



2016 CHAPTER 4

PART 3

COMPLAINTS HANDLING PROCEDURE

Model complaints handling procedures

37.—(1) The Ombudsman may publish model complaints handling procedures for listed authorities.

(2) A model complaints handling procedure (referred to in this Act as a “model CHP”) must comply with the statement of principles.

(3) The Ombudsman may publish different model CHPs for different purposes.

(4) Before publishing a model CHP the Ombudsman must consult such listed authorities and other persons as the Ombudsman thinks fit.

(5) The Ombudsman may from time to time revise and re-publish any model CHP; and in doing so, subsection (4) applies.

(6) Where a model CHP is revised and re-published, section 38 has effect with the following modifications—

- (a) any specification under section 38(1) in relation to the model CHP continues in effect as a specification in relation to the revised and re-published model CHP,
- (b) any other reference to a model CHP is to the model CHP as revised and re-published,
- (c) section 38(2)(b) is omitted.

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(7) The Ombudsman may withdraw any model CHP at any time; and any specification under section 38(1) in relation to the model CHP ceases to have effect upon that withdrawal.

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Commencement Information

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