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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 536**

**CORONERS**

**The Berkshire (Coroners' Districts) Order 2004**

*Made* - - - - 29th February 2004

*Laid before Parliament* 2nd March 2004

*Coming into force* - - 1st April 2004

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 1(1A) and 4(1) of the Coroners Act 1988 (1), and after the consultation required by section 4(1) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Berkshire (Coroners' Districts) Order 2004.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 1st April 2004.

(3) This Order shall not have effect in relation to any inquest begun before the day on which it comes into force or to any post-mortem examination which, before that day, a coroner has directed or requested a medical practitioner to make.

**Amalgamation of coroners' districts**

2.—(1) The existing coroners' districts in the County of Berkshire, that is to say the one consisting of the Borough of Reading; the one consisting of the District of Newbury; and the one consisting of the Boroughs of Bracknell Forest, Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead and the District of Wokingham (2), shall be amalgamated to form one coroner's district to be known as the Berkshire Coroner's District.

(2) Accordingly, the County of Berkshire shall constitute a single coroner's district consisting of the whole of that county.

3. The council of the Borough of Reading shall be the relevant council within the meaning of section 1(1A) of the Coroners Act 1988 for the coroner's district constituted by article 2 above.

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(1) 1988 c. 13.

(2) As described by article 2(2) of the Berkshire (Coroners) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/466).

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Home Office  
29th February 2004

*Paul Goggins*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The council of the County of Berkshire was abolished by article 2 of the Berkshire (Structural Change) Order 1996 (S.I. [1996/1879](#)). However, by virtue of article 2 of the Berkshire (Coroners) Order 1998, the three existing coroners' districts within that county continued in existence. This Order amalgamates those three districts into one coroner's district to be known as the Berkshire Coroner's District.

Article 3 provides for the council of the Borough of Reading to be the relevant council for the purposes of appointing the coroner under section 1 of the 1988 Act.