



Policing and Crime Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 3

PART 6

FIREARMS AND PYROTECHNIC ARTICLES

Firearms

133 Guidance to police officers in respect of firearms

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 55 insert—

“55A Guidance as to exercise of police functions

- (1) The Secretary of State may issue guidance to chief officers of police as to the exercise of their functions under, or in connection with, this Act.
 - (2) The Secretary of State may revise any guidance issued under this section.
 - (3) The Secretary of State must arrange for any guidance issued under this section, and any revision of it, to be published.
 - (4) A chief officer of police must have regard to any guidance issued under this section.
 - (5) Before issuing guidance under this section, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the National Police Chiefs’ Council, and
 - (b) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland.”
- (3) In section 44 (appeals against police decisions), after subsection (3) insert—
- “(3A) The court or sheriff hearing an appeal must have regard to any guidance issued under section 55A that is relevant to the appeal.”