

SCHEDULES

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REGULATIONS ABOUT COMPLAINTS AND CONDUCT MATTERS

Investigation of serious complaints

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) serious complaints, and
 - (b) conduct matters,
- which relate to any relevant office holder.
- (2) Regulations must provide for serious complaints and conduct matters to be investigated—
- (a) by the Independent Police Complaints Commission, or
 - (b) by a police force, in an investigation that is under the management of the Independent Police Complaints Commission.
- (3) This paragraph does not prevent regulations from making provision about the receipt or initial handling of serious complaints or conduct matters otherwise than by the Independent Police Complaints Commission or a police force.
- (4) This paragraph does not prevent regulations from making provision about—
- (a) circumstances in which serious complaints or conduct matters are not to be investigated; and
 - (b) circumstances in which investigations of serious complaints or conduct matters are to be discontinued;
- including provision about the determination of such matters (whether by the Independent Police Complaints Commission, a police force or otherwise).
- (5) Regulations may make provision about what is to be taken to be a criminal offence for the purposes of sub-paragraph (6).
- (6) In this paragraph “serious complaint” means a qualifying complaint made about conduct which constitutes or involves, or appears to constitute or involve, the commission of a criminal offence.