

**2006 No. 544**

**CORONERS**

**The Gloucestershire (Coroners' Districts) Order 2006**

*Made* - - - - - *16th February 2006*  
*Laid before Parliament* *6th March 2006*  
*Coming into force* - - - *1st April 2006*

The council of the county of Gloucestershire submitted to the Secretary of State a draft Order in compliance with section 4(2) of the Coroners Act 1988(a) and the Coroners (Orders as to Districts) Rules 1927(b) providing for the alteration of coroners' districts in the county of Gloucestershire.

The Secretary of State has made such modifications of the draft as he thinks fit and makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(2) of the Coroners' Act 1988.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gloucestershire (Coroners' Districts) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 1st April 2006.

(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.

2. The existing Gloucester Coroner's District and Cheltenham Coroner's District shall be amalgamated to form a single Coroner's District called the Gloucestershire Coroner's District.

3. Accordingly, the County of Gloucestershire shall constitute a single coroner's district consisting of the whole of that county.

4. The Gloucestershire (Coroners' Districts) Order 1974(c) is revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Date 16th February 2006

*Harriet Harman*  
Minister of State,  
Department for Constitutional Affairs

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(a) 1988 c.13. Section 4(2) was amended by paragraph 82(4) of Schedule 16 to the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c. 19).  
(b) S.R. & O. 1927/343.  
(c) S.I 1974/368.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

The county of Gloucestershire was divided into two coroners' districts by the Gloucestershire (Coroners' Districts) Order 1974 (S.I. 1974/368).

This Order amalgamates these two districts to create a single Coroner's District. The County of Gloucestershire now comprises a single Coroner's District known as the Gloucestershire Coroner's District.

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