



# Investigatory Powers Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 25

### PART 8

#### OVERSIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

#### CHAPTER 1

##### INVESTIGATORY POWERS COMMISSIONER AND OTHER JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS

##### *Reports and investigation and information powers*

#### 237 Information gateway

- (1) A disclosure of information to the Investigatory Powers Commissioner or another Judicial Commissioner for the purposes of any function of the Commissioner does not breach—
- (a) an obligation of confidence owed by the person making the disclosure, or
  - (b) any other restriction on the disclosure of information (whether imposed by virtue of this Act or otherwise).
- (2) But subsection (1) does not apply to a disclosure, in contravention of any provisions of [<sup>F1</sup>the data protection legislation], of personal data which is not exempt from those provisions.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(3) In this section, “the data protection legislation” has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 237(2) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\), s. 212\(1\), Sch. 19 para. 203\(2\)](#) (with ss. 117, 209, 210); [S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2\(1\)\(g\)](#)
- F2** [S. 237\(3\)](#) inserted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\), s. 212\(1\), Sch. 19 para. 203\(3\)](#) (with ss. 117, 209, 210); [S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2\(1\)\(g\)](#)

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#### Commencement Information

**II** S. 237 in force at 13.2.2017 by [S.I. 2017/137](#), [reg. 2\(k\)](#)

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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\(3\)\(a\)](#)