



Investigatory Powers Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 25

PART 3

AUTHORISATIONS FOR OBTAINING COMMUNICATIONS DATA

Local authorities

73 Local authorities as relevant public authorities

(1) A local authority is a relevant public authority for the purposes of this Part [^{F1}but only so far as relating to authorisations under section 60A].

^{F2}(2)

(3) An authorisation may not be granted under section 60A on the application of a local authority unless—

- (a) section 60A(1)(a) is met in relation to a purpose within section 60A(7)(b),
- (b) the local authority is a party to a collaboration agreement (whether as a supplying authority or a subscribing authority or both), and
- (c) that collaboration agreement is certified by the Secretary of State (having regard to guidance given by virtue of section 79(6) and (7)) as being appropriate for the local authority.

[^{F3}(3A) In subsection (3)—

“collaboration agreement” means an agreement under section 78 that falls within subsection (1)(b)(iii) of that section,

“subscribing authority” has the same meaning as in section 78,

“supplying authority” has the same meaning as in section 78.]

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^{F4}(5)

^{F4}(6)

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^{F4}(7)

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 73(1) inserted (5.2.2019) by [The Data Retention and Acquisition Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1123\)](#), [reg. 1\(4\)\(d\)\(5\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 13\(2\)](#) (see S.I. 2019/174, [reg. 2\(c\)](#))

F2 S. 73(2) omitted (5.2.2019) by virtue of [The Data Retention and Acquisition Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1123\)](#), [reg. 1\(4\)\(d\)\(5\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 13\(3\)](#) (see S.I. 2019/174, [reg. 2\(c\)](#))

F3 S. 73(3A) substituted (17.5.2019) by [The Communications Data Acquisition Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/939\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 2](#)

F4 S. 73(4)-(7) omitted (5.2.2019) by virtue of [The Data Retention and Acquisition Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1123\)](#), [reg. 1\(4\)\(d\)\(5\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 13\(3\)](#) (see S.I. 2019/174, [reg. 2\(c\)](#))

Commencement Information

I1 S. 73 in force at 5.2.2019 by [S.I. 2019/174](#), [reg. 2\(d\)](#)

^{F5}74 **Requirement to be party to collaboration agreement**

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Textual Amendments

F5 S. 74 omitted (5.2.2019) by virtue of [The Data Retention and Acquisition Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1123\)](#), [reg. 1\(4\)\(d\)\(5\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 14](#) (see S.I. 2019/174, [reg. 2\(c\)](#))

^{F6}75 **Judicial approval for local authority authorisations**

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Textual Amendments

F6 S. 75 omitted (5.2.2019) by virtue of [The Data Retention and Acquisition Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1123\)](#), [reg. 1\(4\)\(d\)\(5\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 15](#) (see S.I. 2019/174, [reg. 2\(c\)](#))

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- Pt. 7A inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 2](#)
- Pt. 7B inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 5](#)
- s. 2(1)(ja)(jb) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 6\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 11(3A)(3B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 12(2B)-(2D) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 14\(4\)](#)
- s. 12(5A)(5B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 14\(6\)](#)
- s. 26(2)(a) words renumbered as s. 26(2)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 22\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 26(2)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 26(2A)-(2F) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 58(4)(e) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 9](#)
- s. 62(5A)-(5C) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 15\(4\)](#)
- s. 87(4)(aa) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 16\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 87(4A) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 87(6A)(6B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 20\(2\)](#)
- s. 90(4)-(4B) substituted for s. 90(4) by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 90(5A) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 90(9A)(9B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 90(11A) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(f\)](#)
- s. 90(14)-(16) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 18\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- s. 94A inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 20\(4\)](#)
- s. 111(3)(a) words renumbered as s. 111(3)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 111(3)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 111(6)(a) words renumbered as s. 111(6)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 111(6)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 111(7A)-(7E) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 23\(4\)](#)
- s. 121(4) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 25](#)
- s. 195195A substituted for s. 195 by [2024 c. 9 s. 27\(2\)](#)
- s. 200(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 200(1)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 200(1)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 200(2)(a) words renumbered as s. 200(2)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 200(2)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 202(5) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 206(8) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 219(9) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 220(6) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 220(7) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 225(4)(a) words renumbered as s. 225(4)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 225(4)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 225(13)(a) words renumbered as s. 225(13)(a) by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(8\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 225(13)(b) and word inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 1\(8\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 225(15) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 4\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 227(6A)(6B) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 227(8)-(8D) substituted for s. 227(8)(9) by [2024 c. 9 s. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 227(10A) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 8\(4\)](#)
- s. 227(14) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 8\(6\)](#)
- s. 228(6) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 228A inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 9](#)
- s. 229(3E) inserted by [2024 c. 9 s. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#)

- s. 229(8)(fb) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 27(3)
- s. 230(1)(d) and word inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 10(3)(b)
- s. 231(10) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 10(4)(b)
- s. 235A inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 11(1)
- s. 255(5A)(5B) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 20(6)
- s. 256A inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 20(7)
- s. 257(3)-(3B) substituted for s. 257(3) by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(a)
- s. 257(4A) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(c)
- s. 257(8A)(8B) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(d)
- s. 257(10A) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(f)
- s. 257(13)-(15) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 18(5)(g)
- s. 258A258B inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 21(2)
- s. 261(5A)(5B) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 13(3)
- s. 261(10)(c) and word inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 19(2)(b)
- s. 267(3)(ja) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 21(3)(b)
- s. 267(5)(aa) inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 14(8)
- Sch. 2A inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 14(9)
- Sch. 3 para. 12A and cross-heading inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 28(2)
- Sch. 3 para. 2526 inserted by 2024 c. 9 s. 28(3)