



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

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Mr Stuart Fricker

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“Mr Stuart Fricker, a magistrate appointed to the Doncaster Bench, failed to notify his Bench Chairman of a court case involving a member of his immediate family in which there was a potential conflict of interest. Mr Fricker had previously been issued with a reprimand for his conduct in a separate matter. Taken together these incidents have called Mr Fricker’s suitability to sit as a magistrate into question. In the circumstances, the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice have removed Mr Fricker from the magistracy.”

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