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From: FOI
Sent: 08 July 2016 15:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI 119/16 - Data by age group

Dear [REDACTED]

Our Ref: FOI 119/16

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated 28th June 2016.

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 would like to request specific data showing the numbers of votes cast in individual age ranges in the recent EU Referendum along with the numbers of people eligible to vote in these age ranges.

Our response is as follows:

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.

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.

There are no other available estimates for the eligible population. The Office for National Statistics publishes annual population estimates which are available by age band but these do not take into account nationality/citizenship details and so overestimate the eligible population.

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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