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From: FOI
Sent: 21 April 2021 09:54
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 038-21 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-038-21

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 24 March 2021.

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 shown below followed by our response.

This is a Freedom of Information request for details about female turnout in local elections.

Can I please request to see the turnout of Salford City Council's 2019 local election in terms of gender (i.e. what percentage of women vs men voted, or what percentage of those who turned out were female). If this could also be broken down into the specific wards that would be especially interesting.

Could I please also see the same gendered turnout information for the Manchester City Council's 2019 local elections, the wider Greater Manchester Combined Authority Elections 2019 as a whole, and the overall gendered turnout for the 2019 local elections nationally; this is so that I can compare the 4 sets of female turnout.

Could I then please have the same 4 sets of information again for the 2018 and 2016 local elections (if this takes too much time then please do send the 2019 statistics at least.)
I'm unsure what details you hold, so anything related to turnout and gender across local elections would still be useful.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested. No demographic information is held on the electoral registers or collected on voters in UK when they cast a vote.

Turnout estimates by different demographics, including gender, are commonly produced using public opinion surveys or through research using software to assign demographics to individuals based on their names in the marked electoral registers (the lists that show which electors voted).

If you wish, you can see these marked registers yourself (for a fee) by applying to the Electoral Registration Officer at the relevant local councils. Contact details are given below:

- Salford City Council: elections@salford.gov.uk
- Manchester City Council: esu@manchester.gov.uk

The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority. 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: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-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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