### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 1998 No. 362

### **CORONERS**

# The Peterborough (Coroners) Order 1998

Made - - - - 19th February 1998
Laid before Parliament 27th February 1998
Coming into force - - 1st April 1998

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17 and 26 of the Local Government Act 1992(1) hereby makes the following Order:

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Peterborough (Coroners) Order 1998 and shall come into force on 1st April 1998.
  - (2) In this Order "the 1988 Act" means the Coroners Act 1988(2).
- 2.—(1) The person who, on 31st March 1998, is the coroner for the existing Peterborough Coroner's District of the county of Cambridgeshire by virtue of having been appointed for or assigned to that district shall be deemed to have been appointed coroner for the county of Peterborough (which county comes into existence on 1st April 1998 by virtue of article 3 of the Cambridgeshire (City of Peterborough) (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996(3)) by the council of the city of Peterborough.
- (2) Any agreement between the person to whom paragraph (1) above applies and Cambridgeshire County Council (as the relevant council for the purposes of the 1988 Act prior to 1st April 1998) as to his salary and pension as a coroner shall have effect as if made between him and the council of the city of Peterborough.
- (3) Any person who, on 31st March 1998, is a deputy or assistant deputy coroner for the existing Peterborough Coroner's District shall be deemed to have been appointed deputy or, as the case may be, assistant deputy coroner for the county of Peterborough with the approval of the chairman of the council of the city of Peterborough.
- **3.**—(1) Any process issued, order made, direction given, inquest begun or other thing done by or to the coroner for the existing Peterborough Coroner's District shall be deemed to have been issued, made, given, begun or done by or to the coroner for the county of Peterborough.

<sup>(1) 1992</sup> c. 19.

<sup>(2) 1988</sup> c. 13.

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 1996/1878.

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- (2) All documents, exhibits, registers and other things in the custody of the coroner for the existing Peterborough Coroner's District in connection with inquests or post-mortem examinations shall be transferred to the coroner for the county of Peterborough.
  - (3) In this article "coroner" includes any deputy or assistant deputy coroner.

Home Office 19th February 1998 Gareth Williams
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision about coroners in consequence of the provisions of the Cambridgeshire (City of Peterborough) (Structural, Boundary and Electoral Changes) Order 1996 (S.I.1996/1878) which creates a new county of Peterborough on 1st April 1998.

Under section 1 of the Coroners Act 1988 a coroner needs to be appointed for the county of Peterborough (when that county comes into existence on 1st April 1998). Article 2 of this Order provides for the person who, on 31st March 1998, holds the office of coroner for the existing coroner's district of Peterborough to continue as coroner for the new county. Article 3 makes transitional arrangements to ensure continuity as respects the coroner for the new county.