

FOI 354/2016

REQUEST

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am sending this request to ask you to provide a breakdown on a ward by ward basis of the results of the EU referendum in your local authority.

Ideally we would like the postal votes included in the relevant ward. If this is not possible, please can you explain how postal votes have been allocated in your data.

RESPONSE

I write further to the email of 5 July 2016 and can confirm that whilst the Counting Officer is not a public authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we do seek to assist where we can with such matters.

Unfortunately, it would appear that on this occasion, we are unable provide the requested data as we do not hold the results information by District Ward in respect of either polling station or postal ballots, only by 14 counting areas. Each counting area (table) verified and counted a mixture of polling station ballots from across a number of District Wards based on similar electorate numbers together with the contents of postal ballot boxes, which were postal ballots received back from the entire Tendring voting area.

I hope the above sets out the position however, if I have misunderstood your query, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss it further.