#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2023 No. 978

# CORONERS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (Alteration of Coroner Areas) (No. 2) Order 2023

Made----5th September 2023Laid before Parliament8th September 2023Coming into force --1st October 2023

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Coroners and Justice Act 2009(a), and after consulting in accordance with that paragraph, makes the following Order.

#### Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (Alteration of Coroner Areas) (No. 2) Order 2023 and comes into force on 1st October 2023.

### Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"coroner area" means a coroner area specified in the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (Coroner Areas and Assistant Coroners) Transitional Order 2013(b);

"new coroner area" means the new coroner area resulting from the combining of the coroner areas set out in article 3(a) and (b).

#### New coroner areas

- **3.** The following coroner areas are combined to create the new coroner area of Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent—
  - (a) Stoke on Trent & North Staffordshire; and
  - (b) South Staffordshire.

Mike Freer
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

5th September 2023

<sup>(</sup>a) 2009 c. 25.

**<sup>(</sup>b)** S.I. 2013/1625.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

Schedule 2 to the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25) divided England and Wales into coroner areas. It established that the Lord Chancellor may, by order, both specify and alter these. Subsequently, the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (Coroner Areas and Assistant Coroners) Transitional Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/1625), which came into force on 25th July 2013, established that certain "coroner's districts" - as constituted under the Coroners Act 1988 (c. 13) - were to be specified as coroner areas.

This Order combines two coroner areas into one new coroner area, called Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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