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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 445**

**CORONERS**

**The Kent (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1996**

*Made* - - - - - *27th February 1996*

*Laid before Parliament* *6th March 1996*

*Coming into force* - - *15th April 1996*

Whereas the council of the county of Kent have, in pursuance of section 4(2) of the Coroners Act 1988<sup>(1)</sup> and after due compliance with the provisions of the Coroners (Orders as to Districts) Rules 1927<sup>(2)</sup>, submitted to me a draft Order providing for the alteration of certain coroners' districts in the said county:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by that section 4(2) and after taking into consideration an objection to the draft made in the prescribed manner and within the prescribed time, I hereby make the following Order:

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Kent (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1996 and shall be read as one with the Kent (Coroners' Districts) Order 1974<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Commencement and application**

2.—(1) This Order shall come into force on 15th April 1996.

(2) 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.

**Alteration of Kent coroners' districts**

3.—(1) The existing North Kent coroner's district of the county of Kent shall be abolished.

(2) The existing West Kent coroner's district, Maidstone coroner's district and Canterbury and Dover coroner's district shall be altered by transferring the areas specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this Order from the coroners' districts named in column 2 of the Schedule to the coroners' districts named in column 3 of the Schedule.

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(1) 1988 c. 13.

(2) S.R. & O. 1927/343.

(3) S.I. 1974/302.

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#### **Renaming of Kent coroners' districts**

4.—(1) The existing West Kent coroner's district shall be renamed as the North West Kent coroner's district.

(2) The existing Maidstone coroner's district shall be renamed as the Mid Kent and Medway coroner's district.

(3) The existing Canterbury and Dover coroner's district shall be renamed as the East Kent coroner's district.

Home Office  
27th February 1996

*Michael Howard*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

## SCHEDULE

1.	2.	3.
<p>Area now comprised in Coroner’s District named in Column 2 and to be transferred to Coroner’s District named in Column 3</p>	<p>Coroner’s District in which the area specified in Column 1 is now comprised</p>	<p>Coroner’s District to which the area specified in Column 1 is to be transferred</p>
<p>The District of Dartford and the District of Gravesham</p>	<p>North Kent District</p>	<p>West Kent District</p>
<p>In the District of Tonbridge and Malling, the parishes of Wouldham, Burham, Aylesford, Snodland, Birling, East Malling and Larkfield, Ditton, Leybourne, Ryarsh, Trottscliffe, Addington, Offham, West Malling, Mereworth, Wateringbury and East Peckham</p>	<p>West Kent District</p>	<p>Maidstone District</p>
<p>The City of Rochester Upon Medway, the District of Gillingham, and the District of Swale with the exception of Faversham and the parishes of Teynham, Lynsted, Doddington, Newnham, Norton and Buckland, Stone, Luddenham, Oare, Ospringe, Eastling, Stalisfield, Throwley, Sheldwich Badlesmere and Leaveland, Selling, Boughton Under Blean, Graveney with Goodnestone, Hernhill, Dunkirk</p>	<p>North Kent District</p>	<p>Maidstone District</p>
<p>In the District of Swale, Faversham and the parishes of Teynham, Lynsted, Doddington, Newnham, Norton and Buckland, Stone, Luddenham, Oare, Ospringe, Eastling, Stalisfield, Throwley, Sheldwich Badlesmere and Leaveland, Selling, Boughton under Blean, Graveney with Goodnestone, Hernhill, Dunkirk</p>	<p>North Kent District</p>	<p>Canterbury and Dover District</p>

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The County of Kent was divided into six coroners' districts by the Kent (Coroners' Districts) Order 1974 (S.I. 1974/302).

This Order abolishes the North Kent coroner's district and divides the areas currently within that district between the West Kent district (renamed the North West Kent district), the Maidstone district (renamed the Mid Kent and Medway district) and the Canterbury and Dover district (renamed the East Kent district).