



Equality Act 2010

2010 CHAPTER 15

PART 1

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES

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1 Public sector duty regarding socio-economic inequalities

- (1) An authority to which this section applies must, when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise its functions, have due regard to the desirability of exercising them in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage.
- (2) In deciding how to fulfil a duty to which it is subject under subsection (1), an authority must take into account any guidance issued [^{F1}in accordance with subsection (2A)].

[^{F2}(2A) The guidance to be taken into account under subsection (2) is—

- (a) in the case of a duty imposed on an authority in relation to devolved Scottish functions, guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers;
- (b) in any other case, guidance issued by a Minister of the Crown.]
- (3) The authorities to which this section applies are—
 - (a) a Minister of the Crown;
 - (b) a government department other than the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service or the Government Communications Head-quarters;
 - (c) a county council or district council in England;
 - (d) the Greater London Authority;
 - (e) a London borough council;
 - (f) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a local authority;

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- (g) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
- (h) [^{F3}a Strategic Health Authority established under section 13 of the National Health Service Act 2006, or continued in existence by virtue of that section;]
- (i) [^{F4}a Primary Care Trust established under section 18 of that Act, or continued in existence by virtue of that section;]
- (j) [^{F5}a regional development agency established by the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998;]
- (k) a [^{F6}police and crime commissioner] established for an area in England.

^{F7}(4)

^{F8}(5)

- (6) The reference to inequalities in subsection (1) does not include any inequalities experienced by a person as a result of being a person subject to immigration control within the meaning given by section 115(9) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (23.5.2016) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), **ss. 38(3)**, 72(7)
- F2** S. 1(2A) inserted (23.5.2016) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), **ss. 38(4)**, 72(7)
- F3** S. 1(3)(h) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 55(2), **Sch. 5 para. 181(a)**; S.I. 2013/160, **art. 2(2)** (with arts. 7-9)
- F4** S. 1(3)(i) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c. 7), s. 55(2), **Sch. 5 para. 181(b)**; S.I. 2013/160, **art. 2(2)** (with arts. 7-9)
- F5** S. 1(3)(j) repealed (1.7.2012 at 0.02 a.m.) by Public Bodies Act 2011 (c. 24), s. 30(3), **Sch. 6**; S.I. 2012/1662, **art. 2(2)(b)**
- F6** Words in s. 1(3)(k) substituted (22.11.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 99, **Sch. 16 para. 381**; S.I. 2012/2892, **art. 2(a)(i)**
- F7** S. 1(4) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), **ss. 100(2)(g)**, 115(3)(k)
- F8** S. 1(5) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), **ss. 100(2)(g)**, 115(3)(k)

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