



2016 CHAPTER 4

PART 4

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

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51.—(1) This section applies if, at any stage in the course of considering a complaint or conducting an investigation, the Ombudsman forms the opinion that the matter could be the subject of an investigation by a person mentioned in subsection (4).

(2) The Ombudsman must consult that person about the matter.

(3) The Ombudsman may co-operate with that person, including co-operation—

- (a) by way of disclosure of information relating to the complaint or investigation,
- (b) in the conduct of the investigation,
- (c) in the form, content and publication of a report.

(4) The persons referred to in subsection (1) are—

- (a) the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration under the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967,
- (b) the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman under the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002,

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- (c) the Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland under the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,
- (d) the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales under the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005,
- (e) the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland under the Commissioner for Older People Act (Northern Ireland) 2011,
- (f) the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Act 1998,
- (g) the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission under the Northern Ireland Act 1998,
- (h) the Ombudsman in the Republic of Ireland, in respect of complaints about or investigations into an implementation body to which the North/South Co-operation (Implementation Bodies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 applies,
- (i) a local government auditor within the meaning of Article 4 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005,
- (j) the Comptroller and Auditor General, and
- (k) the Health and Social Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority under the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009.

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