



Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

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PART 1

POLICE

CHAPTER 2

COMPLAINTS AND MISCONDUCT

[^{F1}The Police Investigations and Review Commissioner]

[^{F1}33A General functions of the Commissioner

The Commissioner's general functions are—

- (a) to maintain, and to secure the maintenance by the Authority and the chief constable of, suitable arrangements for—
 - (i) the handling of relevant complaints; and
 - (ii) the examination of the handling of relevant complaints and the reconsideration of such complaints in accordance with sections 34 to 41;
- (b) where directed to do so by the appropriate prosecutor—
 - (i) to investigate any circumstances in which there is an indication that a person serving with the police may have committed an offence;
 - (ii) to investigate, on behalf of the relevant procurator fiscal, the circumstances of any death involving a person serving with the police which that procurator fiscal is required to investigate under section 1 of the [^{F2}Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016];
- (c) where requested to do so by the Authority or the chief constable, to investigate and report on certain serious incidents involving the police (see section 41B); and

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- (d) to investigate other matters relating to the Authority or the Police Service where the Commissioner considers that it would be in the public interest to do so (see section 41C).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 33A inserted (1.4.2013) by [Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 8\)](#), **ss. 62, 129(2)** (with [s. 100](#)); [S.S.I. 2013/51](#), **art. 2** (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.S.I. 2013/121](#), arts. 1(1), 11)
- F2** Words in s. 33A(b)(ii) substituted (15.6.2017) by [Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 2\)](#), s. 42(2), **sch. 2 para. 11(2)**; [S.S.I. 2017/155](#), reg. 2 (with regs. 4(2)5)

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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. 47A inserted by [2023 c. 41 s. 45\(3\)](#)