



# Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 6

### PART 5

#### RISK OF BEING DRAWN INTO TERRORISM

### CHAPTER 2

#### SUPPORT ETC FOR PEOPLE VULNERABLE TO BEING DRAWN INTO TERRORISM

## 38 Co-operation

- (1) The partners of a panel must, so far as appropriate and reasonably practicable, act in co-operation with—
  - (a) the panel in the carrying out of its functions;
  - (b) the police [<sup>F1</sup>and local authorities] in the carrying out of their functions in connection with section 36.
- (2) The partners of a panel are the persons and bodies specified in Schedule 7.
- (3) The duty of a partner of a panel to act in co-operation with the panel—
  - (a) includes the giving of information (subject to subsection (4));
  - (b) extends only so far as the co-operation is compatible with the exercise of the partner's functions under any other enactment or rule of law.
- (4) Nothing in this section requires or authorises the making of—
  - (a) a disclosure that would contravene [<sup>F2</sup>the data protection legislation];
  - (b) a disclosure of any sensitive information.

[<sup>F3</sup>(4A) “The data protection legislation” has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act).]

- (5) “Sensitive information” means information—
  - (a) held by an intelligence service,

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- (b) obtained (directly or indirectly) from, or held on behalf of, an intelligence service,
  - (c) derived in whole or part from information obtained (directly or indirectly) from, or held on behalf of, an intelligence service, or
  - (d) relating to an intelligence service.
- (6) In carrying out the duty imposed by subsection (1), partners of a panel must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State about the carrying out of that duty.
- (7) Before issuing guidance under subsection (6) the Secretary of State must (whether before or after this Act is passed) consult—
- (a) the Welsh Ministers so far as the guidance relates to panels in Wales;
  - (b) the Scottish Ministers so far as the guidance relates to panels in Scotland;
  - (c) any person whom the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (8) The reference in subsection (1)(b) to functions of the police [<sup>F4</sup>and local authorities] in connection with section 36 includes, in particular, a chief officer's [<sup>F5</sup>or local authority's] function of determining whether an individual should be referred to a panel for the carrying out of an assessment of the kind mentioned in subsection (1)(a) of that section.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 38(1)(b) inserted (12.4.2019) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 20\(6\)](#), 27(3)
- F2** Words in s. 38(4)(a) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 212(1), [Sch. 19 para. 189\(2\)](#) (with [ss. 117](#), 209, 210); [S.I. 2018/625](#), reg. 2(1)(g)
- F3** S. 38(4A) inserted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 212(1), [Sch. 19 para. 189\(3\)](#) (with [ss. 117](#), 209, 210); [S.I. 2018/625](#), reg. 2(1)(g)
- F4** Words in s. 38(8) inserted (12.4.2019) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 20\(7\)\(a\)](#), 27(3)
- F5** Words in s. 38(8) inserted (12.4.2019) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\)](#), [ss. 20\(7\)\(b\)](#), 27(3)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 38 in force at 12.4.2015, see s. 52(2)(a)

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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. 31(1)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)