



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

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Miss Suqie Banwait JP

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Miss Suqie Banwait, a magistrate appointed to the South Essex Bench, has been removed from judicial office. Miss Banwait failed to meet the required level of competence for a magistrate following two appraisals of her performance. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice considered that Miss Banwait had failed to demonstrate the standard expected of a magistrate and have therefore removed her from the magistracy.”

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Notes for Editors

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