



16 January 2023

Jonathan Rainey  
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Dear Jonathan

**Your Information Request  
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA")**

I refer to the email of 13 January 2023 in which you requested,

*"Can your institution tell us how many of your staff members including lecturers voted for the following political parties or independent candidates in previous Scottish local authority (2022) Elections, Scottish Parliamentary Elections (2021), UK General Elections (2019) and last EU Parliamentary Elections (2019)..."*

I have treated your request as a request for information under section 1 of FOISA. An application for information under section 1 of FOISA requires that a public authority releases all information held, subject to any applicable exemptions. Under FOISA, public authorities have twenty working days following the date of receipt of the request to respond to an applicant. The deadline for receipt of the response to your request is therefore 10 February 2023.

I have considered your request for information and under section 17 of FOISA, I can confirm that the College does not hold this information.

**Right to request a review under FOISA**

You have a right under FOISA to request a review of this decision. If you wish to exercise this right, you must write to us to request a review within forty working days of receipt of this decision. Your request for a review must be in writing and you must state your name and an address for correspondence. You must also specify your reasons for requesting a review. Should you wish to request a review, please address your request to Joe Rafferty, West College Scotland, Clydebank Campus, College Square, Queens' Quay, Clydebank, G81 1BF, joe.rafferty@wcs.ac.uk. Your review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision-making process.

**Right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner under FOISA**

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of a review, you have a right under section 47 of FOISA to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. If you wish to do so, you must apply online to the Commissioner within six months following the date of receipt of the review notice. The contact details are: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal).

## Complaints

Should you have any complaints about the College's procedure in respect of handling your request, please contact Liz Connolly, Principal and Chief Executive, West College Scotland, Paisley Campus, Renfrew Rd., Paisley, PA3 4DR. [liz.connolly@wcs.ac.uk](mailto:liz.connolly@wcs.ac.uk)

Yours sincerely

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