



# Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003

## CHAPTER 6

### POLICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2003

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1 — Belfast

- 1 The Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (c. 32) is amended...
- 2 After section 15 insert— Default of council: Belfast sub-groups (1) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the...
- 3 In section 17 (annual report by district policing partnership to...
- 4 In section 18 (reports by district policing partnership to Board)...
- 5 For section 21 substitute— District policing partnership sub-groups for Belfast...
- 6 After section 21 insert— Annual report by sub-groups to Belfast...
- 7 After section 21A (inserted by paragraph 6 above) insert— Annual...
- 8 After section 21B (inserted by paragraph 7 above) insert— Other...
- 9 After section 21C (inserted by paragraph 8 above) insert— Reports...
- 10 In section 22 (the local policing plan) after subsection (3)...
- 11 (1) Schedule 1 (the Northern Ireland Policing Board) is amended...
- 12 In Schedule 3 (district policing partnerships) after paragraph 16 insert —...
- 13 After Schedule 3 insert— SCHEDULE 3A BELFAST SUB-GROUPS Interpretation (1) In this Schedule— “the council” means the district council...
- 14 In Schedule 2 to the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland)...
- 15 In Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of...
- 16 (1) Sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) have effect in relation to...

### SCHEDULE 2 — Powers exercisable by designated persons

#### Part 1 — INVESTIGATING OFFICERS

- 1 Entry and search for purposes of arrest
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- 9 Power to require arrested person to account for certain matters
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#### Part 2 — DETENTION OFFICERS

- 11 Attendance at police station for fingerprinting
- 12 Non-intimate searches of detained persons
- 13 Searches and examinations to ascertain identity
- 14 Fingerprinting
- 15 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he...
- 16 Warnings about intimate samples
- 17 Non-intimate samples
- 18 Where a designation applies this paragraph to a person, he...
- 19 Attendance at police station for the taking of a sample
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## Part 3 — ESCORT OFFICERS

22 Power to take an arrested person to a police station

23 Escort of persons in police detention

## Part 4 — INTERPRETATION

24 (1) In this Schedule— “designated person” means a person designated...

## SCHEDULE 3 — Police powers: amendments

1 Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12))

2 In Article 20(5) of the 1989 Order (power of constable...

3 In Article 55A(6) of the 1989 Order (persons entitled to...

4 In Article 61 of the 1989 Order (fingerprinting) after paragraph...

5 In Article 63 of the 1989 Order (non-intimate samples) after...

6 In Article 64A(3) of the 1989 Order (persons entitled to...

7 (1) Article 66 of the 1989 Order (codes of practice:...

8 Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)

## SCHEDULE 4 — Repeals and revocations