STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 36

POLICE

Police Support Staff (Suitability) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

Made - - - - 3rd February 2009

To be laid before Parliament

Coming into force - - 9th March 2009

The Secretary of State makes the following regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 4(3A) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000(**1**).

In accordance with section 4(3B) of that Act, he has consulted the Northern Ireland Policing Board, the Chief Constable and the Police Association for Northern Ireland:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Police Support Staff (Suitability) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on 9th March 2009.

Suitability: criminal convictions etc.

2.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and regulation 3, the Chief Constable may determine the matters which may be taken into account in deciding the suitability of a person for appointment under section 4(3) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 to a post in the police support staff, with a view to his being designated under section 30 or 30A of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003(**2**).

(2) A person is unsuitable for such an appointment, if he has been convicted in Northern Ireland or elsewhere of any offence, and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment or detention (whether suspended or not).

(3) The fact that a person—

(a) has been convicted of any offence,

(b) has breached a court order, or

(**1**) 2000 c.32. Section 4(3A) and (3B) were inserted by Article 9 of the Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007 No. 912 (N.I. 6)).

(**2**) 2003 c.6. Section 30A was inserted by Article 7 of the Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.