



Freedom of Information Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 36

An Act to make provision for the disclosure of information held by public authorities or by persons providing services for them and to amend the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Public Records Act 1958; and for connected purposes. [30th November 2000]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: functions of Secretary of State transferred to the Lord Chancellor (26.11.2001) by [S.I. 2001/3500](#), [arts. 3, 4](#), [Sch. 1 para. 12](#)
Act (except ss. 15, 23, 24, 36, 46, 65, 66 and s. 53 for certain purposes): functions of the Lord Chancellor transferred to the Secretary of State, and all property, rights and liabilities to which the Lord Chancellor is entitled or subject in connection with any such function transferred to the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs (19.8.2003) by [The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1887\)](#), [art. 4](#), [Sch. 1](#) (with [art. 6](#))
- C2** Act: enforcement and appeals provisions applied (with modifications) (1.1.2005) by [The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/3391\)](#), [reg. 18](#) (with [reg. 3](#)) (as amended (17.9.2018) by [The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/942\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [10](#))
- C3** Act applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), 3-6, [Sch. Pt. 3](#)
- C4** Act applied (with modifications) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), 3-6, [Sch. Pt. 2](#)
- C5** Act applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (22.11.2012) by [The Police and Crime Panels \(Application of Local Authority Enactments\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2734\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), 3-6, [Sch. Pt. 1](#)
- C6** Act: transfer of functions (9.11.2016) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/997\)](#), [art. 7\(a\)](#) (with [arts. 8, 12](#))
- C7** Act: transfer of functions (9.11.2016) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/997\)](#), [arts. 1\(2\)](#), 3(1), [Sch. 1\(i\)](#) (with [arts. 3\(2\)](#), 6, 12)
- C8** Act modified (E.W.) (23.5.2019) by [The Buckinghamshire \(Structural Changes\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/957\)](#), [arts. 1](#), [15\(2\)](#)

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- C9** Act modified (E.W.) (14.2.2020) by [The Northamptonshire \(Structural Changes\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/156\)](#), arts. 1, **17(2)(f)**
- C10** Act applied (E.) (18.3.2022) by [The Cumbria \(Structural Changes\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/331\)](#), arts. 1(1), **18(2)(f)**

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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. 23(3)(p) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 29](#)