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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 864/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

The BBC is conducting some large-scale research into aspects of the recent general election.

I would therefore be very grateful if you could send me a copy of the following information:

1. For each of your constituencies, a copy of your full verification statements for the 2017 general election count, including
 - (i) for each polling district separately, (a) the number of electors; and (b) the verified number of ballots
 - (ii) for postal votes, (a) total postal ballots issued; and (b) total postal ballots received
2. The same information as in 1), but for the 2015 general election
3. The same information as in 1), but for the 2016 EU referendum
(Note: Some of you sent us this information for the 2016 referendum in response to our survey last year seeking other referendum voting details; if you are one of the authorities who already sent us this, there is no need to send it again, please simply confirm this has already been sent).
4. Please also let us know if the boundaries of any polling districts have changed between the 2015 general election and the 2017 general election. If so, please indicate which polling districts were affected and when the change took effect

I realise that Returning Officers are not covered by the FOI Act. However I have made this general request to you as I hope you are the best person to arrange the sending out of this information to me. If you wish to treat it formally as if it is an FOI request, please do so.

Response:

As stated in your request Returning Officers are not subject to the FOI Act, however, we are unable to furnish you with this information as we do not hold constituency data, due to not being the lead authority for the elections quoted in your request above.



For the Parliamentary Elections – Rutland and Melton Mowbray are part of Rutland and Melton Mowbray Constituency. Melton Borough Council are the lead Local Authority.

For the European Union Referendum - Rutland were part of the East Midlands Region. Kettering Borough Council were the lead Local Authority.

There has been one small boundary change within Rutland between the 2015 General Election and the 2017 General Election. Full details of this change can be viewed on our community governance review page at: <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-council/government-in-rutland/community-governance-reviews/>

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Yours faithfully

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