

## **STATEMENT**

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# STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

#### Sarah Pochin JP

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

"The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice have made a finding of misconduct against Mrs Sarah Pochin, a magistrate assigned to the Cheshire area for using her status as a magistrate to influence the views of her colleagues in a political context. In addition, she breached confidentiality by publicising the complaint made against her. The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb considered that Mrs Pochin's behaviour fell below the standards expected of a magistrate and have issued her with formal advice".

#### **ENDS**

### **Notes for Editors**

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