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From: FOI
Sent: 30 October 2023 10:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 147-23 - Response

Dear [REDACTED],

Our Ref: FOI-147-23

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 29 September 2023 and received by the Commission on 2 October 2023.

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.

Could I please request data in electronic form on the political participation of disabled people for Westminster, Senedd and local elections in Wales for the past 10 years please.

On 3 October we wrote to you asking for clarification of the phrase 'political participation' and you responded as follows:

By the term 'political participation' I mean how many people who are disabled or have a disability or disabilities have voted in the time frame and elections I mentioned.

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested. Data on the personal characteristics of voters is not held on the electoral registers or captured when individuals cast a vote. There is therefore no official data on turnout for specific groups, including disabled people.

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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