



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 32

PART VII

POLICE COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

51 The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.

- (1) For the purposes of this Part there shall be a Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.
- (2) The person for the time being holding the office of Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland shall by that name be a corporation sole.
- (3) Schedule 3 shall have effect in relation to the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (in this Part referred to as “the Ombudsman”).
- (4) The Ombudsman shall exercise his powers under this Part in such manner and to such extent as appears to him to be best calculated to secure—
 - (a) the efficiency, effectiveness and independence of the police complaints system; and
 - (b) the confidence of the public and of members of the police force in that system.
- (5) The Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland is hereby abolished.

Changes to legislation:

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, Section 51 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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. 50A inserted by [2023 c. 41 s. 45\(1\)](#)
- s. 60ZD inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 3](#)
- s. 66(3A) modified by 2003 c. 6 s. 30(11) (as added) by [S.I. 2007/912 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 4](#)