

# Analysis of allegations of electoral malpractice at the May 2008 elections

## Association of Chief Police Officers and Electoral Commission analysis

Appendix D – Association of Chief Police Officers  
Police National Information and Coordination Centre  
record of cases and allegations by police force in  
England and Wales in 2008 (updated 2009 and  
2010). Final.

All cases reported during the 2008 election period have now been resolved.

This table updates the table at Appendix E in the 2009 report, which updated the table at Appendix D in the original 2008 report, and shows the outcomes for all cases by police force in England and Wales. There are no unresolved cases.

No scheduled cyclical elections were held in Scotland in May 2008.

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**Table D1**

Police forces in England and Wales	Cases	Allegations	Outcome by case [Allegations shown in square brackets] (Representation of the People Act 1983 section shown in curved brackets)			
			No further action	Caution – which may create a criminal record	Unresolved	Convicted Penalty and comments
Avon & Somerset*	1	3	1(s110)[2]	1(s110)[1]	0	0
Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridgeshire	1	2	0	1(s13D(1))[2]	0	0
Cheshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
City of London	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumbria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	2	2	2(s110)[2]	0	0	0
Devon & Cornwall	3	8	2(s13 D(1))[5,2]	1(s60–62A)[1]	0	0
Dorset	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durham	1	1	1(s65(A))[1]	0	0	0
Dyfed-Powys	4	4	4(s110)[4]	0	0	0
Essex	9	9	1(s75–85)[1] 2(s110)[2] 1(s113/115)[1] 3(s13D(1))[3] 2(s13D1(A))[2]	0	0	0
<b>Table D1 subtotal*</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19[25]</b>	<b>3[4]</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Table D2**

Police forces in England and Wales	Cases	Allegations	Outcome by case [Allegations shown in square brackets] (Representation of the People Act 1983 section shown in curved brackets)			
			No further action	Caution – which may create a criminal record	Unresolved	Convicted Penalty and comments
Gloucestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greater Manchester	12	160	1(s13D(1))[2] 2(s60–62A)[147,2] 1(s65(A)1)[1] 1(s65(1)(b)–(f))[1] 2(s106)[2] 2(s110)[2] 1(s113–115)[1]	2(s60–62A)[2]	0	0
Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hampshire*	3	10	2(s13D(1))[2] 1(s13D(1A))[7]	0	0	1(13D(1A))[1] Convicted on 1 charge of false proxy voting application. Fined £1,015. (See NFA column for 7 related allegations.)
Hertfordshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	1	1	1(s75–85)[1]	0	0	0
Kent	1	3	1(s4, 12, 49)[3]	0	0	0
Lancashire	1	10	1(s13D(1A))[10]	0	0	0
Leicestershire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincolnshire	1	1	0	1(s75–85)[1]	0	0
Merseyside	8	30	3(s4, 12, 49)[3, 3, 2] 2(s110)[4, 4] 2(s13D(1A))[10, 3] 1(s93)[1]	0	0	0
<b>Table D2 subtotal*</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>24[211]</b>	<b>3[3]</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1[1]</b>

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**Table D3**

Police forces in England and Wales	Cases	Allegations	Outcome by case [Allegations shown in square brackets] (Representation of the People Act 1983 section shown in curved brackets)			
			No further action	Caution – which may create a criminal record	Unresolved	Convicted Penalty and comments
Metropolitan	5	6	1(s13D(1))[1] 1(s13D(1A))[1] 1(s65(A))[1] 1(s110)[2] 1(s60–62A)[1]	0	0	0
Norfolk	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Wales	3	3	3(s4,12,49)[3]	0	0	0
North Yorkshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northamptonshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northumbria	5	6	2(s13D(1))[2,1] 1(s13D(1A))[1] 1(s65(A))[1] 1(s110)[1]	0	0	0
Nottinghamshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales	11	35	3(s13D(1))[10,5,2] 1(s60–62A)[10] 1(s106)[1] 1(s107)[1] 3(s110)[3]	1(s65A(1))[1] 1(s13D(1))[2] (2 people cautioned)	0	0
South Yorkshire	2	2	1(s65(A)1)[1] 1(s13D(1))[1]	0	0	0
Staffordshire	1	1	1(s65(A)1)[1]	0	0	0
<b>Table D3 subtotal</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>25[50]</b>	<b>2[3]</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Table D4**

Police forces in England and Wales	Cases	Allegations	Outcome by case [Allegations shown in square brackets] (Representation of the People Act 1983 Section shown in curved brackets)			
			No further action	Caution – which may create a criminal record	Unresolved	Convicted Penalty and comments
Suffolk	1	1	0	1(s61)[1]	0	0
Surrey	1	4	1(s13D(1))[4]	0	0	0
Sussex	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thames Valley	11	11	4(13D(1))[4] 2(s65(A)1)[2] 1(s60–62A)[1] 2(s75–85)[2] 1(s106)[1] 1(s113–115)[1]	0		0
Warwickshire	1	1	1(s110)[1]	0	0	0
West Mercia	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands*	11	152	1(s13D(1))[24] 4(s13D(1A))[93,8,6,1] 2(s60–62A)[4,1] 1(s65(A)1)[3] 2(s110)[2] 1(s113–115)[8]	0	0	1(s13D(1))[2]. 2 charged with false proxy applications. 1 found not guilty at magistrates' court. (See NFA column for 1 related allegation.) 1 pleaded guilty to 2 charges at Crown court. Sentenced to 6 weeks in prison on each charge to run consecutively.
West Yorkshire*	3	10	2(s60–62A)[3,1] 1(s65(A)1)[1]	1(s114)[1]	0	1(s60–62A)[2]. 2 pleaded guilty to personation at polling station. Each given 300 hours CSO. (See NFA column for 1 related allegation.) 1(s60–62A)[2]. 1 found guilty on 2 charges of false proxy voting applications. Sentenced to 6 months in prison suspended for 12 months. (See NFA column for 3 related allegations and Caution column for 1 allegation of s114 treating by the same person.)
Wiltshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Table D4 subtotal*</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>27[171]</b>	<b>2[2]</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3[6]</b>

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**Table D5**

Police forces in England and Wales	Cases	Allegations	Outcome by case [Allegations shown in square brackets] (Representation of the People Act 1983 section in curved brackets)			
			No further action	Caution – which may create a criminal record	Unresolved	Convicted Penalty and comments
Table D1 subtotal	21	29	19[25]	3[4]	0	0
Table D2 subtotal	27	215	24[211]	3[3]	0	1[1]
Table D3 subtotal	27	53	25[50]	2[3]	0	0
Table D4 subtotal	28	179	27[171]	2[2]	0	3[6]
<b>Total*</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>95[457]</b>	<b>10[12]</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4[7]</b>

**\*Notes:**

**Table D5 shows 103 cases with 109 outcomes because four cases have two outcomes and one has three outcomes.**

Table D1: An imprint case (s110) in Avon and Somerset has two outcomes: no further action with regard to two allegations and one caution.

Table D2: A registration case (s13D(1A)) in Hampshire involving eight allegations relating to false applications to vote by proxy resulted in one person being found guilty on one charge and fined £1,015. The other seven allegations are shown as no further action.

Table D4: One personation case (s60–62A) involving false proxy voting applications in West Midlands resulted in one person being found not guilty and one person pleading guilty to two charges and receiving a sentence of six weeks in prison on each charge to run concurrently.

Table D4: One personation case (s60–62A) at a polling station in West Yorkshire has two outcomes: no further action against one person and 300 hours of Community Service Orders being given to two others.

Table D4: In West Yorkshire a second case is more complex. It relates to one person and involves two separate offences, one of which had two outcomes, giving three outcomes overall. Previously these were all recorded as a personation case (s60–62A) involving false proxy voting applications. Three of the personation allegations resulted in no further action but the person was convicted on two charges

and sentenced to six months in prison on each charge suspended for 12 months. A 7pm to 7am curfew was also imposed for six months. The second offence by this person related to election material offering food and drink to supporters if they attended a meeting. This offer went beyond the provision of hospitality and was recorded as a case of treating (s114). Early action by the police resulted in the meeting not going ahead as published and the person accepted a caution. The above table now shows this correctly as a caution for treating (s114) rather than a caution for personation (s60–62A).

To improve accuracy, reporting forms were modified after 2008 to allow each case to be tracked more clearly, and, rather than classify the case by RPA 1983 section alone, a free text box was added to encourage a description to be given for each case.