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Dear Mr Loughran

**COMMENCEMENT OF POLICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2000 PROVISIONS -
SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER**

I thought I should write to let you know that the vast majority of the uncommenced provisions in the Police Act will come into operation on Sunday 4 November.

As has already been announced, the most significant of these are probably on the name of the service and the powers of the Policing Board, which replaces the Police Authority for Northern Ireland.

Section 1 brings into operation the new name "Police Service of Northern Ireland". From this date, therefore, this name should be used for all operational and working purposes. The Act provides, however, that where there are any references to the existing name in any statutory provision or other document these shall be construed as references to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (section 78(2)). In other words a reference to the RUC in existing regulations is not invalidated by the commencement of section 1.



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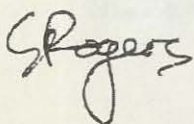
One only provisions in the Act that have not been commenced yet are:

- those relating to District Policing Partnerships principally, sections 14-19 and 21-23 and Schedule 7, paragraph 3;
- part V on arrangements relating to economy, efficiency and effectiveness; and
- section 72 on video recording of Police and Criminal Evidence Order interviews.

I should be grateful if you could bring this note to the attention of relevant staff.

Anyone who wants a copy of the latest Commencement Order, or who has any queries about this note, should not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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