



# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

### MR JAMES NICHOLSON

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

“Mr Nicholson, a magistrate appointed to the Wigan and Leigh Bench, has been removed from the magistracy after being dismissed from his paid employment for gross misconduct. A local Advisory Committee investigation found that Mr Nicholson’s dismissal from his paid employment, which was upheld at an employment appeal tribunal, combined with his failure to inform the bench of the disciplinary proceedings against him are sufficiently serious to warrant his removal. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice have agreed with this recommendation and removed Mr Nicholson from the magistracy.”

**ENDS**

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