Crime and Disorder Act 1998

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PART I

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

CHAPTER I

ENGLAND AND WALES

Crime and disorder strategies

5 Authorities responsible for strategies.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the functions conferred by [F1 or under] section 6 below shall be exercisable in relation to each local government area by the responsible authorities, that is to say—

(a) the council for the area and, where the area is a district and the council is not a unitary authority, the council for the county which includes the district; [F2 and]

[F3 (aa) every provider of probation services operating within the area in pursuance of arrangements under section 3 of the Offender Management Act 2007 which provide for it to be a responsible authority under this section;]

(b) every chief officer of police any part of whose police area lies within the area.

[F4 (c) every [F5 fire and rescue authority] any part of whose area so lies;]

(c) if the local government area is in England, every [F7 clinical commissioning group] the whole or any part of whose area so lies; and

(d) if the local government area is in Wales, every [F8 Local Health Board] the whole or any part of whose area so lies.

[F9 (1A) The relevant local policing body in relation to two or more local government areas in England may make a combination agreement with the responsible authorities in relation to those areas (the “combined area”).]
(1B) A combination agreement is an agreement for the functions conferred by or under section 6 or by section 7 to be carried out in relation to the combined area as if it constituted only one local government area.

(1BA) The responsible authorities in relation to a combined area are all the persons who are the responsible authorities in relation to each local government area that falls within the combined area.

(1BB) Section 5A contains further provision about the making and contents of combination agreements.

[F10(1C)]

(1C) A combination agreement—

(a) may require the councils for the local government areas in question to appoint a joint committee of those councils (the “joint crime and disorder committee”) and to arrange for crime and disorder scrutiny functions in relation to any (or all) of those councils to be exercisable by that committee;

(b) may make provision applying any of the relevant provisions, with or without modifications, in relation to a joint crime and disorder committee.

(1D) In subsection (1C)—

“crime and disorder scrutiny functions”, in relation to a council, means functions that are, or, but for [F11a combination agreement], would be, exercisable by the crime and disorder committee of the council under section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 (local authority scrutiny of crime and disorder matters);

“the relevant provisions” means—

(a) section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006;

(b) section 20 of that Act and any regulations made under that section;

(c) Schedule 8 to that Act;

(d) section [F139F, 9FA or] 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

[F14(1E)]

(1E) The “relevant local policing body”, in relation to a combined area, is—

(a) if the area falls (wholly or partly) within the police area of a police and crime commissioner, the commissioner,

(b) if the area falls (wholly or partly) within the metropolitan police district, the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime, and

(c) if the area falls partly within the City of London, the Secretary of State.

(1F) If there is more than one relevant local policing body in relation to a combined area by virtue of subsection (1E), the references in subsection (1A) above and section 5A(2) to the relevant local policing body in relation to the combined area are references to each of the relevant local policing bodies for that area acting jointly.

(2) In exercising [F14] the functions conferred by or under section 6], the responsible authorities shall act in co-operation with the following persons and bodies, namely—

[F16(b)]

(b) every local probation board any part of whose area lies within the area;

[F17(ba)]

(ba) every provider of probation services operating within the area in pursuance of arrangements under section 3 of the Offender Management Act 2007 which provide for it to co-operate under this subsection with the responsible authorities;]

(2) In exercising [F14 the functions conferred by or under section 6], the responsible authorities shall act in co-operation with the following persons and bodies, namely—

(ba) every provider of probation services operating within the area in pursuance of arrangements under section 3 of the Offender Management Act 2007 which provide for it to co-operate under this subsection with the responsible authorities;]

(c) every person or body of a description which is for the time being prescribed by order of the Secretary of State under this subsection [F18]; and
(d) where they are acting in relation to an area in Wales, every person or body which is of a description which is for the time being prescribed by an order under this subsection of the National Assembly for Wales;]

and it shall be the duty of those persons and bodies to co-operate in the exercise by the responsible authorities of [F15the functions conferred by or under section 6].

(3) The responsible authorities shall also invite the participation in their exercise of those functions of at least one person or body of each description which is for the time being prescribed by order of the Secretary of State under this subsection [F19and, in the case of the responsible authorities for an area in Wales, of any person or body of a description for the time being prescribed by an order under this subsection of the National Assembly for Wales.]

(4) In this section and sections 6 and 7 below “local government area” means—

(a) in relation to England, each district or London borough, the City of London, the Isle of Wight and the Isles of Scilly;

(b) in relation to Wales, each county or county borough.

[F20(5) In this section—

“fire and rescue authority” means—

(a) a fire and rescue authority constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies;

(aa) a fire and rescue authority created by an order under section 4A of that Act;

(b) a metropolitan county fire and civil defence authority; or

(c) the London Fire Commissioner.]

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(6) The appropriate national authority may by order amend this section by—

(a) adding an entry for any person or body to the list of authorities in subsection (1),

(b) altering or repealing an entry for the time being included in the list, or

(c) adding, altering or repealing provisions for the interpretation of entries in the list.

(7) In this section the “appropriate national authority”, in relation to a person or body, means—

(a) the National Assembly for Wales, if all the functions of the person or body are devolved Welsh functions;

(b) the Secretary of State and the Assembly acting jointly, if the functions of the person or body include devolved Welsh functions and other functions; and

(c) the Secretary of State, if none of the functions of the person or body are devolved Welsh functions.

(8) In subsection (7), “devolved Welsh functions” means functions which are dischargeable only in relation to Wales and relate to matters in relation to which the Assembly has functions.]
### Textual Amendments

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F24  S. 5(5): definition of “police authority” and preceding word omitted (16.1.2012) by virtue of Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. 88, 157(1), Sch. 11 para. 2(8)(b); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. (iii) (as amended by S.I. 2012/75, art. 2(2)(d)) (with Sch. 2 para. 6(a))

F25  S. 5(6)-(8) inserted (1.8.2007 for E. and 19.11.2007 for W.) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), ss. 22, 53(1)(a), Sch. 9 para. 2(5); S.I. 2007/1614, art 3(b); S.I. 2007/3073, art. 2(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1  S. 5: functions of local authority not to be the sole responsibility of the executive of the authority (E.) (16.11.2000) by virtue of S.I. 2000/2853, reg. 4(1), Sch. 3

C2  S. 5(1) modified (1.4.2003 for W. and 30.4.2004 for E.) by Police Reform Act 2002 (c. 30), ss. 9(15), 108(2)(4); S.I. 2003/525, art. 2; S.I. 2004/913, art. 3(a)

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C4  S. 5(5) applied (with modifications) (8.5.2017) by The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue Functions) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/469), art. 1(3), Sch. para. 4(2)

Commencement Information

I1  S. 5 wholly in force; S. 5 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 121. In force at 30.9.1998 by S.I. 1998/2327, art. 2(1) (subject to savings in arts. 5-8)

F265A  Combination agreements: further provision

(1) A combination agreement for a combined area may be made only if every responsible authority in relation to that area is a party to the agreement.

(2) The relevant local policing body for a combined area may enter into a combination agreement for that area only if it considers that it would be in the interests of one or more of the following to do so—

(a) reducing crime and disorder;

(b) reducing re-offending;

(c) combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances.

(3) Subsections (4) to (6) apply if a combined area in relation to a combination agreement includes (wholly or party) the area of more than one police area.

(4) The combination agreement must include arrangements for securing effective and efficient co-operation—

(a) between each of the relevant local policing bodies in relation to the combined area, and

(b) between the responsible authorities for the area and those relevant local policing bodies.

(5) The Secretary of State must be a party to the agreement (if not already a party by virtue of being a relevant local policing body in relation to the combined area).

(6) The Secretary of State may enter into the agreement only if the Secretary of State—

(a) considers that it would be in the interests of one or more of the matters mentioned in subsection (2), and
(b) is satisfied that the arrangements mentioned in subsection (4) are adequate for the purposes of securing effective and efficient co-operation in the carrying out of functions under section 6.

(7) A combination agreement—
   (a) must be in writing, and
   (b) may be varied by a further combination agreement.

(8) A combination agreement may be terminated by agreement in writing between the parties to it; and subsection (2), and (as the case may be) (6)(a), applies to an agreement under this subsection.

(9) In this section “combination agreement”, “combined area” and “relevant local policing body” have the same meanings as in section 5.

Textual Amendments
S. 5A inserted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. 88, 157(1), Sch. II para. 3; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. (iii) (as amended by S.I. 2012/75, art. 2(2)(d))

Footnotes:
F26 S. 5A inserted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. 88, 157(1), Sch. II para. 3; S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. (iii) (as amended by S.I. 2012/75, art. 2(2)(d))

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(d) matters to which regard must be had in formulating and implementing a strategy;

(e) objectives to be addressed in a strategy and performance targets in respect of those objectives;

(f) the sharing of information between responsible authorities;

(g) the publication and dissemination of a strategy;

(h) the preparation of reports on the implementation of a strategy.

(4) The provision which may be made under subsection (2) includes provision for or in connection with the conferring of functions on a committee of, or a particular member or officer of, any of the responsible authorities.

(4A) Provision under subsection (3)(ca) may include provision—

(a) for a police and crime commissioner to arrange for meetings to be held for the purpose of assisting in the formulation and implementation of any strategy (or strategies) that the commissioner may specify that relate to any part of the police area of the commissioner,

(b) for the commissioner to chair the meetings, and

(c) for such descriptions and numbers of persons to attend the meetings as the commissioner may specify (including, in particular, representatives of the responsible authorities in relation to the strategies to be discussed at the meetings).

(5) The matters referred to in subsection (3)(d) may in particular include guidance given by the appropriate national authority in connection with the formulation or implementation of a strategy.

(6) Provision under subsection (3)(e) may require a strategy to be formulated so as to address (in particular)—

(a) the reduction of crime or disorder of a particular description; or

(b) the combatting of a particular description of misuse of drugs, alcohol or other substances.

(7) Regulations under this section may make—

(a) different provision for different local government areas;

(b) supplementary or incidental provision.

(8) For the purposes of this section any reference to the implementation of a strategy includes—

(a) keeping it under review for the purposes of monitoring its effectiveness; and

(b) making any changes to it that appear necessary or expedient.

(9) In this section the “appropriate national authority” is—

(a) the Secretary of State, in relation to strategies for areas in England;

(b) the National Assembly for Wales, in relation to strategies for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol or other substances in areas in Wales;

(c) the Secretary of State and the Assembly acting jointly, in relation to strategies for combatting crime and disorder [\(^{[433]}\) re-offending] in areas in Wales.
7 Supplemental.

(1) The responsible authorities for a local government area shall, whenever so required by the relevant local policing body for that area, submit to that body a report on matters connected with the exercise of their functions under section 6 above, apart from devolved Welsh functions (as defined by section 5(8)), as may be specified in the requirement.

[F38] (1A) The relevant local policing body in relation to a local government area may require a report under subsection (1) only if—

(a) the body is not satisfied that the responsible authorities for the area are carrying out their functions under section 6 in an effective and efficient manner, and

(b) the body considers it reasonable and proportionate in all the circumstances to require a report.

(2) A requirement under subsection (1) above may specify the form in which a report is to be given.

(3) The relevant local policing body may arrange, or require the responsible authorities to arrange, for a report under subsection (1) above to be published in such manner as appears to the body to be appropriate.

[F41] (4) Relevant local policing body", in relation to a local government area, means—

(a) if the area (or any part of it) falls within the police area of a police and crime commissioner, the commissioner,

(b) if the area (or any part of it) falls within the metropolitan police district, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, and
(c) if the area (or any part of it) is the City of London, the Secretary of State.

(5) If there is more than one relevant local policing body in relation to a combined area that is to be treated as one local government area under a combination agreement (see section 5(1A))—

(a) a report submitted under subsection (1) is to be submitted to each of the relevant local policing bodies for the combined area, and

(b) references in this section to any requirement or arrangement made by the relevant local policing body are references to a requirement or arrangement made by each of the relevant local policing bodies for the combined area acting jointly.]

Textual Amendments

F35 Words in s. 7(1) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. 88, 157(1), Sch. 11 para. 5(2)(a); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. (iii) (as amended by S.I. 2012/75, art. 2(2)(d))

F36 Words in s. 7(1) substituted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. 88, 157(1), Sch. 11 para. 5(2)(b); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. (iii) (as amended by S.I. 2012/75, art. 2(2)(d))

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F38 S. 7(1A) inserted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. 88, 157(1), Sch. 11 para. 5(3); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. (iii) (as amended by S.I. 2012/75, art. 2(2)(d))

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F41 S. 7(4)(5) inserted (16.1.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), ss. 88, 157(1), Sch. 11 para. 5(5); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. (iii) (as amended by S.I. 2012/75, art. 2(2)(d))

Commencement Information

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Changes to legislation:
Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Cross Heading: Crime and disorder strategies is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 April 2020. 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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- s. 1(1C) inserted by 2010 c. 17 s. 40(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 40 repealed (23.3.2015) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 12, Sch. 11 para. 46; S.I. 2015/373, art. 4(f)(x))
- s. 8A inserted by 2010 c. 17 s. 41(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 41 repealed (23.3.2015) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 12, Sch. 11 para. 46; S.I. 2015/373, art. 4(f)(x))
- s. 8A repealed by 2014 c. 12 Sch. 11 para. 24(c)
- s. 9(2)(d) and word inserted by 2010 c. 17 s. 41(4)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 41 repealed (23.3.2015) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 12, Sch. 11 para. 46; S.I. 2015/373, art. 4(f)(x))
- s. 9(2)(d) and word omitted by 2014 c. 12 Sch. 11 para. 26(4)(a)
- s. 9(2AA) inserted by 2010 c. 17 s. 41(4)(c) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 41 repealed (23.3.2015) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 12, Sch. 11 para. 46; S.I. 2015/373, art. 4(f)(x))
- s. 9(2AA) repealed by 2014 c. 12 Sch. 11 para. 26(5)
- Sch. 3 para. 3(11A) inserted by 2003 c. 44 Sch. 3 para. 71(d)