From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 092/18 - Information supplied by police forces of England and Wales - Response
Date: 09 July 2018 09:39:56

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 092/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **11 June 2018.**

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and **has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.**

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

In 2016 and 2018, I have submitted information regarding potential electoral fraud to Greater Manchester Police. The first matter was reported on the 21st November 2016.
I also reported matters relating to potential electoral fraud on the 24th April 2018 and again on the 3rd May 2018.

1. **Please can you advise whether or not this information has been provided to you by GMP, as part of their monthly returns of alleged electoral fraud.**

Our response is as follows:

We hold some of the information you have requested.

Data on allegations of cases of electoral fraud
The Electoral Commission collects, analyses and publishes data that is received from UK police forces about cases of alleged electoral fraud that they have recorded each year.

The Electoral Commission does not investigate allegations of electoral fraud. Allegations which may involve criminal offences are for the relevant police force and prosecuting authorities to investigate and prosecute.

In March 2017, we published data on about the number of allegations of electoral fraud which were recorded by police forces across the UK during 2016. This included any allegations that related to the referendum of the UK's membership of the EU.

In March 2018, we published data about the number of allegations of electoral fraud which were recorded by police forces across the UK during 2017. This included any allegations of electoral fraud relating to the June 8 general election and any up-dates from 2016 which includes allegations relating to the EU referendum.

Any further updates on allegations relating to 2016 and 2017 will be published in March 2019 when we publish our analysis of allegations of electoral fraud recorded by the police during 2018. You can find all this information on our web-

site:

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/find-information-by-subject/electoral-fraud/data-and-analysis

We do not publish on our website any details about the allegations of electoral fraud on our website.

Allegations of electoral fraud

Information provided to the Electoral Commission in monthly returns by Greater Manchester Police (GMP)

November 2016

We have not received any information in monthly returns from GMP that would identify that you had submitted information regarding potential electoral fraud in November 2016. However, this is based on the information provided to us in the format that we request it, which does not mandate that the police identify and name individuals involved in allegations submitted to them. Therefore, one of their nine allegations that they sent to us could have come from yourself, but we are unable to tell if this is the case.

April and May 2018

The data that we have received to from police forces in 2018 shows two cases of alleged electoral fraud reported to GMP have come from you. One case relates to an alleged nomination offence (65(A) 1 (i) False statement (nomination form)) and the other to an alleged campaigning offence (110 Printer's name and address on election publication).

As at the end of June both of these cases remain under investigation by GMP.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority, but in some circumstances we cannot responsibly release requested information, and we ask for your understanding in this regard.

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information-requests/how-do-I-make-an-foi-request

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: https://ico.org.uk/

Yours sincerely,

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