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25 April 2017

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request for information, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your email you ask for the following information:

Would you be able to tell me how many parliamentary constituencies currently cross over council borough boundaries and how many will if the proposals are put in place?

The information you have requested on current constituencies is as follows:

Current constituencies in England containing only one district/borough: **356**
 Current constituencies in England containing two or more districts/boroughs: **177**

This information has been compiled from the following spreadsheet on our website:
<http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Electorates-2015.xlsx>

The composition of our initially proposed constituencies in England are as follows:

Region (in accordance with European Parliamentary constituencies)	Proposed constituencies in England containing one district/borough/city/county	Proposed constituencies in England containing two or more districts/boroughs/cities/counties
Eastern	13	44
East Midlands	13	31
London	31	37
North East	11	14
North West	37	31
South East	37	46
South West	30	23
West Midlands	26	27
Yorkshire and the Humber	28	22
Total	226	275

This information has been compiled from the tables annexed to our regional initial proposals reports, all of which are downloadable from the initial proposals page on our website: <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/ip-england/>.

Please note these are only initial proposals and - in keeping with the 2018 Review timetable - are currently in the process of being reviewed by the Commission as a result of representations and comments received during the first and second public consultation periods. If we need to revise our proposals these will be published towards the end of this year and a third (and final) eight-week period of public consultation will commence.

Further information on the process behind the 2018 Review is available via the "Guide to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary constituencies" - accessible via our website: <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/2016-07-11-Guide-to-2018-review-Final-Version.pdf>

We do not hold information on the composition of current or proposed constituencies in the other constituent parts of the United Kingdom, for which you should contact the respective Commissions in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. You can contact each Commission via the following email addresses:

Scotland: bcs@scottishboundaries.gov.uk
Wales: bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk
Northern Ireland: contact@boundarycommission.org.uk

If you have any queries about the content of this reply please contact me direct, quoting the above reference number on any communication.

Under the provisions of the FOI Act if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. The BCE has a reciprocal arrangement with the Boundary Commission for Wales and in this case you should write to:

The Secretary to the Boundary Commission for Wales,
Ground Floor,
Fitzalan Court,
Cardiff,
CF24 0BL
Email: bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk

If it transpires you are not content with our response or the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the BCE. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Wilcox', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Chris Wilcox,
Information Manager