

From: FOI  
Sent: 28 June 2017 16:07  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FOI 89/17 Double Voting Numbers Response

Dear [REDACTED],

**Our Ref: FOI 89/17**

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 11 June 2017, received by the Commission on 12 June 2017.

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.

You have requested:

**I'd like to know how many individuals have been reported (or discovered) for 'double voting' for the 2017 general election. For clarity, I refer to the situation where it is possible to be registered to vote in two constituencies but only legal to vote in one.**

Our response is as follows:

We do not hold the information you have requested.

Anyone who has evidence that someone may have voted twice in the recent UK general election should report it to the police force covering either voting area. They should use the normal approach for reporting non-emergency crime, which includes phoning 101 or contacting the Crimestoppers, the anonymous reporting service, on 0800 555 111 or at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/>.

The Electoral Commission provides guidance to police forces and collects data from them regarding the number of electoral fraud allegations that they receive. However, the Commission has no role in investigating allegations of electoral fraud. This is a matter for local police forces.

Any offence, if detected and successfully prosecuted, could result in an unlimited fine in England and Wales.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. 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: <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: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely,

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