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### **Freedom of Information: Right to know request**

Thank you for your request for information about election issues.

This was received by Ofcom on 29 July and has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

You asked:

*“Please send to me any record of information on United Kingdom general elections, United Kingdom local elections, and United Kingdom referendums which allege that electoral fraud (the staging of a desired election outcome) was legalised, or found to be legal and constitutionally permissible, and committed at any of the elections and referendums listed below.*

*Elections and referendums:*

- 1. The June 23rd, 2016, United Kingdom European Union membership referendum.*
- 2. The May 3rd, 2017, United Kingdom local elections.*
- 3. The June 8th, 2017, United Kingdom general election.*
- 4. The May 4th, 2018, United Kingdom local elections.”*

We would only receive complaints related to broadcasters' conduct, not that of any Government. While we received a range of broadcasting complaints about coverage around the elections, none referred to electoral fraud. In any event, this subject would be a matter for the Electoral Commission rather than Ofcom.

I hope that information is helpful. If you have any queries, then please contact [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk). Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Snape

If you are unhappy with the response or level of service you have received in relation to your request from Ofcom, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be treated as a formal complaint and will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will acknowledge the complaint and inform you of the date by which you might expect to be told the outcome.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

#### **Timing**

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for undertaking internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact:

Steve Gettings  
The Secretary to the Corporation  
Ofcom  
Riverside House  
2a Southwark Bridge Road  
London SE1 9HA

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF