



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

DR ROLAND KITCHEN

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

"Dr Roland Kitchen, a magistrate appointed to the Bristol Bench, has resigned following a report by a Conduct Panel into his conduct. The Panel found that the nature of his communication with another magistrate was inappropriate and had fallen below the standards expected of all magistrates. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice had indicated their intention to remove Dr Kitchen from the magistracy, but following his resignation, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice have indicated that no further action is required."

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