



Coroners and Justice Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 25

PART 3

CRIMINAL EVIDENCE, INVESTIGATIONS AND PROCEDURE

CHAPTER 1

ANONYMITY IN INVESTIGATIONS

80 Discharge of order

- (1) A justice of the peace may discharge an investigation anonymity order if it appears to the justice to be appropriate to do so.
- (2) The justice may so discharge an investigation anonymity order on an application by—
 - (a) the person on whose application the order was made;
 - (b) the Director of Public Prosecutions;
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 - (d) the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland;
 - (e) the person specified in the order.
- (3) An application may not be made under subsection (2) unless there has been a material change of circumstances since the relevant time.
- (4) Any person eligible to apply for the discharge of the order is entitled to be party to the proceedings on the application in addition to the applicant.
- (5) If an application to discharge an investigation anonymity order is made by a person other than the person specified in the order, the justice may not determine the application unless—
 - (a) the person specified in the order has had an opportunity to oppose the application, or

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- (b) the justice is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable to communicate with the person.
- (6) A party to the proceedings may appeal to a judge of the Crown Court against the justice's decision.
- (7) If during the proceedings a party indicates an intention to appeal against a determination to discharge the investigation anonymity order, a justice of the peace who makes such a determination must provide for the discharge of the order not to have effect until the appeal is determined or otherwise disposed of.
- (8) “The relevant time” means—
 - (a) the time when the order was made, or
 - (b) if a previous application has been made under subsection (2), the time when the application (or the last application) was made.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 80(2)(c) omitted (27.3.2014) by virtue of [The Public Bodies \(Merger of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Director of Revenue and Customs Prosecutions\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/834\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 2 para. 72](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 80 in force at 6.4.2010 for E.W. by [S.I. 2010/816](#), [art. 3](#)
- I2** S. 80(1)(2)(a)(d)(e)(3)-(8) in force at 18.4.2011 for N.I. by [S.R. 2011/182](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(vii\)](#)

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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. 47(2)(kb) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 40](#)