

Legislation / reason for revision	Paragraph / page reference	Revision
Police (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2024	Glossary	Amendment to the glossary definition of “practice requiring improvement”.
Police (Conduct, Performance and Misconduct and Complaints) (Amendment) Regulations 2025	Glossary	Amendment of the glossary definition of gross misconduct (used in the Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020 but not in the <i>Police Reform Act 2002</i>).
	Paragraph 13.40; new paragraph after 13.40; two new paragraphs after 13.42	New guidance on the amended ways to give notices of investigation and the terms of reference, to a person whose conduct is under investigation (if any).
	13.57; two new paragraphs after 17.45; four new paragraphs after 17.64; two new paragraphs after 17.66; new paragraph after B.31; paragraph B.32	Guidance on the new ability of appropriate authorities to refer cases to accelerated hearings following the completion of an investigation under Schedule 3 to the <i>Police Reform Act 2002</i> . Previously, for investigations under the <i>Police Reform Act 2002</i> , this could only happen prior to completing the report. This amendment brought the process for complaints handled under the <i>Police Reform Act 2002</i> in line with investigations under the Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020.
	B.5; box below B.28; eight new paragraphs after B.29; B.40	Guidance on new presumption of accelerated proceedings for former officers in local investigations, and the associated decision making.
<i>Crime & Policing Act 2026</i>	‘Early referral to the CPS’ section, Chapter 13, pages 94 – 96.	Revised guidance on extended ability to refer matters to the CPS before completing an investigation report. Previously, although the IOPC and appropriate authority could engage with the CPS during the investigation, it was only in certain limited circumstances that criminal proceedings could be brought before an investigation report had been completed.
	Boxes above 17.44; ‘Making a decision about referral to the CPS’	New guidance on applying the revised threshold for referring matters to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). A referral will now only be made where there is sufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of

	section, chapter 17, pages 120 – 123; 17.62; footnote 157; two boxes above 18.42; paragraph 18.44; box before B.29; B.30; box after B.33; B.34; B.40; two boxes below B.41	conviction, and it is considered to be appropriate to refer (including whether it is in the public interest).
	17.62 plus following two new paragraphs.	Explanation of the fact that the IOPC's Victims' Right to Review scheme is now on a statutory footing. This applies to the decision making in directed investigations, as well as independent investigations.
Police (Vetting) Regulations 2025 and Police (Conduct and Vetting etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2026	'Suspension of police officers and special constables' section, Chapter 13, pages 90 – 92.	Guidance on the interaction between matters handled under Schedule 3 to the <i>Police Reform Act 2002</i> and the new rules on suspension of police officers and special constables.
	Box below 13.38; paragraph before 13.43	Amendments to content of the notices of investigation given to a person whose conduct is under investigation (if any), and when notices can be taken to be given.
	17.57 and 17.58	Reference to obligations to consider referring matters to be dealt with under the Vetting Regulations 2025
	New paragraph after 11.27; new paragraph on page 129, above 'Criminal proceedings' box	Guidance on the interaction between matters handled under Schedule 3 to the <i>Police Reform Act 2002</i> and the new police vetting procedures
Police (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2026	Box below 17.60, on page 126.	Guidance on making a case to answer decision on use of force cases received before 30 June 2026
Further guidance	1.16	Reminder that, where appropriate, forces and local policing bodies must have due regard to the <i>Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England</i>

		<i>and Wales (Victims' Code)</i> when exercising their roles and responsibilities under the <i>Police Reform Act 2002</i>
Further guidance	3.13; 11.10; 11.19; footnote at paragraph 13.2	Further guidance on considering how to communicate with complainants and interested parties, and what information should be provided, especially in matters potentially engaging Articles 2 or 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
Clarification	Box below 5.6	Amendment to wording of the definition of adversely affected, bringing it in line with the definition already in the glossary.
Clarification	9.15 and 9.16	Clarification of the application of the definition of 'serious corruption'.
Correction	13.46	Re-instating missing text in paragraph.
Correction	16.4 and 16.5	Correction to text about when the IOPC must be notified that a complaint is being withdrawn.
Clarification	Paragraph above 17.49	Reminder that the police's Victims' Right to Review Scheme may apply in local investigations.
Amendment	Criminal proceedings box on page 130	Amendment to IOPC's position on re-visiting case to answer decisions following the conclusion of criminal proceedings, given updates to the Home Office guidance, <i>Conduct, efficiency and effectiveness: statutory guidance on professional standards, performance and integrity in policing</i> .
Clarification	Inquest proceedings box on page 131	Clarification of who can decide to delay misconduct hearings.
Amendment	18.33	Amendment to guidance regarding whether a review should be upheld where there has been a legal flaw in the handling of the complaint. This is in keeping with the raising of thresholds elsewhere in the police complaints and discipline systems.
Clarification	B.37	Clarification of definition of condition C officers.
Amendment	Glossary	Amendment to the glossary definition of the Code of Ethics.