

I, **Marie Anderson**, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, have today authorised various office holders within the office for Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland to exercise various powers of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the power given to me by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.

When considering whether to provide the authorisations my attention was drawn to sections 6 and 10 of the March 2021 Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland Scheme of Delegation (the Scheme of Delegation).

I confirm that I consider the powers that I have today authorised office holders within the office of Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland to exercise (pending a new office holder taking up their appointment as Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland) are suitable for such authorisation, pursuant to the power provided to me by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998. The exercise of these powers by authorised office holders is subject to the Office's Conflicts of Interest policy.

I note this position is consistent with the purpose and intention of section 10 of the Scheme of Delegation. It is evident to me that the language in section 6 of the Scheme of Delegation, to the extent that it suggests the powers referred therein are not ever suitable for authorisation, is not accurate, and is not consistent with the statutory scheme, and, in particular, paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.

I recommend that a new office holder taking up their appointment as Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland should have the Scheme of Delegation reviewed and revised to ensure there could be no misunderstanding as to the correct position.

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For the avoidance of doubt, the authorisation by the Police Ombudsman to other officers, provided for in Appendix B of the Scheme of Delegation, remains valid.

Dated this *31* day of December, 2025

Signed: *Marie Anderson*

**Marie Anderson**

**Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland**

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

I, **Marie Anderson**, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the power given to me by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, do hereby authorise Hugh Hume, Chief Executive of the office of Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, or any successor in that role, to undertake any of the functions of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland. For the avoidance of doubt, this authorisation includes the power to commence an own motion investigation pursuant to section 55(6) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998. This authorisation shall cease to have effect on the day a new holder of the office of Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland commences their role.

Dated this 31 day of December 2025

Signed: Marie Anderson

**Marie Anderson**

**Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland**

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

I, **Marie Anderson**, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the power given to me by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, do hereby authorise Nikki Davis, Director of Investigations in the office of Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, or any successor in that role, to undertake the functions of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland to:

- I. Receive, classify, informally resolve and formally investigate complaints pursuant to sections 52 to 54 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.
- II. Commence any investigation required by any referrals received pursuant to sections 55 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.
- III. Make decisions relating to the consideration of exceptions for certain complaints under regulations 6 to 9 of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Complaints etc.) Regulations 2001.

This authorisation shall cease to have effect on the day a new holder of the office of Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland commences their role.

Dated this *31* day of December, 2025

Signed: *Marie Anderson*

**Marie Anderson**

**Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland**

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

I, **Marie Anderson**, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the power given to me by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, do hereby authorise Jennifer Lamont, Director of Impact in the office of Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, or any successor in that role, to undertake the functions of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland to:

- I. Receive, classify, informally resolve and formally investigate complaints pursuant to sections 52 to 54 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.
- II. Commence any investigation required by any referrals received pursuant to sections 55 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.
- III. Make decisions relating to the consideration of exceptions for certain complaints under regulations 6 to 9 of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Complaints etc.) Regulations 2001.

This authorisation shall cease to have effect on the day a new holder of the office of Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland commences their role.

Dated this 31 day of December, 2025

Signed: Marie Anderson

**Marie Anderson**

**Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland**

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

I, **Marie Anderson**, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the power given to me by paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, do hereby authorise Alice McKelvey, Director of Legal Services of the office of Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, or any successor in that role, to undertake the functions of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland in sections 61 to 63 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 in relation to the provision of reports, information and statements. This authorisation shall cease to have effect on the day a new holder of the office of Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland commences their role.

Dated this 31 day of December, 2025

Signed: Marie Anderson

**Marie Anderson**

**Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland**