



# Police Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 16

### PART IV

#### COMPLAINTS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS ETC.

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

#### COMPLAINTS

#### *Handling of Complaints etc.*

#### **83 Guidance concerning complaints etc.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may issue guidance to police authorities, chief officers of police and other members of police forces concerning the discharge of their functions under this Chapter and they shall have regard to any such guidance in the discharge of their functions.
- (2) Guidance may not be issued under subsection (1) in relation to the handling of a particular case.
- (3) A failure on the part of a person to whom guidance is issued under subsection (1) to have regard to such guidance shall be admissible in evidence on any appeal from a decision taken in proceedings under regulations made in accordance with section 50(3).
- (4) In discharging their functions under section 76 the Authority shall have regard to any guidance given to them by the Secretary of State with respect to such matters as are for the time being the subject of guidance under subsection (1), and they shall have regard in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of this subsection, to any such guidance as to the principles to be applied in cases that involve any question of criminal proceedings.

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- (5) The report of the Authority under section 79(4) shall contain a statement of any guidance given to the Authority under subsection (4) above during the year to which the report relates.

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