



CHIEF CORONER

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Dear Mr Ballantyne,

I am writing following an email received requesting the cross appointment of the assistant coroners in the Newcastle Upon Tyne coroner area to the North Tyneside coroner area. These cross appointments are consequent on the need to provide resilience and resource for the North Tyneside coroner area.

Exceptionally, I have agreed to consent to these appointments without open competition.

I am satisfied it would be appropriate for me to exercise my consent to the appointment of:

1. **Carly Henley**
2. **Andrew Hetherington**
3. **Andrew Tweddle**
4. **Karin Welsh**

as **assistant coroners** in the North Tyneside coroner area.

Under section 23 and paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 3 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 I therefore consent to the appointment of **Carly Henley, Andrew Hetherington, Andrew Tweddle** and **Karin Welsh** as **assistant coroners** for the North Tyneside coroner area.

As you know, under the terms of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 the compulsory retirement age for these posts will be 70 years, unless the post-holder chooses to resign or is removed by the Lord Chief Justice or Lord Chancellor prior to their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I shall copy this letter to Judith Bernstein at the Ministry of Justice in relation to the Lord

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Chancellor's consent to these appointments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Lucraft". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

HH JUDGE MARK LUCRAFT QC  
CHIEF CORONER