



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

MRS CAROL ROBSON

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

"Following the use of a racist term in court by Mrs Carol Robson, a magistrate on the Sunderland Bench, it was made clear to Mrs Robson that the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice supported a recommendation for her removal from the Magistracy. Having been made aware of this view, in accordance with provisions of 'The Judicial Discipline (Prescribed Procedures) Regulations 2006', Mrs Robson requested an independent review body to consider what had happened. After hearing evidence, including oral evidence from Mrs Robson, the review body has concluded that Mrs Robson had no racist intent and should not be removed, but issued with a reprimand and provided with additional diversity training. This conclusion will now be implemented."

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