



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 32

PART VIII

THE POLICE OMBUDSMAN

65 Limits on complaints and references to Ombudsman

In section 64 of the 1998 Act (regulations) after subsection (2) there shall be inserted—

“(2A) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, subject to such exceptions as may be prescribed—

- (a) this Part shall not apply to a complaint about the conduct of a police officer which took place more than the prescribed period before the date on which the complaint is made or referred to the Ombudsman under section 52(1);
- (b) the Ombudsman shall not investigate any matter referred to him under section 55(1), (2) or (4) if the actions, behaviour or conduct to which the matter relates took place more than the prescribed period before the date on which the reference is made;
- (c) the Ombudsman shall not at any time commence a formal investigation under section 55(6) of any matter if the actions or behaviour to which the matter relates took place more than the prescribed period before that time;
- (d) to the extent that the subject matter of a complaint falls within the jurisdiction of—
 - (i) the tribunal constituted under section 65(1) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, or
 - (ii) a person appointed under Part IV of that Act,the Ombudsman shall not investigate it.”