



# STATEMENT

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## STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

### MR WILLIAM STEPHENSON

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

“Mr William Stephenson, a magistrate appointed to the Warley Bench, was the subject of a Police Community Resolution procedure following an assault upon a member of the public. The local Advisory Committee Conduct Panel concluded that Mr Stephenson failed to display the maturity, sound temperament and judgment required of a magistrate and therefore recommended his removal. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice have agreed that Mr Stephenson should be removed from the magistracy.”

**ENDS**

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