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**STATEMENT FROM THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE**

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**Mr. Richard Page JP**

A spokesperson for the Judicial Conduct Investigations Office said:

“Mr Richard Page JP, a magistrate assigned to the Central Kent Bench has been removed from the magistracy. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice found that Mr Page’s comments on national television would have caused a reasonable person to conclude he was biased and prejudiced against single sex adopters; they considered this to be serious misconduct which brought the magistracy into disrepute. They have therefore removed Mr Page from the magistracy.

In 2014 the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice issued Mr Page with a reprimand after finding that during a Family Court hearing he had allowed himself to be influenced by his religious beliefs and not by the evidence.”

**ENDS**

**Notes for Editors**

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