



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Mrs Valerie Hildreth JP

A spokesperson from the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Valerie Hildreth JP, a magistrate from the Northumbria Bench, has been given formal advice. She failed to report to her bench chair that she had been a victim of crime and a trial had to be adjourned and moved because Mrs Hildreth had not considered a perceived conflict of interest if the case has been heard by colleagues on the same bench. The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb, on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice concluded that Mrs Hildreth’s behaviour fell below the high standards expected of a judicial office holder and amounted to misconduct. ”

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