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From: FOI
Sent: 08 July 2016 14:49
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 116/16 - Age of the registered electorate for the 2016 Referendum

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: FOI 116/16

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated 27th June.

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:

Is there data on the percentage breakdown of the age of the registered electorate for the 2016 EU referendum? For example x % were between 18 and 24, y between 25 and 30 etc. If there is could I please have a copy e-mailed to me. Happy to receive it as numbers or percentages. I would also like to see if there is any data held on voter turnout based on age if any exists at this point. If it doesn't how and who is likely to generate this dataset if the electoral commission can comment on this.

Our response is as follows:

The Commission does not hold data on the age of the registered electorate at the EU referendum. While date of birth is collected at the point of registration this is only for the purposes of verifying identity and is not collated.

For similar reasons, the Commission does not hold data on turnout by age although some estimates are available from polling companies who carried out surveys around the time of the referendum.

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>

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