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Dear Ms Corderoy

**Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**FOI007318 - Registered 3rd parties receiving electoral register updates**

Thank you for your request for information received on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

Your request is being answered under the Freedom of Information Act

I am writing to inform you that this information is not held by North Hertfordshire District Council. It is held the by the Electoral Registration Officer

**Please note;** the Electoral Registration Officer is not bound by the Freedom of Information Act. A statement has been provided by the ERO below. The ERO can be contacted via [Elections@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:Elections@north-herts.gov.uk)

Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests is available in our reception or on our website. If you have any queries regarding the process or your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If after receiving our full response, you feel dissatisfied with the information provided, or you disagree with a refusal decision, you have the right to ask for a review of the decision with the Council. We will accept review requests up to 60 days after our response. After that date we consider the case closed.

Review requests should be addressed to the Information & Asset Team Manager at Town Lodge, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 3HN or emailed to [FOI2@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:FOI2@north-herts.gov.uk)

It is important that you include the above FOI reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

If following a review by NHDC you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response, you can contact the Information Commissioners Office for guidance or to make an appeal at:- Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (or 01625 545745 if you would prefer not to call an '03' number, or +44 1625 545745 if calling from overseas) [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

Ingrid Howard  
**Information & Asset Officer**

**FOI007318 – 2/2/18**

**Registered 3rd parties receiving electoral register**

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

For the years 2016 and 2017, please provide a list of registered third parties - regulated by the Electoral Commission - that have requested electoral registers and/or electoral register updates, overseas voters lists, and/or absent voters lists.

For each registered third party, please provide details on what they requested and when they requested it. Please also indicate whether their requests were fulfilled.

I would like to receive this information in an electronic format. If you feel that a substantive response to this request is not possible within a reasonable time frame, I would be grateful if you could contact me and provide assistance as to how I can refine the request. If you need any clarification, please contact me. I look forward to receiving a response in 20 working days. Many thanks.

**Response**

**North Hertfordshire District Council does not hold this information. It comes under the remit of the Electoral Registration Officer.**

**The office of the ERO has provided the following statement:-**

*“Although appointed by the council, the Electoral Registration Officer’s responsibilities and duties are personal. An example of this is that the register of electors is deemed to be the property of the Electoral Registration Officer, not the local authority.*

*The Electoral Registration Officer does not carry out the duties on behalf of the local authority but in his own personal capacity. A list of public bodies and local authorities that are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act is available as a link from the following website:*

*<https://www.gov.uk/make-a-freedom-of-information-request/organisations-you-can-ask-for-information>*

*As you will see, the Freedom of Information Act does not list any person appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983. It follows that the Electoral Registration Officer, Returning Officer or any other person appointed under the Act are not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.*

*Details of persons and organisations that are entitled to receive free copies or to be sold copies of the register of electors are governed by Regulations 97 – 114 of the Representation of the People Regulations 2001, as amended.*

*We are required by statute to supply the register to authorised third parties as above, within 5 days of the publication on 1 December – all statutory requests are fulfilled”*