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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

Sections 30 and 31

POWERS EXERCISABLE BY DESIGNATED PERSONS

PART 1

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS

Entry and search for purposes of arrest

- 1 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—
- (a) he may apply as if he were a constable for a warrant under section 42 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11) (warrants for entry and search for purposes of arrest);
 - (b) the persons authorised by a warrant issued under section 42 of that Act to enter and search premises include the designated person;
 - (c) Article 17 of the 1989 Order (safeguards) has effect in relation to the issue of a warrant under section 42 of that Act to the designated person as it has effect in relation to the issue of a warrant under that section to a constable;
 - (d) Article 18 of that Order (execution of warrants) has effect in relation to a warrant issued under section 42 of that Act (whether to the designated person or to any other person) as if references in that Article to a constable included references to the designated person.

Entry and search for evidence etc.

- 2 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—
- (a) he may apply as if he were a constable for a warrant under Article 10 of the 1989 Order (warrants for entry and search for evidence etc.);
 - (b) the persons authorised by a warrant issued under Article 10 of that Order to enter and search premises include the designated person;
 - (c) the designated person has the power of a constable under Article 10(2) of that Order to seize and retain things for which a search has been authorised under paragraph (1) of that Article;
 - (d) Article 17 of that Order (safeguards) has effect in relation to the issue of a warrant under Article 10 of that Order to the designated person as it has effect in relation to the issue of a warrant under that Article to a constable;
 - (e) Article 18 of that Order (execution of warrants) has effect in relation to a warrant issued under Article 10 of that Order (whether to the designated person or to any other person) as if references in that Article to a constable included references to the designated person;
 - (f) Article 21(6) of that Order (protection for legally privileged material from seizure) has effect in relation to the seizure of anything by the designated

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person by virtue of sub-paragraph (c) as it has effect in relation to the seizure of anything under Article 10(2) of that Order by a constable;

- (g) Article 22 of that Order (extension of powers of seizure to computerised information) applies to the power of seizure conferred on the designated person by virtue of sub-paragraph (c) as it applies to the power of seizure conferred on a constable by Article 10(2) of that Order;
- (h) Article 23(1) and (2) of that Order (provision of record of seizure) has effect in relation to the seizure of anything by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by virtue of sub-paragraph (c) as if the references to a constable included references to the designated person;
- (i) Articles 23(3) to (8) and 24 of that Order (access, copying and retention) have effect in relation to anything seized by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by virtue of sub-paragraph (c) or taken away by him following the imposition of a requirement by virtue of sub-paragraph (g)—
 - (i) as they have effect in relation to anything seized in exercise of the power conferred on a constable by Article 10(2) of that Order or taken away by a constable following the imposition of a requirement by virtue of Article 22 of that Order;
 - (ii) as if the second reference to a constable in paragraph (3) of Article 23 of that Order and the references to a constable in paragraphs (4) and (5) of that Article included references to a person to whom this paragraph applies.

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Where a designation applies this paragraph to any person—

- (a) the persons to whom a warrant may be addressed under section 25 of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (search for stolen goods) shall include that person; and
- (b) in relation to such a warrant addressed to him, that person shall have the powers under subsection (3) of that section.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2 para. 2A, 2B inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 2**

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Where a designation applies this paragraph to any person, subsection (3), and (to the extent that it applies subsection (3)) subsection (3A), of section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (powers to search and obtain evidence) shall have effect as if the reference to a constable included a reference to that person.]

Textual Amendments

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Access to excluded and special procedure material

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Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—

- (a) he has the powers of a constable under Article 11(1) of the 1989 Order (special provisions for access) to obtain access to excluded material and

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- special procedure material, in accordance with Schedule 1 to that Order and the following provisions of this paragraph;
- (b) Schedule 1 to that Order has effect as if the references in paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 9 and 10 of that Schedule to a constable were references to the designated person;
 - (c) Article 17 of that Order (safeguards) has effect in relation to the issue of a warrant under paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to that Order to the designated person as it has effect in relation to the issue of a warrant under that paragraph to a constable;
 - (d) Article 18 of that Order (execution of warrants) has effect in relation to a warrant issued under paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to that Order (whether to the designated person or to any other person) as if references in that Article to a constable included references to the designated person;
 - (e) Article 21(6) of that Order (protection for legally privileged material from seizure) has effect in relation to the seizure of anything by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to that Order as it has effect in relation to the seizure of anything under that paragraph by a constable;
 - (f) Article 22 of that Order (extension of powers of seizure to computerised information) applies to the power of seizure conferred on the designated person by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to that Order as it applies to the power of seizure conferred on a constable by that paragraph;
 - (g) Article 23(1) and (2) of that Order (provision of record of seizure) has effect in relation to the seizure of anything by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to that Order as if the references to a constable included references to the designated person;
 - (h) Articles 23(3) to (8) and 24 of that Order (access, copying and retention) have effect in relation to anything seized by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to that Order or taken away by him following the imposition of a requirement by virtue of sub-paragraph (f), and to anything produced to him under paragraph 4(a) of Schedule 1 to that Order—
 - (i) as they have effect in relation to anything seized in exercise of the power conferred on a constable by paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to that Order or taken away by a constable following the imposition of a requirement by virtue of Article 22 of that Order or, as the case may be, to anything produced to a constable under paragraph 4(a) of that Schedule;
 - (ii) as if the second reference to a constable in paragraph (3) of Article 23 of that Order and the references to a constable in paragraphs (4) and (5) of that Article included references to a person to whom this paragraph applies.

Entry and search after arrest

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Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—

- (a) he has the powers of a constable under Article 20 of the 1989 Order (entry and search after arrest) to enter and search premises and to seize and retain anything for which a constable may search under that Article;
- (b) paragraphs (5) and (6) of that Article (power to carry out search before arrested person taken to police station and duty to inform senior officer)

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have effect in relation to any exercise by the designated person of those powers as if the references in those paragraphs to a constable were references to the designated person;

- (c) Article 21(6) of that Order (protection for legally privileged material from seizure) has effect in relation to the seizure of anything by the designated person by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) as it has effect in relation to the seizure of anything under Article 20(2) of that Order by a constable;
- (d) Article 22 of that Order (extension of powers of seizure to computerised information) applies to the power of seizure conferred on the designated person by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) as it applies to the power of seizure conferred on a constable by Article 20(2) of that Order;
- (e) Article 23(1) and (2) of that Order (provision of record of seizure) has effect in relation to the seizure of anything by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) as if the references to a constable included references to the designated person;
- (f) Articles 23(3) to (8) and 24 of that Order (access, copying and retention) have effect in relation to anything seized by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) or taken away by him following the imposition of a requirement by virtue of sub-paragraph (d)—
 - (i) as they have effect in relation to anything seized in exercise of the power conferred on a constable by Article 20(2) of that Order or taken away by a constable following the imposition of a requirement by virtue of Article 22 of that Order;
 - (ii) as if the second reference to a constable in paragraph (3) of Article 23 of that Order and the references to a constable in paragraphs (4) and (5) of that Article included references to a person to whom this paragraph applies.

General power of seizure

5 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—

- (a) when lawfully on any premises, he has the same powers as a constable under Article 21 of the 1989 Order (general powers of seizure) to seize things;
- (b) he has the powers of a constable to impose a requirement by virtue of paragraph (4) of that Article in relation to information accessible from premises;
- (c) paragraph (6) of that Article (protection for legally privileged material from seizure) has effect in relation to the seizure of anything by the designated person by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) as it has effect in relation to the seizure of anything under Article 21 of that Order by a constable;
- (d) Article 23(1) and (2) of that Order (provision of record of seizure) has effect in relation to the seizure of anything by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) as if the references to a constable included references to the designated person;
- (e) Articles 23(3) to (8) and 24 of that Order (access, copying and retention) have effect in relation to anything seized by the designated person in exercise of the power conferred on him by virtue of sub-paragraph (a) or taken away by him following the imposition of a requirement by virtue of sub-paragraph (b)—

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- (i) as they have effect in relation to anything seized in exercise of the power conferred on a constable by Article 21(2) or (3) of that Order or taken away by a constable following the imposition of a requirement by virtue of Article 21(4) of that Order;
- (ii) as if the second reference to a constable in paragraph (3) of Article 23 of that Order and the references to a constable in paragraphs (4) and (5) of that Article included references to a person to whom this paragraph applies.

Access and copying in the case of things seized by constables

- 6 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, Article 23 of the 1989 Order (access and copying) has effect in relation to anything seized by a constable ^{F2}or by a person authorised to accompany him under Article 18(2) of that Order] as if the second reference to a constable in paragraph (3) of Article 23 and the references to a constable in paragraphs (4) and (5) of that Article (supervision of access and photographing of seized items) included references to the designated person.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6 inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)

Arrest at a police station for another offence

- 7 (1) Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the power to make an arrest at a police station in any case where an arrest—
- (a) is required to be made under Article 33 of the 1989 Order (arrest for a further offence of a person already at a police station), or
 - (b) would be so required if the reference in that Article to a constable included a reference to a person to whom this paragraph applies.
- (2) Article 5 of the Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/ 1987 (N.I. 20)) (consequences of failure by arrested person to account for objects etc.) applies (without prejudice to the effect of any designation applying paragraph 9) in the case of a person arrested in exercise of the power exercisable by virtue of this paragraph as it applies in the case of a person arrested by a constable.

Power to transfer persons into custody of investigating officers

- 8 (1) Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, the custody officer for a designated police station may—
- (a) transfer a person falling within sub-paragraph (2) to the designated person, or
 - (b) permit the transfer of a person falling within sub-paragraph (2) to the designated person.
- (2) A person falls within this sub-paragraph if—
- (a) he is in police detention for an offence;
 - (b) the offence is being investigated by the designated person.

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- (3) If a person is transferred under sub-paragraph (1) into the custody of the designated person, the designated person—
- (a) must be treated for all purposes as having the person in his lawful custody;
 - (b) is under a duty [^{F3}to keep that person under control and] to prevent the person's escape;
 - (c) is entitled to use reasonable force to keep the person in his custody [^{F4}and under his control] .
- (4) If a person is transferred under sub-paragraph (1) into the custody of the designated person, paragraphs (2) and (3) of Article 40 of the 1989 Order have effect as if—
- (a) references to the transfer of a person in police detention into the custody of a police officer investigating an offence for which that person is in police detention were references to that person's transfer into the custody of the designated person;
 - (b) references to the officer to whom the transfer is made and to the officer investigating the offence were references to the designated person.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in Sch. 2 para. 8(3)(b) inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 4(a)**
- F4** Words in Sch. 2 para. 8(3)(c) added (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 4(b)**

[^{F5}Powers in respect of detained persons

Textual Amendments

- F5** Sch. 2 para. 8A and cross-heading inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 5**

- 8A Where a designation applies this paragraph to any person, he shall be under a duty, when in the course of his employment he is present at a police station—
- (a) to assist any officer or other designated person to keep any person detained at the police station under control; and
 - (b) to prevent the escape of any such person,
- and for those purposes shall be entitled to use reasonable force.]

Power to require arrested person to account for certain matters

- 9 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—
- (a) he has the powers of a constable under Articles 5(1)(c) and 6(1)(c) of the Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 to request a person who has been arrested by a constable or by a person to whom paragraph 7 applies to account for the presence of an object, substance or mark or for the presence of the arrested person at a particular place; and
 - (b) the references to a constable in Articles 5(1)(b) and (c) and (4) and 6(1)(b) and (c) and (3) of that Order accordingly include references to the person to whom this paragraph is applied.

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Extended powers of seizure

- 10 (1) Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—
- (a) the powers of a constable under Part 2 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16) (extension of powers of seizure) that are exercisable by a constable by reference to a relevant power are exercisable by the designated person by reference to the relevant power to the same extent as they would be by a constable;
 - (b) section 56 of that Act (retention of property seized by a constable) has effect as if the property referred to in subsection (1) of that section included property seized by the designated person at any time when he was lawfully on any premises.
- (2) A relevant power is a power of a constable that is conferred on the designated person by virtue of the provisions of this Part of this Schedule.

[^{F6}Persons accompanying investigating officers

Textual Amendments

- F6** Sch. 2 para. 10A and cross-heading inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 1 para. 6**

- 10A (1) This paragraph applies where a person (“an authorised person”) is authorised by virtue of Article 18(2) of the 1989 Order to accompany an investigating officer designated for the purposes of paragraph 2 (or 3) in the execution of a warrant.
- (2) The reference in paragraph 2(h) (or 3(g)) to the seizure of anything by a designated person in exercise of a particular power includes a reference to the seizure of anything by the authorised person in exercise of that power by virtue of Article 18(2A) of the 1989 Order.
- (3) In relation to any such seizure, paragraph 2(h) (or 3(g)) is to be read as if it provided for the references to a constable in Article 23(1) and (2) of the 1989 Order to include references to the authorised person.
- (4) The reference in paragraph 2(i) (or 3(h)) to anything seized by a designated person in exercise of a particular power includes a reference to anything seized by the authorised person in exercise of that power by virtue of Article 18(2A) of the 1989 Order.
- (5) In relation to anything so seized, paragraph 2(i)(ii) (or 3(h)(ii)) is to be read as if it provided for—
- (a) the references to the supervision of a constable in paragraphs (3) and (4) of Article 23 of the 1989 Order to include references to the supervision of a person designated for the purposes of paragraph 2 (or paragraph 3), and
 - (b) the reference to a constable in paragraph (5) of that Article to include a reference to such a person or an authorised person accompanying him.
- (6) Where an authorised person accompanies an investigating officer who is also designated for the purposes of paragraph 10, the references in sub-paragraphs (1)(a) and (b) of that paragraph to the designated person include references to the authorised person.]

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PART 2

DETENTION OFFICERS

Attendance at police station for fingerprinting

- 11 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the power of a constable under Article 29(1) of the 1989 Order (fingerprinting of offenders) to require a person to attend a police station in order to have his fingerprints taken.

Non-intimate searches of detained persons

- 12 (1) Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the powers of a constable under Article 55 of the 1989 Order (non-intimate searches of detained persons)—
- (a) to carry out a search under that Article of any person at a police station or of any other person otherwise in police detention;
 - (b) to seize or retain, or cause to be seized or retained, anything found on such a search.
- (2) Paragraphs (9) and (12) of Article 55 of that Order (restrictions on power to seize clothes and personal effects and searches to be carried out by a member of the same sex) apply to the exercise by the designated person of any power exercisable by virtue of this paragraph as they apply to the exercise of the power in question by a constable.

Searches and examinations to ascertain identity

- 13 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the powers of a constable under Article 55A of the 1989 Order (searches and examinations to ascertain identity)—
- (a) to carry out a search or examination at a police station;
 - (b) to take a photograph at a police station of an identifying mark.

Fingerprinting

- 14 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—
- (a) he has the power of a constable under Article 61 of the 1989 Order (fingerprinting) to take fingerprints at a police station without the appropriate consent;
 - (b) the requirement by virtue of paragraph (7A)(a) of that Article that a person must be informed by an officer that his fingerprints may be the subject of a speculative search may be discharged, in the case of a person at a police station, by his being so informed by the designated person.
- 15 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the power of a constable under paragraph 10(2) of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11) (fingerprinting persons detained under the terrorism provisions) to take fingerprints from a person detained under the terrorism provisions.

Warnings about intimate samples

- 16 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, the requirement by virtue of Article 62(7A)(a) of the 1989 Order (intimate samples) that a person must be

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informed by an officer that a sample taken from him may be the subject of a speculative search may be discharged, in the case of a person in a police station, by his being so informed by the designated person.

Non-intimate samples

- 17 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—
- (a) he has the power of a constable under Article 63 of the 1989 Order (non-intimate samples), in the case of a person in a police station, to take a non-intimate sample without the appropriate consent;
 - (b) the requirement by virtue of paragraph (6) of that Article (information about authorisation) that a person must be informed by an officer of the matters mentioned in that paragraph may be discharged, in the case of an authorisation in relation to a person in a police station, by his being so informed by the designated person;
 - (c) the requirement by virtue of paragraph (8B)(a) of that Article that a person must be informed by an officer that a sample taken from him may be the subject of a speculative search may be discharged, in the case of a person in a police station, by his being so informed by the designated person.
- 18 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the power of a constable under paragraph 10(3) of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11) (non-intimate samples from persons detained under the terrorism provisions) to take a non-intimate sample from a person detained under the terrorism provisions.

Attendance at police station for the taking of a sample

- 19 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the power of a constable under paragraph (4) of Article 63A of the 1989 Order (supplementary provisions relating to fingerprints and samples) to require a person to attend a police station in order to have a sample taken.

Photographing detained persons

- 20 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the power of a constable under Article 64A of the 1989 Order (photographing of suspects etc.) to take a photograph of a person detained at a police station.

[^{F7}Taking of impressions of footwear

Textual Amendments

- F7** Sch. 2 paras. 20A-20D and cross-headings inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), [Sch. 2 para. 2](#)

- 20A Where a designation applies this paragraph to any person—
- (a) he shall, at any police station, have the powers of a constable under Article 61A of the 1989 Order (impressions of footwear) to take impressions of a person's footwear without the appropriate consent; and
 - (b) the requirement by virtue of Article 61A(5)(a) of the 1989 Order that a person must be informed by an officer that an impression of his footwear may be the subject of a speculative search shall be capable of being

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discharged, in the case of a person at such a station, by his being so informed by the person to whom this paragraph applies.]

[^{F7}Powers in respect of detained persons

- 20B Where a designation applies this paragraph to any person, he shall be under a duty, when in the course of his employment he is present at a police station—
- (a) to keep under control any person detained at the police station and for whom he is for the time being responsible;
 - (b) to assist any officer or other designated person to keep any other person detained at the police station under control; and
 - (c) to prevent the escape of any such person as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b),
- and for those purposes shall be entitled to use reasonable force.]

[^{F7}Use of reasonable force in relation to detained persons

- 20C Where a designation applies this paragraph to any person, he shall be entitled to use reasonable force when—
- (a) securing, or assisting an officer or another designated person to secure, the detention of a person detained at a police station, or
 - (b) escorting within a police station, or assisting an officer or another designated person to escort within a police station, a person detained there.]

[^{F7}Powers in relation to information about intimate search, x-ray and ultrasound

- 20D Where a designation applies this paragraph to any person, he is authorised to carry out the duty under—
- (a) Article 56 of the 1989 Order of informing a person who is to be subject to an intimate search under that Article of the matters of which he is required to be informed in pursuance of paragraph (3B) of that Article;
 - (b) Article 56A of that Order of informing a person who is to be subject to x-ray or ultrasound (as the case may be) under that Article of the matters of which he is required to be informed in pursuance of paragraph (3) of that Article.]
- 21 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he has the power of a constable under paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (identification of persons detained under the terrorism provisions) to photograph a person detained under the terrorism provisions.

PART 3

ESCORT OFFICERS

Power to take an arrested person to a police station

- 22 (1) Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person—
- (a) the persons who, in the case of a person arrested by a constable, are authorised for the purposes of [^{F8}paragraph (1A) of Article 32]of the 1989

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- Order (procedure on arrest of person elsewhere than at a police station) to take the person arrested to a police station include the designated person;
- (b) that Article has effect in relation to the exercise by the designated person of the power conferred by virtue of paragraph (a) as if the references to a constable in paragraphs (3), (4)(a) and (13) (but not the references in paragraphs (5) to (12)) included references to the designated person;
- (c) a person who is taking another person to a police station in exercise of the power conferred by virtue of paragraph (a)—
- (i) must be treated for all purposes as having the other person in his lawful custody;
- (ii) is under a duty [^{F9}to keep that person under control and] to prevent the other person's escape;
- (iii) is entitled to use reasonable force to keep the other person in his charge [^{F10}and under his control] .
- [^{F11}(d) a person who has taken another person to a police station in exercise of the power conferred by virtue of paragraph (a)—
- (i) shall be under a duty to remain at the police station until he has transferred control of the other person to the custody officer at the police station;
- (ii) until he has so transferred control of the other person, shall be treated for all purposes as having that person in his lawful custody;
- (iii) for so long as he is at the police station or in its immediate vicinity in compliance with, or having complied with, his duty under sub-paragraph (i), shall be under a duty to prevent the escape of the other person and to assist in keeping him under control; and
- (iv) shall be entitled to use reasonable force for the purpose of complying with his duty under sub-paragraph (iii).]
- (2) Without prejudice to any designation applying paragraph 12 to a person, where a person has another in his lawful custody by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph—
- (a) he has the same powers under paragraphs (7) and (8) of Article 55 of the 1989 Order (non-intimate searches) as a constable has in the case of a person in police detention—
- (i) to carry out a search of the other person;
- (ii) to seize or retain, or cause to be seized or retained, anything found on such a search;
- (b) paragraphs (9) and (12) of that Article (restrictions on power to seize clothes and personal effects and searches to be carried out by a member of the same sex) apply to the exercise by the designated person of any power exercisable by virtue of this sub-paragraph as they apply to the exercise of the power in question by a constable.

Textual Amendments

- F8** Words in Sch. 2 para. 22(1)(a) substituted (1.1.2005) by [The Criminal Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1500\)](#), art. 1(3), [Sch. 1 para. 6](#); [S.R. 2004/391](#), art. 3
- F9** Words in Sch. 2 para. 22(1)(c)(ii) inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), [Sch. 3 para. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)

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- F10** Words in Sch. 2 para. 22(1)(c)(iii) added (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 3 para. 2(2)(b)**
- F11** Sch. 2 para. 22(1)(d) added (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 3 para. 2(3)**

Escort of persons in police detention

- 23 (1) Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he may be authorised by the custody officer for any designated police station to escort a person in police detention—
- (a) from that police station to another police station;
 - (b) from that police station to any other place that is specified by the custody officer;
 - (c) from that police station to any other place that is specified by the custody officer and then either back to that police station or on to another police station.
- (2) A person who is escorting another in accordance with an authorisation under sub-paragraph (1)—
- (a) must be treated for all purposes as having the other person in his lawful custody;
 - (b) is under a duty [^{F12}to keep that person under control and] to prevent the other person's escape;
 - (c) is entitled to use reasonable force to keep the other person in his charge [^{F13}and under his control] .
- [^{F14}(2A) A person who has escorted another person to a police station or other place in accordance with an authorisation under sub-paragraph (1)—
- (a) shall be under a duty to remain at the police station or other place until he has transferred control of the other person to a custody officer or other responsible person;
 - (b) until he has so transferred control of the other person, shall be treated for all purposes as having that person in his lawful custody;
 - (c) for so long as he is at the police station or other place or in its immediate vicinity in compliance with, or having complied with, his duty under sub-paragraph (a), shall be under a duty to prevent the escape of the other person and to assist in keeping him under control; and
 - (d) shall be entitled to use reasonable force for the purpose of complying with his duty under paragraph (c).]

(3) Without prejudice to any designation applying paragraph 12 to a person, where a person has another in his lawful custody by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph—

 - (a) he has the same powers under paragraphs (7) and (8) of Article 55 of the 1989 Order (non-intimate searches) as a constable has in the case of a person in police detention—
 - (i) to carry out a search of the other person;
 - (ii) to seize or retain, or cause to be seized or retained, anything found on such a search;
 - (b) paragraphs (9) and (12) of that Article (restrictions on power to seize clothes and personal effects and searches to be carried out by a member of the same

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sex) apply to the exercise by the designated person of any power exercisable by virtue of this sub-paragraph as they apply to the exercise of the power in question by a constable.

- (4) Article 40(2) of that Order (responsibilities of custody officer where person transferred to escort) has effect where the custody officer for any police station transfers or permits the transfer of any person to the custody of a person who by virtue of this paragraph has lawful custody outside the police station of the person transferred as it would apply if the designated person were a police officer.

Textual Amendments

- F12** Words in Sch. 2 para. 23(2)(b) inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 3 para. 3(2)(a)**
- F13** Words in Sch. 2 para. 23(2)(c) added (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 3 para. 3(2)(b)**
- F14** Sch. 2 para. 23(2A) inserted (22.4.2007) by [The Policing \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I. 6\)\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 3 para. 3(3)**

PART 4

INTERPRETATION

- 24 (1) In this Schedule—
- “designated person” means a person designated under section 30 or 31;
 - “designation” means a designation under section 30 or 31;
 - “the 1989 Order” means the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12)).
- (2) Expressions used in this Schedule and in the 1989 Order have the same meanings in this Schedule as they have in that Order.

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- Sch. 2 para. 16 words substituted by [2010 c. 17 s. 10\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 11 words substituted by [2010 c. 17 s. 12\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 19 words substituted by [2010 c. 17 s. 12\(4\)\(b\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 30(1)(d) added by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) art. 6\(1\)](#)
- s. 30(1)(d) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(a\) Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- s. 30(6)(d) inserted by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 3](#)
- s. 30(6)(d) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(b\) Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- s. 30(11) added by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 4](#)
- s. 30(11) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(c\) Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 3A repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(3\) Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- Sch. 2A para. 17A inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 12\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 5](#)