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Martin Fleming

**HM Senior Coroner
West Yorkshire**

Background Information:

Martin was appointed as HM Senior Coroner for West Yorkshire West in 2015 and is based in the Bradford office.

A born and bred Mancunian, Martin left secondary school with five CSE's (GCSE's) and got a job as a Messenger for the Daily Telegraph.

After working for a few years in the subscriptions department for the Sporting Chronicle, he was then given the opportunity to study Public Administration and Law at COS/OCE level and an A level in law day release and night classes.

Martin developed an interest in law through his studies in public administration. Pursuing this encouraged him to leave full time work and re-enter education.

Martin studied BA (Hons) Law at Manchester Polytechnic, qualified as a Barrister and worked for 25 years as a Principle Crown Prosecutor for the CPS.

A keen reader and science enthusiast in his spare time, Martin discovered an interest in Coronial Law and began to read about it avidly. He was particularly fascinated by the inquisitorial nature of the Coroner's role.

After months of burning the midnight oil, researching, learning and understanding the requirements of the office, Martin decided that he wanted to become a Coroner.

He reached out independently to areas all over the UK, volunteering his spare time and using annual leave to shadow coroners so that he could learn more about the practical aspects of the job.

Martin's enthusiasm and commitment were rewarded in 2009, when he was appointed as Assistant Coroner in Liverpool. This was followed by successive appointments in South West Yorkshire, Inner West London and Surrey.

In 2015, with Assistant Coroner appointments in four areas and seven years of coronial experience, Martin was appointed as HM Senior Coroner for West Yorkshire West.

A Coronial appointment is a great privilege and a role Martin takes most seriously. Key to his position is developing strong, lasting relationships with the local community.

Though his home is in Manchester, Martin is passionate about supporting local communities across Bradford and beyond and empowering disadvantaged individuals and groups to pursue their interests and ambitions, particularly in the face of adversity.

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He vehemently believes that, whoever you are and whatever your background may be, if you have a goal and work hard to achieve it, you will succeed.

Sectors worked in and routes taken:	

What I would like to get involved in: (please tick)			
Inspirational Talk	Visits to my place of work	Mentoring / Coaching young people	Other (please state)
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