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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

Section 70(1)

RELEVANT PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND DESIGNATED SENIOR OFFICERS ETC.

PART 1

TABLE OF AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS ETC.

Commencement Information

II Sch. 4 Pt. 1 in force at 5.2.2019 by [S.I. 2019/174](#), [reg. 2\(m\)](#)

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Police force maintained under section 2 of the Police Act 1996	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)	Inspector	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
		Superintendent	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
Metropolitan police force	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)	Inspector	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
		Superintendent	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
City of London police force	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)	Inspector	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
		Superintendent	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)

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Police Service of Scotland	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)	Inspector	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
		Superintendent	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
Police Service of Northern Ireland	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)	Inspector	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
		Superintendent	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
British Transport Police Force	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g)	Inspector	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
		Superintendent	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)
^{F2} Civil Nuclear Constabulary	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), and (e)	Inspector	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Superintendent	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)]
Ministry of Defence Police	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), and (e)	Inspector	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Superintendent	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
Royal Navy Police	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), and (e)	Lieutenant Commander	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Commander	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
Royal Military Police	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), and (e)	Major	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Lieutenant Colonel	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)

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Royal Air Force Police	60A(7)(a), (b), (c), and (e)	Squadron Leader	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Wing Commander	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
^[F3] Tri-service serious crime unit	60A(7)(a), (b), (c) and (e)	Lieutenant Commander	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Major	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Squadron leader	Entity data	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Commander	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Lieutenant colonel	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)
		Wing commander	All	61(7)(a) and (c)	61A(7)(a) and (c)]
Security Service	60A(7)(a), (b) and (c)	General Duties 4 or any other level 4 officer	Entity data	^[F4] 61(7)(a) and (c)]	^[F5] 61A(7)(a)]
		General Duties 3 or any other level 3 officer	All	^[F4] 61(7)(a) and (c)]	^[F5] 61A(7)(a)]
Secret Intelligence Service	60A(7)(a), (b) and (c)	Grade 6	All	^[F4] 61(7)(a) and (c)]	^[F5] 61A(7)(a)]
GCHQ	60A(7)(a), (b) and (c)	GC8	All	^[F4] 61(7)(a) and (c)]	^[F5] 61A(7)(a)]
Ministry of Defence	60A(7)(a) and (b)	Member of the Senior Civil Service or equivalent	All	61(7)(a)	
		Grade 7 in the Fraud Defence Unit	All		61A(7)(a)

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[^{F6} Department of Health and Social Care]	60A(7)(b) and (d)	Grade 7 in the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	All		61A(7)(a) and (b)
		Grade 7 in the Anti- Fraud Unit	All		61A(7)(a)
Home Office	60A(7)(b), (d) and (g)	Immigration inspector or equivalent with responsibility for investigations or other functions relating to immigration and border security	All		61A(7)(a)
		Immigration inspector or equivalent with responsibility for anti- corruption in relation to investigations or other functions relating to immigration and border security	All		61A(7)(a)
		Immigration inspector or equivalent with responsibility	All		61A(7)(a)

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		for asylum fraud investigations			
		Immigration All inspector or equivalent with responsibility for security and intelligence in the immigration detention estate			61A(7)(a), (b) and (e)
Ministry of Justice	60A(7)(b) and (d)	Manager in Entity data the [^{F7} Security, Order and Counter- Terrorism Directorate of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service] responsible for intelligence			61A(7)(a) and (b)
		Senior All manager in the [^{F7} Security, Order and Counter- Terrorism Directorate of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service] responsible			61A(7)(a) and (b)

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		for intelligence			
National Crime Agency	60A(7)(b), (e) and (g)	Grade 3	Entity data		61A(7)(a), (c) and (e)
		Grade 2	All		61A(7)(a), (c) and (e)
Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs	60A(7)(b)	Higher officer	Entity data		61A(7)(a)
		Senior officer	All		61A(7)(a)
Department for Transport	60A(7)(b), (d) and (e)	Enforcement Officer in Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Entity data		61A(7)(a) and (b)
		Head of Enforcement in Maritime and Coastguard Agency	All		61A(7)(a) and (b)
		Maritime Operations Commander (Grade 7) in the Maritime and Coastguard Agency	All		61A(7)(c)
		Principal Inspector in the ^{F8} Air Accidents] Investigation Branch, the Marine Accident Investigation Branch or the Rail Accident	All		61A(7)(b)

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		Investigation Branch			
Department for Work and Pensions	60A(7)(b)	Senior Executive Officer in [^{F9} the Counter Fraud, Compliance and Debt Directorate]	All		61A(7)(a)
		Senior Executive Officer in the Child Maintenance Group Central Legal Services	All		61A(7)(a)
An ambulance trust in England	60A(7)(e)	Duty Manager of Ambulance Trust Control Rooms	All		61A(7)(c)
Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service	60A(7)(b)	Head of Counter Fraud Services	All		61A(7)(a)
Competition and Markets Authority	60A(7)(b)	Member of the Senior Civil Service with responsibility for cartels or criminal enforcement	All		61A(7)(a)
Criminal Cases Review Commission	60A(7)(f)	Investigations Adviser	All		61A(7)(d)
Department for Communities	60A(7)(b)	Deputy Principal	All		61A(7)(a)

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in Northern Ireland					
Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland	60A(7)(b)	Deputy chief inspector in trading standards services	All		61A(7)(a)
Department of Justice in Northern Ireland	60A(7)(b), (d) and (g)	Governor 4 in the Northern Ireland Prison Service	All		61A(7)(a), (b) and (e)
^{F10} Environment Agency	60A(7)(b) and (d)	Area Management Team Member or equivalent (Grade 7) or Senior Enforcement Technical Advisor or equivalent (Grade 6)	All		61A(7)(a) and (b)]
Financial Conduct Authority	60A(7)(b)	Head of department in the Enforcement and Market Oversight Division	All		61A(7)(a)
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Food Standards Agency	60A(7)(b)	Grade 6	All		61A(7)(a)
Food Standards Scotland	60A(7)(b)	Head of the Scottish Food Crime and Incidents Unit	All		61A(7)(a)
Gambling Commission	60A(7)(b)	Senior manager	All		61A(7)(a)

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Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority	60A(7)(b)	Head of operations	All		61A(7)(a)
Health and Safety Executive	60A(7)(b) and (d)	Band 1 inspector	All		61A(7)(a) and (b)
Independent Office for Police Conduct	60A(7)(b) and (g)	Director or an equivalent grade	All		61A(7)(a) and (e)
^{F12} Service Police Complaints Commissioner	60A(7)(b) and (g)	Senior investigating officer	All		61A(7)(a) and (e)]
Information Commissioner	60A(7)(b)	Group manager	Entity data		61A(7)(a)
		^{F13} Head of department in an investigation or intelligence role]	All		61A(7)(a)
^{F14} Insolvency Service	60A(7)(b)	Grade 7 in the Investigation and Enforcement Services Directorate – Criminal Investigation Team	All		61A(7)(a)
^{F15} Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office]	60A(7)(a)	^{F16} Grade D6 in the UK National Authority for Counter Eavesdropping]	All	61(7)(a)]	

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[^{F17} NHS Counter Fraud Authority]	60A(7)(b)	Senior manager (of pay band 8b) ^{F18}	All		61A(7)(a)
		...			
Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust	60A(7)(e)	Watch Manager (Control)	All		61A(7)(c)
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Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Regional Business Services Organisation	60A(7)(b)	Assistant Director Counter Fraud and Probity Services	All		61A(7)(a)
Office of Communications	60A(7)(b)	Senior associate	All		61A(7)(a)
Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland	60A(7)(b)	Senior investigating officer	All		61A(7)(a)
[^{F19} Pensions Regulator	60A(7)(b)	Head of Department in an enforcement or intelligence role	All		61A(7)(a)]
Police Investigations and Review Commissioner	60A(7)(b) and (g)	Commissioner or Director of Operations	All		61A(7)(a) and (e)

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Scottish Ambulance Service Board	60A(7)(e)	Watch Manager (Control)	All		61A(7)(c)
Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission	60A(7)(f)	Investigations Adviser	All		61A(7)(d)
Serious Fraud Office	60A(7)(b)	Grade 6	All		61A(7)(a)
Welsh Ambulance Services National Health Service Trust	60A(7)(e)	Watch Manager (Control)	All		61A(7)(c)]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (5.2.2019) by [The Data Retention and Acquisition Regulations 2018](#) (S.I. 2018/1123), reg. 1(4)(d)(5), **Sch. 1 para. 26** (see S.I. 2019/174, art. 2(c))
- F2** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table inserted (25.9.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1037), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F3** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 Table inserted (1.5.2022 for specified purposes, 5.12.2022 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2021](#) (c. 35), s. 24(1), **Sch. 5 para. 47**; S.I. 2022/471, reg. 2(e); S.I. 2022/1095, reg. 4
- F4** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (1.1.2023) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2022](#) (S.I. 2022/1395), regs. 1(1), **2(2)(a)**
- F5** Word in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table inserted (1.1.2023) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2022](#) (S.I. 2022/1395), regs. 1(1), **2(2)(b)**
- F6** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (25.9.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1037), regs. 1, **2(3)**
- F7** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (25.9.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1037), regs. 1, **2(4)**
- F8** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (25.9.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1037), regs. 1, **2(5)**

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- F9** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (22.7.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/661\)](#), regs. 1, **2(3)**
- F10** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table inserted (25.9.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1037\)](#), regs. 1, **2(6)**
- F11** Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table entries omitted (22.7.2020) by virtue of [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/661\)](#), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F12** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table inserted (1.11.2022 for specified purposes, 19.6.2023 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2021 \(c. 35\)](#), s. 24(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(6)**; S.I. 2022/1095, **reg. 3**; S.I. 2023/621, **reg. 2**
- F13** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (25.9.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1037\)](#), regs. 1, **2(7)**
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- F15** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (1.1.2023) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1395\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(3)(a)**
- F16** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (1.1.2023) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1395\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(3)(b)**
- F17** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table substituted (25.9.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1037\)](#), regs. 1, **2(9)(a)**
- F18** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table omitted (25.9.2020) by virtue of [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1037\)](#), regs. 1, **2(9)(b)**
- F19** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 1 table inserted (25.9.2020) by [The Investigatory Powers \(Communications Data\) \(Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1037\)](#), regs. 1, **2(10)**

PART 2

INTERPRETATION OF TABLE

Commencement Information

- I2** [Sch. 4 Pt. 2](#) in force at 5.2.2019 by [S.I. 2019/174](#), **reg. 2(m)**

- 1 In the table in Part 1 of this Schedule—
- “ambulance trust in England” means—
 - (a) an NHS trust all or most of whose hospitals, establishments and facilities are in England and which provides ambulance services, or
 - (b) an NHS foundation trust which provides such services,
 - “entity data” means any communications data which is entity data.

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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):

- Sch. 3 para. 8A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 18 para. 10\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 20(2)(ha)(hb) inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 18 para. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)