

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Section 79 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13) requires the Secretary of State to issue a Policing Protocol. This Order replaces the Policing Protocol, issued under the Policing Protocol Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/2744), which it revokes, with the Policing Protocol 2023.

The Policing Protocol makes provision about the ways in which relevant persons should exercise or refrain from exercising functions so as to encourage, maintain or improve working relationships or limit or prevent the overlapping or conflicting exercise of functions. “Relevant persons” for these purposes are the Secretary of State (in the exercise of policing functions), elected local policing bodies (namely police and crime commissioners, including Combined Authority Mayors exercising police and crime commissioner functions, and the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime), chief officers of police forces maintained by elected local policing bodies, and police and crime panels. These persons must have regard to the Policing Protocol in exercising their functions.

The Policing Protocol 2023 updates and revises the Policing Protocol.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Policing Protocol Order 2023.