



Crime and Disorder Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 37

PART I

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

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ENGLAND AND WALES

Crime and disorder strategies

^[F16] **Formulation and implementation of strategies.**

- (1) The responsible authorities for a local government area shall, in accordance with section 5 ^[F2], with subsection (1A),] and with regulations made under subsection (2), formulate and implement—
- (a) a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
 - (b) a strategy for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area ^[F3]; and
 - (c) a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area]. ^[F4]; and
 - (d) a strategy for—
 - (i) preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence in the area, and
 - (ii) reducing instances of serious violence in the area.]

^[F5](1A) In exercising functions under subsection (1), apart from devolved Welsh functions (as defined by section 5(8)), each of the responsible authorities for a local government area must have regard to the police and crime objectives set out in the police and crime plan for the police area which comprises or includes that local government area.]

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- (2) The appropriate national authority may by regulations make further provision as to the formulation and implementation of a strategy under this section.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may in particular make provision for or in connection with—
- (a) the time by which a strategy must be prepared and the period to which it is to relate;
 - (b) the procedure to be followed by the responsible authorities in preparing and implementing a strategy (including requirements as to the holding of public meetings and other consultation);
 - (c) the conferring of functions on any one or more of the responsible authorities in relation to the formulation and implementation of a strategy;
 - [^{F6}(ca) the conferring of functions on a police and crime commissioner for a police area in England in relation to the formulation and implementation of a strategy for any local government area that lies in that police area;]
 - (d) matters to which regard must be had in formulating and implementing a strategy;
 - (e) objectives to be addressed in a strategy and performance targets in respect of those objectives;
 - (f) the sharing of information between responsible authorities;
 - (g) the publication and dissemination of a strategy;
 - (h) the preparation of reports on the implementation of a strategy.
- (4) The provision which may be made under subsection (2) includes provision for or in connection with the conferring of functions on a committee of, or a particular member or officer of, any of the responsible authorities.
- [^{F7}(4A) Provision under subsection (3)(ca) may include provision—
- (a) for a police and crime commissioner to arrange for meetings to be held for the purpose of assisting in the formulation and implementation of any strategy (or strategies) that the commissioner may specify that relate to any part of the police area of the commissioner,
 - (b) for the commissioner to chair the meetings, and
 - (c) for such descriptions and numbers of persons to attend the meetings as the commissioner may specify (including, in particular, representatives of the responsible authorities in relation to the strategies to be discussed at the meetings).]
- (5) The matters referred to in subsection (3)(d) may in particular include guidance given by the appropriate national authority in connection with the formulation or implementation of a strategy.
- (6) Provision under subsection (3)(e) may require a strategy to be formulated so as to address (in particular)—
- (a) the reduction of crime or disorder of a particular description; ^{F8}...
 - (b) the combatting of a particular description of misuse of drugs, alcohol or other substances.
 - [^{F9}(c) the prevention of people becoming involved in serious violence of a particular description; or
 - (d) the reduction of instances of serious violence of a particular description.]

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- (7) Regulations under this section may make—
- (a) different provision for different local government areas;
 - (b) supplementary or incidental provision.
- (8) For the purposes of this section any reference to the implementation of a strategy includes—
- (a) keeping it under review for the purposes of monitoring its effectiveness; and
 - (b) making any changes to it that appear necessary or expedient.
- (9) In this section the “appropriate national authority” is—
- (a) the Secretary of State, in relation to strategies for areas in England [^{F10}and strategies for preventing people from becoming involved in and reducing instances of serious violence in areas in Wales];
 - (b) the National Assembly for Wales, in relation to strategies for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol or other substances in areas in Wales;
 - (c) the Secretary of State and the Assembly acting jointly, in relation to strategies for combatting crime and disorder [^{F11}or re-offending] in areas in Wales.]
- [^{F12}(10) The Secretary of State must consult the Welsh Ministers before making regulations under this section if and to extent that the regulations—
- (a) relate to a strategy within subsection (1)(d), and
 - (b) make provision that applies in relation to a devolved Welsh authority within the meaning of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (see section 157A of that Act).
- (11) 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. 6 substituted for ss. 6, 6A (1.8.2007 for E. and 19.11.2007 for W.) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), [ss. 22, 53\(1\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 9 para. 3](#); S.I. 2007/1614, [art 3\(b\)](#); S.I. 2007/3073, [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 6(1) inserted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 11 para. 4\(2\)](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(f)
- F3** S. 6(1)(c) and preceding word inserted (2.3.2010 for specified purposes, otherwise 1.4.2010) by [Policing and Crime Act 2009 \(c. 26\)](#), [ss. 108\(4\)](#), 116(1); S.I. 2010/507, [arts. 3, 5\(p\)](#)
- F4** S. 6(1)(d) and word inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 31.1.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 20\(4\)](#), 208(4)(f); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 4(l)
- F5** S. 6(1A) inserted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 11 para. 4\(3\)](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(f)
- F6** S. 6(3)(ca) inserted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 11 para. 4\(4\)](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(f)
- F7** S. 6(4A) inserted (22.11.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 11 para. 4\(5\)](#); S.I. 2012/2892, art. 2(f)
- F8** Word in s. 6(6)(a) omitted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 31.1.2023 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 20\(5\)\(a\)](#), 208(4)(f); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 4(l)
- F9** S. 6(6)(c)(d) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 31.1.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 20\(5\)\(b\)](#), 208(4)(f); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 4(l)

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- F10** Words in s. 6(9)(a) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 31.1.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 20(6)**, 208(4)(f); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 4(l)
- F11** Words in s. 6(9)(c) inserted (2.3.2010 for specified purposes, otherwise 1.4.2010) by Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c. 26), **ss. 108(5)**, 116(1); S.I. 2010/507, **arts. 3**, 5(p)
- F12** S. 6(10)(11) inserted (28.4.2022 for specified purposes, 31.1.2023 in so far as not already in force) by Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (c. 32), **ss. 20(7)**, 208(4)(f); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 4(l)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 6 functions made exercisable jointly with the Welsh Ministers by 2006 c. 32, Sch. 3A para. 4 (as inserted (1.4.2018) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), **Sch. 4 para. 4** (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(p))

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