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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

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Mr Andrew Edwards JP

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Andrew Edwards, a magistrate appointed to the North East London Justice area, was subject to a conduct investigation regarding allegations that he sent documents falsely purporting to be sent on behalf of the Lord Chancellor, using a fictitious name. In doing so Mr Edwards failed to comply with the magistrates’ Declaration and Undertaking; to be circumspect in his conduct and maintain the dignity, standing and good reputation of the magistracy at all times in his public, working and private life. The Lord Chancellor and The Lord Chief Justice found that Mr Edwards’s actions were incompatible with his remaining a judicial office holder and have removed him from the Magistracy”.

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