



# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

### MR ANDREW AINSWORTH

#### **A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:**

“Mr Andrew Ainsworth, a magistrate appointed to the South Ribble bench, failed to complete the minimum number of sittings required of a magistrate. He had also failed to keep in contact with the local Advisory Committee. A Conduct Investigation Panel was convened and concluded that Mr Ainsworth had failed to display the necessary commitment and reliability needed to be a magistrate, and recommended that he should be removed. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice have removed Mr Ainsworth from the magistracy.”

**ENDS**

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