

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Election Matters***

#### **Request:**

Please can you provide the following information from the most recent scheduled (IE not by-elections) local elections held in your council area and from the General Election in 2017.

1. The number of Polling Stations / Polling Places in your council area?  
Local Election – 129 polling stations / 106 polling places.  
General Election – 139 polling stations / 105 polling places (difference due to double stations sharing same polling place)

The increased number of polling stations for a general election is because one of the Wolverhampton constituencies includes a ward from neighbouring Dudley.

2. The number of Polling Station Inspectors appointed and their standard fee?  
LE - 13 PSI's, £240 fee.  
GE - 20 PSI's, £240 fee
3. The number of Presiding Officers appointed and their standard fee?  
LE – 129 presiding officers, £216 fee.  
GE – 139 presiding officers- £211 fee
4. The number of Poll Clerks appointed and their standard fee?  
LE – 218 poll clerks, £140 fee.  
GE – 237 poll clerks, £135 fee
5. The number of Counting Assistants appointed and their standard fee?  
LE – 170 count assistants, £11.51 hourly fee - totalled £57.55.  
GE – 216 count assistants, £11.51 hourly fee - totalled £57.55
6. The number of Senior Counting Assistants/Count Supervisors/Team Leader appointed and their standard fee?  
LE – 20 count supervisors, £17.93 hourly fee – totalled £107.58, 20 assistant count supervisors £14.24 per hour – totalled £85.38.  
GE – 21 count supervisors, £17.93 per hour – totalled £125.51, 42 assistant count supervisors – £14.24 per hour, totalled £99.61

7. The number of Deputy Returning Officers appointed and their standard fee?  
LE – 3 DRO's, £500 fee. GE – 4 DARO, £500 fee
8. The number of Postal Vote Opening Clerks (or similar) and their standard fee?  
LE – 27 - £8.75 per hour. GE – 22 - £8.75 per hour
9. The number of Postal Vote Opening Supervisors and their standard fee?  
LE – 11 . GE – 15. Various roles for both - Team leader - £11.51 per hour, Supervisor £17.93 per hour, Adjudicator - £14.23 per hour, co-ordinator – £22.38 per hour.
10. If the previous elections this information has been supplied for were single or multiple elections (EG combined with a parish election or election of a Mayor) and if it was a multiple election how many of the Polling Stations/Places did this apply to if not all in your council area?  
This information is related to standalone elections
11. In addition to any standard fee for the items 2-9 any additional fixed fees for training, travel or other items?  
For both LE and GE - Training fee for all Polling station inspectors, presiding officers, poll clerks, count supervisors and assistant count supervisors - £30.

We also pay a flat rate £5 travel and subsistence fee to poll clerks and £10 to Presiding Officers. Some Presiding Officers also received £15 if they have to collect polling booths.