



Victims and Prisoners Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 21

PART 2

VICTIMS OF MAJOR INCIDENTS

Appointment of advocates

PROSPECTIVE

35 Appointment of standing advocate

- (1) The Secretary of State must appoint an individual as the standing advocate for victims of major incidents (in this Part, “the standing advocate”).
- (2) The functions of the standing advocate are—
 - (a) to advise the Secretary of State as to the interests of victims of major incidents, and their treatment by public authorities in response to major incidents;
 - (b) to advise other advocates as to the exercise of the functions of those advocates;
 - (c) to make reports in accordance with [section 41](#).
- (3) The standing advocate may take such steps as the standing advocate considers are—
 - (a) appropriate to facilitate the exercise of, or
 - (b) incidental or conducive to,the functions of the standing advocate or another advocate.
- (4) An individual may be appointed as the standing advocate only if the Secretary of State considers that the individual is qualified, taking into account—
 - (a) the individual’s academic, professional or other qualifications, experience or skills;
 - (b) any other matter the Secretary of State considers relevant.
- (5) For the purposes of [subsection \(2\)\(a\)](#), “public authority” includes—

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- (a) a court, tribunal, coroner, or inquiry panel within the meaning of section 3 of the Inquiries Act 2005, and
- (b) any other person certain of whose functions are functions of a public nature, but does not include the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service or the Government Communications Headquarters.

Commencement Information

II S. 35 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 81\(2\)](#)

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