



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

MR OWEN EVERTON BURKE

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“Mr Burke, a magistrate appointed to the Birmingham Bench, has resigned following a report by a Conduct Panel into his conduct. The Panel investigated his failure to notify the Bench Chairman that he had been dismissed from his paid employment for gross misconduct. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice had indicated their intention to remove Mr Burke from the magistracy, but following his resignation, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice have indicated that no further action is required.”

ENDS

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