A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr David Cockayne, a Magistrate assigned to the Trafford Bench, failed to exercise sound judgment by disclosing details of a confidential complaint to the whole of the Trafford Bench. The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice found that Mr Cockayne’s actions undermined both the complainants and the complaints process. They concluded that this behaviour amounted to serious misconduct and would have removed Mr Cockayne from the magistracy had he not voluntarily resigned.”

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