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Request:

How many staff did the council have in employment exclusively to work in the elections services team at each of the following elections?

1. General Election 2015 - **four**
2. General Election 2017 - **five**
3. General Election 2019 - **five**
4. May 2021 round of elections - **four**

What was the total budget for the electoral services team in each of the following years? Finance to provide a response.

1. 2016 - 2016/17: **(£0.049m)**
2. 2017 - 2017/18: **(£0.007m)**
3. 2018 - 2018/19: **(£0.005m)**
4. 2019 - 2019/20: **(£0.001m)**
5. 2020 - 2020/21: **(£0.006m)**
6. 2021 - 2021/22: **(£0.081m)**

Could you please provide me with the estimated or actual amount of money spent by the local authority on each of the following items when administering the a) General Election 2015 b) General Election 2017 c) General Election 2019 d) May 2021 elections?

1. Printing of Postal Votes

a) Accounts not held

b) £19,016

c) £25,748

d) £23,401.43

2. Distribution of Postal Votes

a) Accounts not held

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- b) £20,661
- c) £16,989
- d) £35,73.99

3. Staff time for manning polling stations including 'Covid Ambassadors/Information Officers' to welcome voters

- a) £55,694
- b) £56,990
- c) £58,500
- d) £99,353

4. Hiring Polling Station Venues

- a) **Accounts not held**
- b) £25,970
- c) £21,441
- d) £27,603

5. Hiring of Count Venues

- a) **Accounts not held**
- b) £3,682
- c) £7,960
- d) £14,165

6. Additional infrastructure to ensure the process was COVID 'secure' (eg individual pencils, Perspex screens, hand sanitiser)

- d) £19,018

How many Presiding Officers worked on each of the following elections in your council area?

1. General Election 2015 - **114**

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2. General Election 2017 - **120**
3. General Election 2019 - **120**
4. May 2021 round of elections - **99**

How many Polling Clerks worked on each of the following elections in your council area?

1. General Election 2015 - **131**
2. General Election 2017 - **178**
3. General Election 2019 - **180**
4. May 2021 round of elections - **99 plus ten spares**

How much money was spent on training Presiding Officers and Polling Clerks at each of the following elections? The Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks received a fee for the work and training was included within the overall fee.

1. General Election 2015 - **Accounts not held.**
2. General Election 2017 - **£40 per PO and PC included within their fee (total £11,920)**
3. General Election 2019 - **£30 per PO included within their fee and nothing for PC's (total 3,600)**
4. May 2021 round of elections - **flat rate paid.**

How many 'tendered' ballot papers were issued in your council area for each of the following elections?

1. General Election 2015 - **information not held**
2. General Election 2017 - **information not held**
3. General Election 2019 - **information not held**
4. May 2021 round of elections - **none**

Were all candidates/parties that were properly nominated on the final ballot paper given to voters at the May 2021 round of elections? **Yes**