



Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 15

PART 2

INVESTIGATIONS, PROSECUTIONS, PROCEEDINGS AND PROCEEDS OF CRIME

CHAPTER 4

PROTECTION OF WITNESSES AND OTHER PERSONS

82 Protection of persons involved in investigations or proceedings

- (1) A protection provider may make such arrangements as he considers appropriate for the purpose of protecting a person of a description specified in Schedule 5 if—
 - (a) the protection provider considers that the person's safety is at risk by virtue of his being a person of a description so specified, and
 - (b) the person is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.
- (2) A protection provider may vary or cancel any arrangements made by him under subsection (1) if he considers it appropriate to do so.
- (3) If a protection provider makes arrangements under subsection (1) or cancels arrangements made under that subsection, he must record that he has done so.
- (4) In determining whether to make arrangements under subsection (1), or to vary or cancel arrangements made under that subsection, a protection provider must, in particular, have regard to—
 - (a) the nature and extent of the risk to the person's safety,
 - (b) the cost of the arrangements,
 - (c) the likelihood that the person, and any person associated with him, will be able to adjust to any change in their circumstances which may arise from the

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- making of the arrangements or from their variation or cancellation (as the case may be), and
- (d) if the person is or might be a witness in legal proceedings (whether or not in the United Kingdom), the nature of the proceedings and the importance of his being a witness in those proceedings.
- (5) A protection provider is—
- (a) a chief officer of a police force in England and Wales;
 - [^{F1}(b) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland;]
 - (c) the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland;
 - [^{F2}(d) the Director General of the National Crime Agency;]
 - (e) any of the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs;
 - ^{F3}(f)
 - (g) a person designated by a person mentioned in any of the preceding paragraphs to exercise his functions under this section.
- (6) The Secretary of State may, after consulting the Scottish Ministers^[^{F4}and the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland], by order amend Schedule 5 so as to add, modify or omit any entry.
- (7) Nothing in this section affects any power which a person has (otherwise than by virtue of this section) to make arrangements for the protection of another person.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 82(5)(b) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 48(13)(a)**
- F2** S. 82(5)(d) substituted (7.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(2), **Sch. 8 para. 160**; [S.I. 2013/1682](#), art. 3(v)
- F3** S. 82(5)(f) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/602\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 48(13)(b)**
- F4** Words in s. 82(6) inserted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 15 para. 20** (with arts. 28-31)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 82 in force at 1.4.2006 except to the extent that it extends to S. by [S.I. 2005/1521](#), **art. 5(1)**
- I2** S. 82 in force at 1.4.2006 for S. by [S.S.I. 2006/166](#), **art. 2(1)(b)**

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