
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1987 No. 938

Police (Northern Ireland) Order 1987

PART II

POLICE COMPLAINTS

Handling of complaints, etc.

^{F1}Reference of other matters to Commission

8.—(1) The appropriate authority may refer to the Commission any matter which—

- (a) appears to the appropriate authority to indicate that a member of the police force may have committed a criminal offence or an offence against discipline; and
- (b) is not the subject of a complaint,

if it appears to the appropriate authority that it ought to be referred by reason—

- (i) of its gravity; or
- (ii) of exceptional circumstances.

(2) The Secretary of State or the Police Authority may refer to the Commission any matter which—

- (a) appears to the Secretary of State or the Authority to indicate that a member of the police force may have committed a criminal offence or an offence against discipline; and
- (b) is not the subject of a complaint,

if it appears to the Secretary of State or the Authority that it is desirable in the public interest that the Commission should supervise the investigation of the matter.

Changes to legislation:

Police (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, Section 8 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- [Instrument rev. \(saving\)\(prosp.\) by 1998 c. 32 s.74\(2\)\(3\)Schs.56](#)