



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 6

PART 1

POLICING

Information and inquiries

29 Disclosure of information and holding of inquiries

(1) After section 76 of the [Police \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2000 \(c. 32\)](#) insert—

“76A Disclosure of information and holding of inquiries

- (1) For the purposes of sections 33A, 59 and 66, the grounds on which information ought not to be disclosed are that—
 - (a) it is in the interests of national security;
 - (b) the information is sensitive personnel information;
 - (c) the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice proceedings which have been commenced in a court of law.
- (2) For the purposes of section 60, the grounds on which an inquiry ought not to be held are that—
 - (a) it is in the interests of national security;
 - (b) any matter into which inquiry is to be made is a sensitive personnel matter;
 - (c) the inquiry would, or would be likely to, prejudice proceedings which have been commenced in a court of law.
- (3) “Personnel information” means information which relates to an individual’s holding of, application for or appointment to a relevant office or employment.
- (4) “Personnel matter” means a matter which relates to an individual’s holding of, application for or appointment to a relevant office or employment.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) An office or employment is a relevant office or employment for the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) if the holder of it is under the direction and control of the Chief Constable.
- (6) It is immaterial for the purposes of subsections (3) and (4) that the individual no longer holds the office or employment.”
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect for the purposes of section 59 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 in accordance with section 10(5) of this Act.
- (3) Subsection (1) has effect for the purposes of section 60 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 in accordance with section 11(5) of this Act.