I am writing on behalf of David Davies to respond to your information request.

1. Ahead of the 2015 General Election, did the local authority give training to polling station staff around supporting people with a learning disability to vote? Yes.

2. Ahead of the 2015 General Election, a) was the local authority aware of Mencap's 'Easy guides to voting and registering to vote' (https://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Easy_guide_voting.pdf); and b) if so, did the local authority distribute this to relevant local organisations/groups/services? Yes, made aware of the factsheet via Electoral Commission communication. EC advised that factsheet reinforced content covered in their polling station handbook; this content was included in training for polling station staff.

3. How many voter registration events did the local authority attend/run for people with a learning disability ahead of a) the 2015 General Election and b) the 2010 General Election? None.

4. Ahead of the 2015 General Election, a) did the local authority receive a fact sheet from the Electoral Commission – produced jointly by the Electoral Commission and Mencap – entitled ‘What you need to do if you want to vote on 7 May’; and b) if so, was this distributed to polling station staff? Not received. ERO received a communication from the EC on 26th March, advising that the Mencap factsheet would be available to view online “shortly”. It was consequently made available and accessed online.

5. Are all of the polling stations in the local authority area accessible for people using wheelchairs? Yes.

6. How many complaints have you received about the accessibility of your polling stations in the local authority area, following the 2015 General Election? 1 complaint.

7. Was the local authority made aware of any problems with people with a learning disability voting on 7th May 2015? If so, a) how many people with a learning disability were affected, and b) how many people with a learning disability were stopped from voting? No.

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Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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