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From: FOI
Sent: 04 April 2024 08:05
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 036-24 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-036-24

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 29 March 2024 and received by the Commission on 2 April 2024.

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.

How many reports or alerts of voter fraud have there been in the 2019 elections.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

Throughout the year, all police forces across the UK send us data about allegations of electoral fraud that they receive and investigate. Every year we report on the number, type, and outcome of these allegations, so that you can understand what's happened and how cases are resolved. We publish this data on our website* which currently provides information for the years from 2017 to 2023.

The UK has low levels of proven electoral fraud, and there remains no evidence of large-scale electoral fraud in 2019. A total of 595 cases of alleged electoral fraud were investigated by the police. Of these, five led to a conviction and two individuals were given a police caution.

The table below shows the number of cases of alleged fraud that police forces reported to us, for each type of election held in 2019.

Election	Number of cases
Local elections	362
UK Parliamentary general election	164
European Parliamentary election	21
Non-election specific (for example, electoral registration)	21

Local by-election	12
UK Parliamentary by-election	7
Mayoral election	6
Combined authority mayoral election	1
Police and Crime Commissioner by-election	1

(*Providing a link to our website is in line with section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act which removes the need to provide information in our response when it is reasonably accessible to an applicant by other means.)

The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority and I trust that this information satisfies your request.

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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