terminated by agreement in writing between the parties to it; and subsection (2), and (as the case may be) (6)(a), applies to an agreement under this subsection.
- (9) In this section “combination agreement”, “combined area” and “relevant local policing body” have the same meanings as in section 5.]
- [^{F3}(10) References in this section to serious violence and to becoming involved in serious violence are to be construed in accordance with section 18.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 5A inserted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), ss. 88, 157(1), [Sch. 11 para. 3](#); S.I. 2011/3019, [art. 3](#), Sch. 1 para. (iii) (as amended by S.I. 2012/75, art. 2(2)(d))
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