From: FOI
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 125/18 - Electoral Fraud identified - Response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 125/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **29 July 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.

Please send to me any record of information on United Kingdom general elections, United Kingdom local elections, and United Kingdom referendums which allege that electoral fraud (the staging of a desired election outcome) was legalised, or found to be legal and constitutionally permissible, and committed at any of the elections and referendums listed below.

Elections and referendums:
1. The June 23rd, 2016, United Kingdom European Union membership referendum.
2. The May 3rd, 2017, United Kingdom local elections.
3. The June 8th, 2017, United Kingdom general election.
4. The May 4th, 2018, United Kingdom local elections.

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.

We publish our analysis of allegations of electoral fraud recorded by the police on our web-site:

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

Allegations of electoral fraud relating to the 26 June 2016 United Kingdom referendum can be found here:

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/excel_doc/0005/223187/2016-data-on-allegations-of-electoral-fraud-website.xlsx

Allegations of electoral fraud relating to the 3 May local government elections and the 8 June UK parliamentary general election held in 2017 can be found here:

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/excel_doc/0010/240031/2017-data-on-allegations-of-electoral-fraud-website.xlsx

We will publish on our website our analysis of allegations of electoral fraud recorded by the police during 2018, in March 2019. This will include any allegations of electoral fraud which relate to the 4 May 2018 local government elections.

You can find the information you have specifically asked for by applying a filter to each spreadsheet and then filtering the data by election type (column F).

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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