



Judicial Conduct
Investigations Office

STATEMENT

JCIO 16/20

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STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

Mr Eric Murphy JP

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Eric Murphy JP, a magistrate from the Carmarthenshire Bench, has received formal advice after he had made inappropriate comments to fellow magistrates whilst in the retiring room. In addition, Mr Murphy sitting as one of a bench of three, was seen to have had his eyes closed during part of a hearing, which risked undermining the reputation of the magistracy for conspicuous attention to each case. The Lord Chancellor and Mrs Justice Cheema-Grubb DBE, on behalf of the Lord Chief Justice, concluded that Mr Murphy’s behaviour fell below the high standards expected of a judicial office holder and amounted to misconduct.”

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Notes for Editors

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