
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020

PART 2

General

Police friend

7.—(1) The officer concerned may choose—

- (a) a police officer;
- (b) a police staff member, or
- (c) where the officer is a member of a police force, a person nominated by the officer's staff association,

who is not otherwise involved in the matter, to act as a police friend.

(2) Subject to regulation 66(1), the police friend may—

- (a) advise the officer concerned throughout the proceedings under these Regulations;
- (b) represent the officer at the misconduct proceedings or accelerated misconduct hearing or appeal meeting, unless the officer has the right to be legally represented and chooses to be so represented;
- (c) make representations to the appropriate authority concerning any aspect of the proceedings under these Regulations, and
- (d) accompany the officer to any interview, meeting or hearing which forms part of any proceedings under these Regulations.

(3) Where the police friend is a police officer or a police staff member, the chief officer of police of the force of which the police friend is a member must permit the police friend to use a reasonable amount of duty time for the purposes referred to in paragraph (2).

(4) The reference in paragraph (3) to the force of which the police friend is a member includes a reference to the force maintained for the police area for which a special constable is appointed and the force in which a police staff member is serving.