STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 2980

CORONERS

The Devon (Coroners' Districts) Order 1999

Made - - - - -	*2nd November 1999*
Laid before Parliament	*10th November 1999*
Coming into force - -	*1st December 1999*

Whereas the council of the county of Devon have, in pursuance of section 4(2) of the Coroners Act 1988(**a**) and after due compliance with the provisions of the Coroners (Orders as to Districts) Rules 1927(**b**), submitted to the Secretary of State a draft Order providing for the alteration of the existing division of that county into coroners' districts:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by that section, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Devon (Coroners' Districts) Order 1999.

Commencement and application

2.—(1) This Order shall come into force on 1st December 1999.

(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 coroners' districts

3. The existing Exeter and East Devon coroner's district and the existing North and West Devon coroner's district of the county of Devon shall be amalgamated to form one coroner's district to be known as the Exeter and Greater Devon coroner's district.

Home Office
2nd November 1999

Paul Boateng
Minister of State

(**a**) 1988 c. 13.
(**b**) S.I. 1927/343.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The County of Devon was divided into four coroners' districts by the Devon (Coroners' Districts) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/590). Following the establishment of unitary authorities for Plymouth and Torbay in 1998, two of those coroners' districts, Torbay and South Devon and Plymouth and South-West Devon became separated from the County of Devon for the purposes of the jurisdiction of coroners by virtue of the Devon (Coroners) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/355). This Order amalgamates the other two coroners' districts established by the Devon (Coroners' Districts) Order 1979, Exeter and East Devon and North and West Devon, into one coroner's district to be known as the Exeter and Greater Devon coroner's district.

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