



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 6

PART 1

POLICING

Police functions and service

20 Core policing principles

- (1) In Part 6 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (the police) at the beginning insert—

“Core policing principles

31A Core policing principles

- (1) Police officers shall carry out their functions with the aim—
- (a) of securing the support of the local community, and
 - (b) of acting in co-operation with the local community.
- (2) In carrying out their functions, police officers shall be guided by the code of ethics under section 52.”
- (2) In section 3 of that Act (general functions of Board), in subsection (3)(b) before subparagraph (i) insert—
- “(ia) complying with section 31A(1);”.
- (3) In section 57 of that Act (annual reports by Board), in subsection (2)(a) before subparagraph (i) insert—
- “(ia) complying with section 31A(1);”.
- (4) In section 32 of that Act (general functions of the police) subsections (4) and (5) shall cease to have effect.

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- (5) In section 27 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (c. 32) (members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland engaged on other police service), in subsection (7)(b) for “section 32” substitute “ sections 31A and 32 ”

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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- s. 30(1)(d) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(a\) Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)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- s. 30(6)(d) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(b\) Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)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- s. 30(11) repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(2\)\(c\) Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 3A repealed by [2009 c. 26 Sch. 7 para. 126\(3\) Sch. 8 Pt. 13](#)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](#)