



STATEMENT

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STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS

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Mrs S McDonagh

A spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said:

“Mrs Sarah McDonagh, a magistrate on the West Sussex Bench, has been removed from office after demonstrating a lack of judgement in her personal dealings with the police and her local bench. Mrs McDonagh’s conduct was investigated by a local advisory committee who found that her actions and correspondence demonstrated behaviour that was incompatible with her role as a magistrate and that she should be removed from the magistracy. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice have agreed with these findings and removed Mrs McDonagh from the Bench.”

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