



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Mr Ray Ashley JP

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Ray Ashley JP, a magistrate on the South Northumbria Bench, has been subject to a disciplinary investigation following a complaint that he had spoken to his legal advisor and a CPS prosecutor in an inappropriate manner. The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb DBE on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice concluded that Mr Ashley’s conduct had fallen below the high standard expected of a judicial office holder and have issued him with a formal warning.”

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Notes for Editors

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