



# Police Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 16

### PART I

#### ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

##### *[<sup>F1</sup>General provisions]*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>22C Duty of policing bodies to keep collaboration agreements under review**

- (1) A policing body must keep under consideration the ways in which the collaboration functions could be exercised by the policing body and by one or more other persons to improve—
  - (a) the efficiency or effectiveness of—
    - (i) that policing body,
    - (ii) the police force which that policing body is responsible for maintaining, or
    - (iii) that body and that force, and
  - (b) the efficiency or effectiveness of one or more other policing bodies and police forces.
- (2) If the policing body considers that there is a particular way in which the collaboration functions could be so exercised by the policing body and by one or more other particular persons (“the proposed collaboration”), the policing body must notify those other persons (the “proposed partners”) of the proposed collaboration.
- (3) The policing body, and the proposed partners notified under subsection (2) (the “notified proposed partners”), must consider whether to exercise the collaboration functions to give effect to the proposed collaboration.
- (4) In considering whether to so exercise the collaboration functions, the policing body and the notified proposed partners must consider whether the proposed collaboration would be in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of one or more policing bodies or police forces.

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- (5) Subsection (6) applies if all, or two or more, of—
- (a) the policing body, and
  - (b) the notified proposed partners,
- (the “agreeing parties”) are of the view that the proposed collaboration would be in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of one or more policing bodies or police forces (if the agreeing parties were to exercise the collaboration functions to give effect to the proposed collaboration, or to give effect to it so far as it relates to them).
- (6) The agreeing parties must exercise the collaboration functions so as to give effect to the proposed collaboration, or to give effect to it so far as it relates to them.
- (7) In this section “collaboration functions” means functions of policing bodies or chief officers of police under any of sections 22A to 23I (apart from this section).]

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 22A-22C inserted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), **ss. 89(2), 157(1)**; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1
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#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Ss. 22A-23H: power to apply conferred (28.1.2016 for specified purposes, 28.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [2009 c. 20, Sch. 5C para. 11\(1\)\(b\)](#) (as inserted by [Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 25(2), **Sch. 2**)

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