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Dear Mr Ballantyne,

Appointment of assistant coroners for the North Tyneside coroner area.

I have been copied into the Chief Coroner's letter of 13 November 2019 giving his formal consent to the appointment by North Tyneside Council of Carly Henley, Andrew Hetherington, Andrew Tweddle and Karin Welsh as assistant coroners for the North Tyneside coroner area to provide reliance and resource, and exceptionally without an open competition.

I am now writing to confirm that the Lord Chancellor has also given his consent, under section 23 and paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 3 to the Coroners and Justice Act 2009, to the appointment, exceptionally without an open competition, of Ms Henley, Mr Hetherington, Ms Welsh and Mr Tweddle as assistant coroners for the North Tyneside coroner area.

Once appointed all coroners are judicial office holders until they reach the age of 70, the compulsory retirement age, unless they resign or are removed by the Lord Chief Justice or the Lord Chancellor before then.

Yours sincerely

Judith Bernstein