



# Police Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 16

### PART IV

#### COMPLAINTS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS ETC.

#### <sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER I

#### COMPLAINTS

#### *Interpretation*

#### 65 Interpretation of Chapter I.

In this Chapter—

“the appropriate authority” means—

- (a) <sup>F1</sup>.....
- (b) in relation to a member of any <sup>F2</sup>... police force—
  - (i) if he is a senior officer, the police authority for the force’s area, and
  - (ii) if he is not a senior officer, the chief officer of police of the force;

“the Authority” means the Police Complaints Authority;

“complaint” means a complaint about the conduct of a member of a police force which is submitted—

- (a) by a member of the public, or
- (b) on behalf of a member of the public and with his written consent;

“disciplinary proceedings” means proceedings identified as such by regulations under section 50;

“investigating officer” means <sup>F3</sup>... a member of a police force appointed under section 68(3) or, as the case may be, section 69(5) or (6) to investigate a complaint;

“senior officer” means a member of a police force holding a rank above that of superintendent;

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“serious injury” means a fracture, damage to an internal organ, impairment of bodily function, a deep cut or a deep laceration.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Para. (a) in definition of “the appropriate authority” in s. 65 repealed (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, ss. 325, 423, Sch. 27 para. 97(2)(a), **Sch. 34 Pt. VII** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1648, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F2** Word in definition of “the appropriate authority” in s. 65 repealed (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, ss. 325, 423, Sch. 27 para. 97(2)(b), **Sch. 34 Pt. VII** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1648, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F3** Words in definition of “investigating officer” in s. 65 inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, ss. 325, 423, Sch. 27 para. 97(3), **Sch. 34 Pt. VII** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/1648, art. 2, **Sch.**
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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 65 applied (1.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/731, **reg. 11(5)**

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