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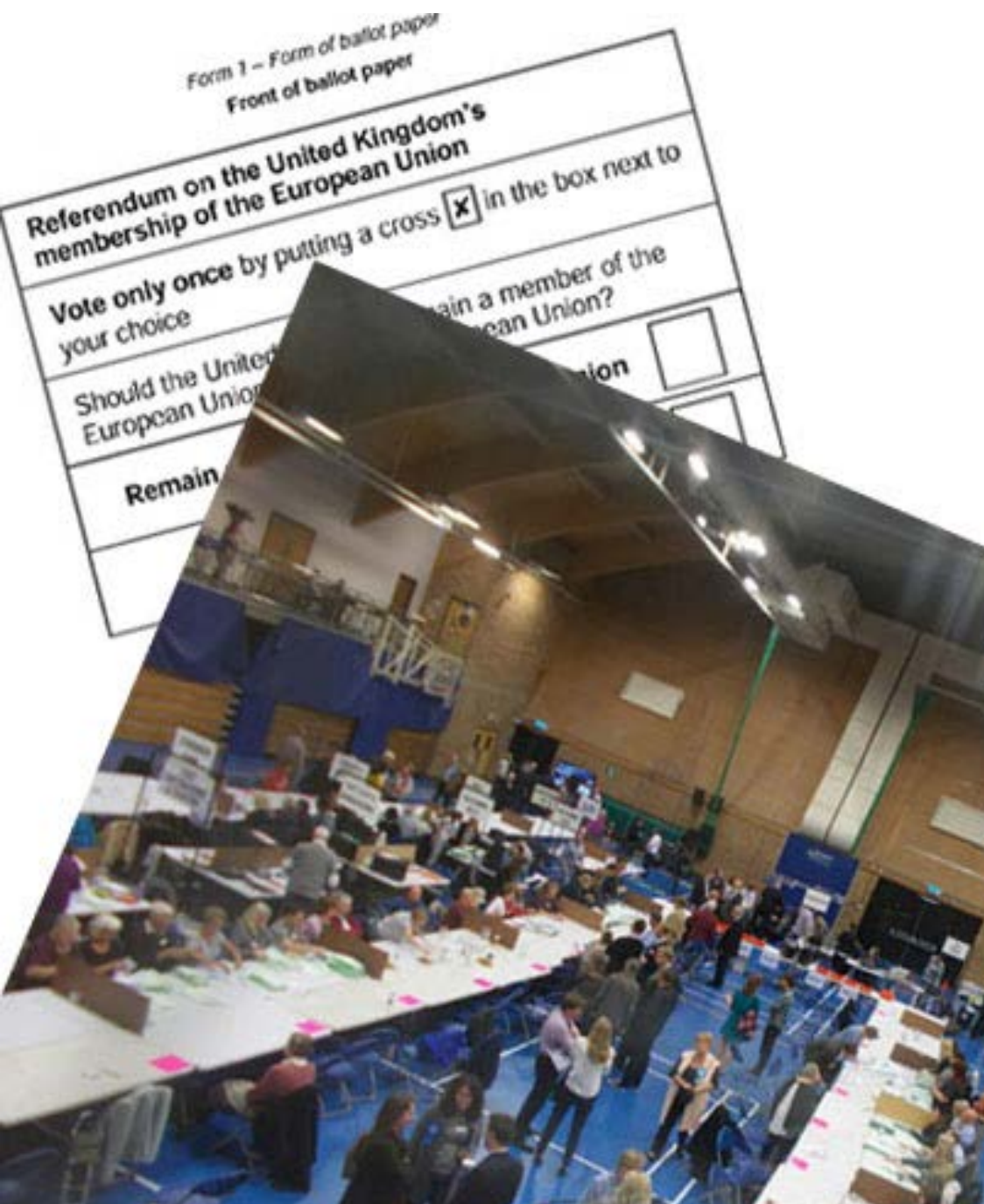
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EU referendum - the count

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Summary

This briefing summarises how the result will be declared following the referendum on the UK's membership of the EU on Thursday 23 June 2016.

This is only the third UK-wide referendum. The 1975 referendum was counted the day after polling day and the 2011 referendum on voting reform was combined with a number of other polls so neither provides a precedent for how the timings of the EU referendum count will proceed.

When?

The counting process will commence at 10.00pm when the polls close and counting will continue overnight until a final result is declared.

Predicting when a final total will be declared is hard to estimate but the level of turnout and how close the result is will have a bearing on the time. It may be clear which side has won the referendum some time before the formal declaration of the final national total.

At 10.00pm presiding officers in polling stations are responsible for getting their sealed ballot boxes and their polling accounts to the counting venues. There is no requirement for these to be accompanied by police officers. Once at the venues the counting officers are responsible for the ballot boxes.

Where?

There will be 382 counting areas. In Great Britain these are the 380 local authorities across England, Scotland and Wales:

- 326 local authorities in England
- 32 unitary authorities in Scotland
- 22 unitary authorities in Wales
- The final two counting areas are Northern Ireland and Gibraltar.

How?

There are statutory duties that must be performed by presiding and counting officers. These rules are designed to ensure that the counting of votes adheres to the principles of a timely, accurate, legal and impartial count that maintains the secrecy of the ballot throughout.

The way an election count unfolds is familiar to anyone who has stayed up and watched events on General Election night. The general principles underpinning the count mean that election counts proceed in similar ways.

The detailed rules governing counts, however, are specific to each type of count. For example, the rules covering election counts for the election of London Mayor need to make provisions for the electronic counting of votes.

The rules governing the referendum count are based largely on those relating to Parliamentary election counts but there are some key differences.

One of the most noticeable differences will be the terminology for the officers in charge of the count. Instead of 'returning officers' for each constituency count, as at a general election, the referendum will have a 'counting officer' for each counting area.

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Another key difference in the referendum is the role of the Electoral Commission. The conduct of elections is the responsibility of statutory office holders in local authorities and the Electoral Commission issues guidance on the conduct of elections.

The EU referendum is a single nationwide referendum with one result. The Chief Counting Officer, who is the chair of the Electoral Commission – Jenny Watson - has the power to direct counting officers on issues such as number of staff in polling stations and the timing and method of counting.

Jenny Watson will also be responsible for the certification and declaration of the final national total. The national result event will be held in Manchester Town Hall.

Unlike elections, there will be regional counting centres for the referendum. Regional counting officers will be responsible for coordinating the delivery of the referendum in their region and will collate the local totals into a regional total.

There may be recounts in a counting area if the voting is close. Recounts can be requested by counting agents for either side but these can only happen in one of the 382 counting areas. A regional counting officer may direct a counting officer to conduct a local re-count only if he or she thinks that there is reason to doubt the accuracy of the count but this cannot happen once a final result has been certified and declared.

The legislation allows for the processes to be observed by referendum agents for each side in the referendum (and polling and counting agents appointed by the referendum agents). Agents have an important role in ensuring a poll is fair but they must ensure they maintain the secrecy of the ballot.

The result

Once a counting area total has been certified and declared it is final. There are no provisions for recounts at a regional or national level.

The number of ballot papers counted or votes cast in the referendum, as certified by the Chief Counting Officer, a regional counting officer or a counting officer can only be challenged by an application for a judicial review. This would need to be lodged within six weeks of the certification that is being challenged.

The result of the referendum is not legally binding but the Prime Minister has made it clear that if there was a vote to leave the EU in the referendum then the Government would respect that vote.

1. Background

The referendum on the UK's membership of the EU, to be held on the 23 June 2016, fulfils the Conservative Party's manifesto commitment to hold an in/out referendum on the country's EU membership on renegotiated terms before 2017. This briefing looks at how the votes will be counted and the result declared.

The *Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000* (PPERA) sets out a regulatory framework for referendums. Among other things, PERA regulates how much can be spent by campaigners (these limits are higher for campaigners registered with the Electoral Commission, known as permitted participants) and what donations they can accept. It also allows for the Electoral Commission to designate the lead campaigns on either side of the question.

Each referendum regulated by PERA still requires primary legislation to set the terms of the question and the franchise to be used, amongst other provisions. The *European Union Referendum Act 2015* received Royal Assent on 17 December 2015.

[European Union Referendum Bill 2015-16](#), Library briefing CBP-7212, gives the background to the Bill. Passage of the Bill and accompanying documents are available on the [UK Parliament website](#).

The detailed rules for the conduct of the referendum, including the count, are contained in secondary legislation. The [European Union Referendum \(Conduct\) Regulations 2016](#) were made on 25 February 2016. A draft of the regulations had been approved by both Houses of Parliament.

These were based on similar regulations that applied for the 2011 referendum on Parliamentary Voting Systems, which were in turn based on the rules that apply to other elections in the UK, particularly the UK Parliamentary elections. These rules have their statutory basis in the *Representation of the People Act 1983*, as amended.¹

The date of the referendum was announced by the Prime Minister on 20 February 2016. The legislation confirming the date was approved by both Houses of Parliament. The draft [European Union Referendum \(Date of Referendum etc.\) Regulations 2016](#) were laid on Monday 22 February and subsequently made on the 3 March 2016.

Library briefing 7486 [The EU referendum campaign](#) includes information on the rules that apply to campaign activity and timetables.

The [European Union Referendum \(Counting Officers' and Regional Counting Officers' Charges\) Regulations 2016](#) were made on 22 March 2016 and came into force the following day. This was the final piece of legislation which confirmed the arrangements for the referendum to be held on 23 June 2016. The regulations set the maximum amounts recoverable by counting officers and Regional Counting Officers for

¹ Explanatory memorandum to the [European Union Referendum \(Conduct\) Regulations 2016](#).

their services and expenses in relation to the referendum. The estimated cost of the referendum is £142.4 million.²

This includes the expenses incurred by counting officers in running the poll, grants to the designated lead campaign organisations, the delivery by Royal Mail of campaign mailings from those organisations, and the cost of the central count.

The Parliament and Government of Gibraltar is responsible for the detailed rules of the conduct of the referendum in the territory although many aspects are the same or very similar to those in the UK.

The UK Parliament website has pages with links to briefing papers and related material which highlight the [analysis and comment](#) on the in-out referendum and presents an impartial view of the different arguments and opinions.

² Cabinet Office, *EU Referendum: Counting Officers' Regulations*, press notice, 23 March 2016.

2. When will the votes be counted?

The Electoral Commission has directed all counting officers to count overnight on Thursday 23/Friday 24 June.

This means that at the close of the poll at 10.00 pm on Thursday 23 June the process of counting can begin.

Voters who at 10.00 pm are in the polling station, or in a queue outside the polling station, for the purpose of voting, may apply for a ballot and must be allowed to vote.

Anyone arriving after 10.00pm who attempts to join the queue cannot be issued with a ballot paper under any circumstances. Anyone attempting to deliver a postal vote after 10.00pm will not be allowed to do so.

In Gibraltar, where polling stations close at 10.00 pm local time (9.00pm BST) counting will only commence at 11.00pm local time (10.00pm BST) to ensure all counts occur at the same time.³

The legislation says counting officers must make arrangements for counting of votes “as soon as practicable after the close of poll”.⁴ In general this means the timing of an election or referendum count is a matter for the local returning/counting officer.

The counting Rules for Parliamentary elections were amended in 2010 to add a provision that the counting ballot papers should begin as soon as practicable within the period of four hours starting with the close of the poll.⁵ This provision has not been replicated in the EU referendum rules.

In August 2015 the Electoral Commission issued a consultation on the timing of the EU referendum count. It had conducted a similar exercise during the referendum on Scottish independence which had led to the Electoral Commission to direct counting officers in the Scottish independence referendum to commence counting at the close of the poll.

The Electoral Commission acknowledged there will be national and international interest in knowing the result of the referendum as soon as possible after voting closes. The consultation indicated that the Chief Counting Officer intended to direct counting officers:

to commence the verification and counting of votes at the referendum as soon as reasonably practicable after the close of the poll. For the avoidance of doubt, this would mean that the

³ Electoral Commission, *Media Handbook: Referendum on the United Kingdom's Membership of the European Union*.

⁴ The *European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016*, Section 45

⁵ *Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010*, Section 48

count processes must be carried out overnight, commencing at the close of poll.⁶

Following the consultation the direction was confirmed.⁷ The Commission received varying views on the direction to count overnight. Some respondents, including the Association of Electoral Administrators, did not raise any objections but some respondents did raise concerns in relation to cost, staff welfare and logistical challenges. The CCO recognised that there might be practical challenges but she was satisfied that with sufficient planning an overnight count could be completed efficiently, transparently and accurately.⁸

The votes will be counted in 382 separate areas – the 380 local authority areas of England, Scotland and Wales and a single counting area each for Northern Ireland and Gibraltar. There will be a counting officer for each area (see section 4 for more detail).

2.1 What time will there be a result?

This is hard to estimate as there is no real precedent for a referendum in these circumstances as this is only the third UK-wide referendum and the previous two differed in several ways.

The counting process will start at 10.00pm on Thursday 23 June 2016 as the polls close. Individual counting areas will start declaring totals in the early hours of Friday morning but it is unlikely that the official UK total will be officially declared until several hours later.

Over 44 million people will be eligible to vote.⁹

The official result will only be declared by the Chief Counting Officer once all regional totals have been approved and declared. Each regional result will only be declared once all the local results in the region have been declared and collated. The separate counting areas are in 11 regions plus Northern Ireland (see section 5 for the detail of the counts and declarations).

The 2011 UK-wide referendum on changing the voting system was combined with other polls on 7 May 2011, Assembly and Parliamentary election in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, 279 local elections across many parts of England and all local authorities in Northern Ireland. It meant counting on the referendum votes in many places did

⁶ Electoral Commission, *Management of a referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union Consultation on the timing of the counting of votes at the referendum*, August 2015, p2

⁷ Electoral Commission, *Management of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union Response to consultations on the proposed scope of the Chief Counting Officer's directions and the timing of the counting of the votes at the referendum*, November 2015, p14

⁸ Electoral Commission consultation responses, *Management of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union Response to consultations on the proposed scope of the Chief Counting Officer's directions and the timing of the counting of the votes at the referendum*, November 2015, pp14-5

⁹ The [EU referendum pages](#) on the UK Parliament website give more detail on eligibility to vote. Exact electorate figures will not be known until after the last day for registering to vote, 7 June 2016, but the latest figures from the Office of National Statistics on numbers registered to vote in Parliamentary elections was 44,722,000

not start until well into Friday. The Northern Ireland result was not declared until the early hours of Saturday 9 May.

1975 referendum

The 1975 referendum on membership of the European Communities was counted in 68 counting areas and counting started the morning after voting. There were over 25.8 million valid votes cast.

Verification of votes took place at the close of poll on Thursday 5 June 1975. In England and Wales this took place at district level before ballots were transported to the count venue for the whole county. Counting was not to start before 9.00 am on Friday 6 June.

The Chief Counting Officer in 1975 was Sir Philip Allen, a retired civil servant of over 40 years of service.¹⁰ He had directed that counts should be counted during the day. Writing in *The Times* after the result he said:

For counting the emphasis was on accuracy, not speed. Every vote had to be counted at least twice, whatever the local procedure at general elections. We did not want counting to be done during the night by tired people: or the results to come straggling in over too long a period, with the risks of inaccurate speculation about the outcome.¹¹

The national result was formally declared at just before 11.00pm at Earls Court following last result from the Highland Region in Scotland.

Factors affecting the count

Individual counting areas vary in size. Birmingham, for example has nearly 700,000 eligible voters and is the largest local authority in the country in terms of population. In contrast, the City of London, has about 7,000 eligible voters.¹² The smallest counting area is the Isles of Scilly with about 1,700 voters spread across five inhabited islands.

At the 2014 European Parliamentary elections Gibraltar had an electorate of around 22,300 so it is likely to be an early result. The Clerk of the Gibraltar Parliament has estimated a result around 2.00 am local time.

Geography will also be important. Highland Council has over 170,000 eligible voters but they are spread over 2.6 million hectares. At the Scottish independence referendum the Highland Council result was the last result reported, at just after 8.00 am. The Orkney Islands council area has about 17,000 eligible voters spread over 20 inhabited islands and reported its Scottish independence result at just after 2.00am.

Other factors will affect the timing of the count, such as turnout, how long it takes to get ballot boxes to the count venue, and how many recounts, if any, are required at a count. Bad weather could also have

¹⁰ *Guardian*, obituary - Lord Allen of Abbeydale, 11 December 2007

¹¹ *The Times*, *The longest day at Earls Court when the EEC vote was counted*, 23 June 1975.

¹² Figures based on registered Parliamentary electors as of 1 December 2015, source: [ONS electoral statistics](#).

an impact on the time taken to transport boxes from remote polling places.

The result may become clear before the final national result is officially declared by the Chief Counting Officer. At the Scottish independence referendum the 'No' vote declared by Fife council at just after 6.00am on Friday 19 September 2014 meant that the national running total of 'No' votes could not be beaten, but the official result was not declared by the Chief Counting Officer until 9.00 am.

However, if the result is close, as with the referendum on devolution in Wales in 1997, the result may depend on every counting area. In 1997 the 'Yes' vote to establish the National Assembly of Wales was not decided until the last area to declare, Carmarthenshire, voted 'Yes'.

3. Who will be at the counts?

The Referendum Rules make it clear who **must** be admitted to the counts and those who **may** be admitted to the count.

By law certain people must be admitted to an election count and the Referendum Rules (Section 45) adapt those classic election rules to apply to the referendum. These are:

- Counting officers, regional counting officers and the Chief Counting Officer
- Clerks working for the counting officers
- Referendum agents
- Counting agents
- Referendum observers

In addition Counting Officers may permit other people access to the count if:

- (a) the officer is satisfied that the person's attendance will not impede the efficient counting of the votes, and
- (b) the officer has consulted the referendum agents or thinks it impracticable to do so.¹³

Chief Counting Officer – A referendum held under provisions of PPERA says there must be a Chief Counting Officer (CCO) for the referendum. The Act says this should be the Chair of the Electoral Commission, currently Jenny Watson, or can be someone appointed by the Chair. The CCO is responsible for the conduct of the referendum and it is her responsibility to certify the final result. She and the regional counting officers have the power to direct counting officers in relation to their discharge of their functions and preparations for the referendum.

Regional Counting Officer (RCO) – The *European Referendum Act 2015* made provisions for the CCO to appoint RCOs for 11 specified regions. There will be a RCO for each of the 9 regions of England and one each for Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland is treated as a single counting area and not a region for the purposes of this referendum. RCOs will authorise COs.

Counting Officer (CO) – There will be a CO for each counting area. PPERA regulated referendums require the CCO to appoint a CO for each relevant area of Great Britain. The relevant areas are local government areas (see section 4 for details of the counting areas). Some Counting Officers delegate their responsibility to a senior local authority official and these are known as Acting Counting Officers.

Clerks working for the counting officer will undertake the counting of the votes. They are often council employees but are not required to be.

¹³ *European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016*, Section 45

Counting staff should not have been employed by or on behalf of a referendum campaigner in connection with the referendum.

Referendum agents – Schedule 1, paragraph 15 of the *European Referendum Act 2015* allows permitted participants to appoint a referendum agent for each counting area. In an election, agents would be appointed by candidates. Permitted participants are also known as registered referendum campaigners. These are individuals or organisations who have registered with the Electoral Commission. The Electoral Commission has published the [register of permitted participants](#) on its website.

A permitted participant may appoint a referendum agent for a voting area by delivering a notice of appointment to the counting officer by 12 noon on the 16th working day before the poll.

Counting agents – The laws and rules covering the conduct of polls in the UK allow for agents acting on behalf of candidates or each side in a referendum to have access to polling stations and official counts to observe and ensure the accuracy and transparency of the counts.

Counting agents are individuals appointed by the referendum agents who are allowed to witness the counting process.

Counting agents:

- observe the counting process and make sure that it is accurate
- can draw to the attention of count staff any doubtful ballot papers
- If they disagree with a decision by the (Acting) Counting Officer to reject a ballot paper, they can ask the (Acting) Counting Officer to mark on the ballot paper “rejection objected to”
- If a count is suspended for any reason, counting agents can add their seals when the (Acting) Counting Officer seals the ballot boxes and envelopes.

Referendum agents can designate a counting agent as a person authorised to require a re-count. Referendum agents and designated counting agents can request a recount.

The Rules covering the EU Referendum make provision for agents to attend regional collation counts as well as local counts.

The Electoral Commission will publish more [guidance for agents](#) at the referendum on its website.

Referendum observers – domestic and international observers are allowed to observe the issue or receipt of postal ballots, proceedings of the poll on polling day and the counting of votes. Observers must be accredited by the Electoral Commission and must remain neutral and maintain the secrecy of the vote.¹⁴

¹⁴ The Electoral Commission has produced a Code of Practice for electoral observers: [Electoral observation at United Kingdom election](#).

4. The Count Venues

4.1 Local counts

The count will be conducted in 382 counting areas. In Great Britain the count areas will be local authorities responsible for electoral registration. This means there are 380 counting areas in Great Britain.

England

- 32 London boroughs
- City of London
- 36 metropolitan boroughs
- 55 unitary authorities
- 201 non-metropolitan districts
- The Isles of Scilly

Scotland

- 32 unitary authorities

Wales

- 22 unitary authorities

Northern Ireland

The Northern Ireland count will be held at eight locations across Northern Ireland. The referendum ballots will be counted by UK Parliamentary constituency at the eight counting centres. The counting centres are the same as those for the Assembly elections on the 5 May 2016.

As with the 2011 referendum on voting reform, votes will be collated into one total for Northern Ireland from each of the eight counting venues. In 2011 results were not published by constituency, only by counting area.

Gibraltar

Gibraltar is a single counting area. There will be 14 polling stations across Gibraltar.¹⁵ The count will be conducted at University of Gibraltar Campus, Europa Point, on the southern tip of the territory.

4.2 Regional counts

There are eleven electoral regions in Great Britain. The electoral regions correspond to the eleven regions for European Parliamentary elections. This includes Gibraltar, which is included in the South West region for the European Parliamentary elections and for the referendum.

¹⁵ [Parliament of Gibraltar](#)

Box 1: Regional counts – host local authority

East of England	Colchester
East Midlands	Kettering
London	London Councils*
North East	Sunderland
North West	Manchester
Scotland	Falkirk
South East	Southampton
South West and Gibraltar	Poole
Wales	Flintshire
West Midlands	Birmingham
Yorkshire and the Humber	Leeds

*London Councils is a cross-party group representing the 32 boroughs of London and the City of London. It will be hosting the London regional count at The Guildhall in the City of London.

The referendum specific legislation makes provision for counting and referendum agents to be present at regional counts as well as at the 382 local counting areas.

Regional counts will not actually count individual ballot papers but will be the base for the Regional Counting Officer to execute their functions on the night. This includes collating and announcing the final result for the region.

The Guildhall in the City of London, will be the regional hub for London. Ballot papers from the City of London will be counted at the Queen Mother Sports Centre in Westminster at a joint count with Westminster City Council.

4.3 National count event

The Chief Counting Officer for the referendum will be based at the national counting event. This will be Manchester Town Hall. It will also be the venue for the North West regional hub count.

The local count for the City of Manchester counting area will be at the Manchester Central Convention Centre.

5. Verifying and counting the ballots

The count at elections and referendums in the UK are guided by key principles:

- ensuring a result is declared swiftly and accurately,
- the number of ballots received at the count tallies with the number of ballots sent out to polling station,
- the counting process is legal and impartial, and
- voter secrecy is maintained.

Statutory rules

The conduct of polls is set out in legislation which is supplemented by the Electoral Commission guidance issued to Counting Officers. The general framework for the conduct of referendums in the UK was set out in the *Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000* (PPERA). This same Act created the Electoral Commission. Counts and rules for different elections and referendums follow familiar patterns but the rules governing counts are set out in election-specific rules.

There are some general provisions relating to the count in the *European Union Referendum Act 2015* (Schedule 3) and detailed rules governing the Referendum count in June 2016 are set out in the *European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016*. These were based on similar regulations that applied for the 2011 referendum on Parliamentary Voting Systems, which were in turn based on the rules that apply to other elections in the UK, particularly the UK Parliamentary elections. These rules have their statutory basis in the *Representation of the People Act 1983*, as amended.¹⁶

At 10pm

When the polls close at 10pm, the presiding officer in a polling station must follow a strict procedure, laid out in the regulations, which is intended to keep ballot papers and other polling documents secure.

Polling agents, like counting agents, are representatives appointed by referendum agents. Polling agents may be present before the poll opens to watch the presiding officer seal the empty ballot box. They are also allowed in polling stations to observe and report any irregularities and to detect personation.¹⁷ They may also be present at the close of poll to observe the close of poll process.

At the close of the poll ballot boxes must be sealed by the presiding officer so no more ballots can be added. Unused and spoilt ballot papers and other documents must be placed in packets/envelopes and

¹⁶ Explanatory memorandum to the *European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016*.

¹⁷ Personation is an electoral offence where an individual votes as someone else in person at a polling station as an elector or a proxy, or by post.

sealed with an official seal. A polling agent can add their own seal to the official seals if they so wish.

The presiding officer should also produce a ballot paper account, which gives the number of ballots issued to the polling station, the number issued to voters, inadvertently spoiled papers returned to the presiding officer, tendered ballots¹⁸ and unused ballot papers. The account includes an explanation for any discrepancy if one arises.

The presiding officer is then responsible for the delivery of the ballot boxes and packets in person to the counting officer at the count. Any arrangements for delivery other than by the presiding officer in person must be agreed by the CO.

There is no requirement that police officers must accompany ballot boxes when they are delivered to the count. Once at the count the CO becomes responsible for the ballot boxes and documents.

A CO will be in contact with the local police force and will work closely with them as part of their management responsibilities for the conduct of the poll to ensure good order at polling stations and at counts. Operational activity will be the decision of the chief constable.

Postal ballot papers previously received and opened will have been processed and will be brought to the verification and count venue in sealed ballot boxes. A CO may have held more than one postal vote opening session prior to the count. These may be attended by counting agents on behalf of both sides of the referendum.

Self-contained areas

The Chief Counting Officer has directed that verification and counting should occur in self-contained 'area' smaller than the voting area. The CCO has also directed that the counting of votes for any self-contained 'area' must not be commenced until the verification for that 'area' has been completed.

The guidance issued by the Electoral Commission leaves the determination of the 'areas' to be used to the counting officer. The most obvious subdivision of a local authority area are wards, but COs are not required to use wards.¹⁹

5.1 Verification

Before the votes for each side can be counted the CO must conduct the verification process. This is a legal process central to the declaration of accurate totals.

Verification has two main purposes – to ensure and demonstrate that all ballot papers issued at polling stations and all returned postal ballot

¹⁸ A tendered ballot is a ballot paper cast in person by someone who appeared to have voted already, either in person or by proxy, or be on the postal voting list where the voter denies having already voted or having applied for a postal vote. Tendered ballots are kept separate and not counted unless an election court is satisfied it is valid.

¹⁹ Electoral Commission, [EU referendum: Part E - Verifying and counting the votes](#)

papers have been brought to the count, and to provide the figure with which the count outcome must reconcile.²⁰

In the presence of counting agents each ballot box must be opened and the total number of ballots must be counted. Agents should be shown the empty ballot box to confirm all ballots have been removed from the ballot box. This includes the ballot boxes used for postal ballots received.

The votes for each side are not counted or recorded at this stage. There is a legal duty for ballot papers to be **face down** during verification.

In the presence of the counting agents the ballot paper accounts, prepared by presiding officers, must be verified.

This means that the number of ballot papers in each box either matches the number of ballot papers issued as stated on the ballot paper account or, if it does not:

- the source of the variance has been identified and can be explained, and/or
- the contents of the box have been recounted at least twice, until the same number of ballot papers is counted on two consecutive occasions.

This process is done for each 'area' in which the counting officer has decided to subdivide the count.

5.2 Counting

After verification, the counting officer can then count the votes. There is no particular method of counting legally prescribed in election or referendum law but there are some legal provisions that must be adhered to help ensure the secrecy of the poll.

Much of this process is the same for a general election count. The main difference with the referendum count is the requirement that counting officers must seek permission from their regional counting officer before declaring their final result.

While the CCO has directed that in each of the self-contained 'areas' the counting of votes should not be commenced until the verification has been completed, this does not mean that counting officers have to wait for the verification to be complete across all 'areas' before commencing the count. Counting officers may start counting the votes in those 'areas' where the verification has already been completed.

Mixing

Before any votes are counted ballot boxes have to be mixed. The Rules require that the ballot papers from one box must be mixed with the ballot papers from at least one other box before counting. In the case of postal ballot papers, they must have been mixed with the ballot papers from at least one ballot box.

²⁰ Ibid

This mixing is designed to reduce the risk of compromising the secrecy of the ballot. If one set of electors assigned to one ballot box had voted predominantly for one candidate or the number of ballots in one ballot box were small and all for one candidate secrecy would be compromised.²¹

Sorting

Counting assistants should sort the ballot papers into votes for each answer to the referendum question (i.e. 'Remain' and 'Leave'). Any doubtful ballot papers should be placed aside for adjudication.

Sorting must be done **face up** to ensure the unique identifiers on the back are not seen. This ensures secrecy of the ballot. Ballots should be visible at all times to counting agents and observers.

Counting

The votes are then counted into a predetermined bundle. This is a decision for local counting officers but the bundles may be 20, 50, 100 etc. Each bundle should be checked by another counter.

Supervisors should then flick through the bundles to ensure all ballots in the bundle are for the same side.

The totals from the number of bundles is then collated to give the number of ballots cast for each side.

Doubtful ballots

The counting officer will adjudicate on ballots that have been put to one side by counting staff as doubtful. A guidance booklet on doubtful ballots in the EU referendum has been published by the Electoral Commission.²²

The CO's adjudication is final.

The legislation provides that a counting officer must reject a ballot paper:

- that does not bear the official mark (not the unique identifying mark)
- on which a vote is given for both answers to the referendum question
- on which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified (except the printed ballot paper number or other unique identifying mark)
- that is unmarked or void for uncertainty

However, the legislation states that unless the way the ballot paper is marked identifies the voter, a ballot paper on which the vote is marked in the following ways must not be rejected if the voter's intention is clear:

- elsewhere than in the proper place
- otherwise than by means of a cross, or
- by more than one mark

²¹ ACE electoral knowledge network, *Vote counting*

²² Electoral Commission, *EU referendum Doubtful ballot paper booklet*

Ballot papers that appear to have been altered or are damaged must be adjudicated in the presence of the referendum agents.

Reconciliation

This is the process where the total number of votes for each side are added up and then added to the rejected ballots. This is an important step in ensuring accuracy. The total number of votes counted should tally exactly with the number of ballots verified. However, election law does not oblige the CO to reconcile the two totals.

Provisional results and recounts

At this stage the totals from each 'area' are collated to give the provisional result.

The provisional result must be shared with referendum and counting agents. Agents must be made aware they are entitled to ask for a recount and they should be given sufficient time to digest the information.

If the votes are recounted, the referendum and counting agents and any observers in attendance should be informed before the recount commences.

As with the original count, any recount should be carried out in full view of those present. The counting officer is entitled to reconsider which ballot papers should be rejected during the recount (or any further recount)

The agents must be consulted on the revised provisional local totals in the same way as they were consulted on the provisional local totals at the conclusion of the first count.

It is possible to have more than one recount. It is for the counting officer to consider any request, and it may be refused if in the opinion of the counting officer the request is unreasonable.

In a normal election the decisions on recounts are solely for the returning officer. In the referendum count the Regional Counting Officer must be kept informed. A RCO can also direct a counting officer to hold a recount or further recount if he/she has reason to doubt the accuracy of the count/recount.

6. Declarations

For the referendum there will be declarations for local and regional totals as well as a national total.

Local totals

Local declarations will be made at the local counting venue in each of the 382 counting area.

Once the counting officer is ready to declare a result he/she must prepare a statement containing:

- the total number of ballot papers counted
- the total number of votes cast in favour of each answer to the referendum question
- the total number of rejected ballot papers

This must be then communicated to the Regional Counting Officer. If the RCO is satisfied that this statement is accurate he will give permission for the result to be declared.

When authorised to do so by the RCO (or Chief Counting Officer in Northern Ireland) the counting officer must declare the local totals. Once declared the local result is final and cannot be recounted.

The estimated times for completing verification and for counting of votes have been provided to the Electoral Commission by each Counting Officer. They have been published on the Electoral Commission website.²³ The information has been reproduced in the appendix to this briefing.

Regional totals

The RCO will collate all the local totals in his or her area. Once all of them are collated and the regional total is known this will be submitted to the Chief Counting Officer.

Once the CCO gives permission the RCO will declare the regional result. No ballot papers are physically counted at regional count hubs and there is no provision for a region-wide recount to be undertaken.

National total

The Chief Counting Officer will collate all regional totals and once all the regional results, including Northern Ireland, have been approved and declared the Chief Counting will declare the final UK and Gibraltar total. This will be the official final result and there is no provision for a recount at national level.

As mentioned above the effective result may be known earlier than the official declaration in Manchester. This will depend on the closeness of the result.

²³ Electoral Commission, [EU referendum count](#),

7. Is the result binding?

The national result, once declared, will be final but it is not legally binding.

The legislation makes no provision for a required threshold for turnout to be achieved or for a specific majority. It means that regardless of the turnout a majority of a single ballot is all that is required for one side to be declared the winner.

The *European Referendum Act 2015* does not include provisions to implement the result of the referendum; legally, the Government is not bound to follow the outcome. However, it would be very unlikely for the Government to ignore the outcome of the referendum.

The Cabinet Office published a document in February 2016, *The process for withdrawing from the European Union* which states:

The result of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union will be final. The Government would have a democratic duty to give effect to the electorate's decision. The Prime Minister made clear to the House of Commons that "if the British people vote to leave, there is only one way to bring that about, namely to trigger Article 50 of the Treaties and begin the process of exit, and the British people would rightly expect that to start straight away."

As mentioned above there is no provision for a national or regional recount of votes. Once a local count has been declared by the counting officer no recounts can occur.

A declared result (nationally, regionally or locally) can only be challenged by judicial review. This must be lodged within six weeks of the declaration being challenged.

8. Appendix

This table provides the count venues and estimated declaration times for each counting area. These have been provided to the Electoral Commission by counting officers. These are only estimates and make no provision for recounts. The information is correct as of 2 June 2016.

EU Referendum: Venue and timing				
Counting Officer	Region	Venue for verification & count	Estimated time for completing the verification	Estimated time for completing the count
Aberdeen City	Scotland	RGU:Sport, Garthdee, Aberdeen	3.00am	3.30am
Aberdeenshire	Scotland	Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre	3.00am	5.00am
Adur	South Eastern	Assembly Hall, Stoke Abbott Road, Worthing BN11 1HQ	2.30am	6.30am
Allerdale	North West	Moorclose Leisure Centre, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3SA	1.00am	4.00am
Amber Valley	East Midlands	Alfreton Leisure Centre	2.00- 2.30am	5.00am
Angus	Scotland	Saltire Centre, Montrose Road, Arbroath	12.30am	2.30am
Argyll & Bute	Scotland	Lochgilphead Joint Campus High School, Sports Centre, Lochgilphead PA31 8AA	2.30am	4.00am
Arun	South Eastern	Arun Leisure Centre, Felpham Way, Felpham, West Sussex PO22 8ED	3.00am	7.00am
Ashfield	East Midlands	Festival Hall Leisure Centre, Hodgkinson Road, Kirkby In Ashfield, Nottingham, NG17 7DJ	1.30-2.00am	4.00-5.00am
Ashford	South Eastern	Stour Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL	2.00am	4.00am
Aylesbury Vale	South Eastern	The Gateway, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF	2.00am	4.30am
Babergh	Eastern	Trinity Park Events Ltd, Trinity Park , Felixstowe Road , Ipswich , IP3 8UH	2.00am	3.00am
Barking & Dagenham	London	Becontree Heath Leisure Centre, Althorne Way, Dagenham, Essex RM10 7AY	12.00am	2.30am
Barnet	London	East Stand, Allianz Park, Mill Hill (Saracens Rugby Stadium), Greenlands Lanes, NW4 1RL	2.00am	3.30am
Barnsley	Yorkshire & Humber	Metrodome, Queen's Road, Barnsley	1.00am	3.00am
Barrow-in-Furness	North West	Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow, LA14 2LD	1.00am	2.30am
Basildon	Eastern	Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3GR	12.30am	2.00am
Basingstoke & Deane	South Eastern	Hampshire Court Hotel	12.00am	3.00-4.00am
Bassetlaw	East Midlands	North Notts Community Arena, Eastgate, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S80 1QS	1.00-2.00am	4.00-5.00am

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Bath & North East Somerset	South West	Sports Training Village, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY	3.00am	6.00am
Bedford	Eastern	Bunyan Centre, Mile Road, Bedford	2.00am	4.00am
Belfast East	Northern Ireland	Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast	12:00am	1:15am
Belfast North	Northern Ireland	Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast	12:15am	1:30am
Belfast South	Northern Ireland	Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast	12:00am	1:15am
Belfast West	Northern Ireland	Titanic Exhibition Centre, Belfast	11:45pm	1:15am
Bexley	London	Crook Log Leisure Centre, Brampton Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4HH	2.00am	4.30am
Birmingham	West Midlands	The International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA	2.00am	4.00am
Blaby	East Midlands	Enderby Leisure Centre, Mill Lane, Enderby, Leicestershire	2.00am	5.00am
Blackburn	North West	King Georges Hall, Northgate, Blackburn, BB2 1AA	1.30am	4.00am
Blackpool	North West	Blackpool Sports Centre, West Park Drive, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY3 9HQ	1.00am	4.00am
Blaenau Gwent	Wales	The General Offices, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale NP23 6DN	12.30am	2.00am
Bolsover	East Midlands	Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Market Street, Clay Cross, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 9LX	1.00am	4.00am
Bolton	North West	Bolton Arena, Arena Approach, Middle Brook, Bolton	12.30am	3.00am
Boston	East Midlands	Peter Paine Performance Centre, Rosebery Avenue, Boston	12.00am	3.00am
Bournemouth	South West	The Littledown Centre, Bournemouth	12.30am	3.30am
Bracknell Forest	South Eastern	Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Rd, Bracknell, RG12 9SE	12.30am	3.00am
Bradford	Yorkshire & Humber	Richard Dunn Sports Centre and Keighley Leisure Centre	2.00am	5.00am
Braintree	Eastern	Tabor Academy, Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex	1.00am	4.30am
Breckland	Eastern	Dereham Leisure Centre, Station Road, Dereham, NR19 1DF	2.00am	4.00am
Brent	London	Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ	1.30am	3.30am
Brentwood	Eastern	Brentwood Leisure Centre, Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9NN	1.00am	4.00am
Bridgend	Wales	Bowls Hall, Bridgend	1.00am	3.00am
Brighton & Hove	South Eastern	Corn Exchange, Brighton Dome Church Street, Brighton, BN1 1UE	2.00am	4.00am
Bristol	South West	Parkview Office Campus, Whitchurch Lane, BS14 0TJ	2.00am	6.00am
Broadland	Eastern	The Space, Rowntree Way, Norwich, NR7 8SQ	1.30 am	4.00am
Bromley	London	Kent County Cricket Ground, Worsley Bridge Road, Beckenham, Kent	2.00am	4.00am

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Bromsgrove	West Midlands	Dolphin Centre, Bromsgrove	2.00am	4.00am
Broxbourne	Eastern	The Laura Trott Leisure Centre, Cheshunt	12.30am	2.30am
Broxtowe	East Midlands	The Pearson Centre for Young People, Nuart Road, Beeston	2.00am	4.30am
Burnley	North West	St Peters Sports Hall, Church Street, Burnley	1.00am	3.30am
Bury	North West	The Castle Leisure Centre, Bolton Street, Bury BL9 0SW	12.30am	3.00am
Caerphilly	Wales	Caerphilly Leisure Centre	1.30am	2.30am
Calderdale	Yorkshire & Humber	North Bridge Leisure Centre, North Bridge, Halifax	2.00am	5.00am
Cambridge	Eastern	The Guildhall, Cambridge	1.00am	3.00am
Camden	London	Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, London WC1H 9JE	1.00am	3.00am
Cannock Chase	West Midlands	Chase Leisure Centre, Cannock	12.30am	3.00am
Canterbury	South Eastern	Westgate Hall, Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury CT1 2BT	3.00am	4.00am
Cardiff	Wales	Llanishen Leisure Centre, Ty Glas Road, Llanishen, Cardiff	1.30am	4.00am
Carlisle	North West	Sands Centre Carlisle	1.00am	3.30am
Carmarthenshire	Wales	Selwyn Samuel Centre, Park Crescent, Llanelli	1.00am	3.30am
Castle Point	Eastern	Runnymede Hall, rear of Council Offices, Kiln Road, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 1TF	1.00 am	2.30 am
Central Bedfordshire	Eastern	Priory House Chicksands	2.00am	5.00am
Ceredigion	Wales	Sir Geraint Evans Leisure Centre, South Road, Aberaeron	1.30am	4.00am
Charnwood	East Midlands	Sports Hall, Loughborough Leisure Centre, Browns Lane, Loughborough, Leics	1.00am	3.00am
Chelmsford	Eastern	Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FG	12.30am	3.00am
Cheltenham	South West	Sports Hall, Leisure@cheltenham, Tommy Taylors Lane, Cheltenham, GL50 4RN	12:45am	3.30am
Cherwell	South Eastern	Spiceball Leisure Centre - Banbury Oxon	2.00am	6.00am
Cheshire East	North West	Macclesfield Leisure Centre, Priory Lane, Macclesfield, SK10 4AF Crewe Lifestye Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, CW1 2BB	4.00am	7.00am
Cheshire West	North West	Sports Hall, Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Cheshire CH65 9DB	3.30am	5.00am
Chesterfield	East Midlands	Queens Park Sports Centre, Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield, S40 2NE	1.00am	3.00am
Chichester	South Eastern	Westgate Leisure Centre, Via Ravenna, Chichester	1.30am	4.30am
Chiltern	South Eastern	Chesham Leisure Centre, White Hill, Chesham, Bucks HP5 1BB	2.00am	4.00am

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Chorley	North West	Lancastrian Room, Town Hall, Chorley, Lancs. PR7 1DP	1.00am	3.00am
Christchurch	South West	Two Riversmeet Leisure Centre, Christchurch BH23 1HW	12.00am	4.30am
City of London	London	Lindley Hall, Royal Horticultural Halls, 80 Vincent Sqaure, SW1P 2PE	11.30pm	12.45am
Clackmannanshire	Scotland	Alloa Town Hall	12.30am	2.00am
Colchester	Eastern	Charter Hall, Leisure World, Cowdray Avenue	1.00am	3.00am
Conwy	Wales	Arena, Venue Cymru, Llandudno	12.00am	2.30am
Copeland	North West	Whitehaven Civic Hall, Lowther Street, Whitehaven	1.00am	3.00am
Corby	East Midlands	Lodge Park Sports Centre, Shetland Way, Corby, NN17 2SG	1.00-1.30am	3:30- 4.00am
Cornwall	South West	1) Carn Brea Leisure Centre, Redruth, 2) The Exhibition Hall, Wadebridge Showground, Wadebridge	3.00am	6.00am
Cotswold	South West	Cotswold Leisure Centre, Tetbury Road, Cirencester GL7 1US	3.00am	5.30am
Coventry	West Midlands	Ricoh Arena, Coventry	2.00am	5.00am
Craven	Yorkshire & Humber	Town Hall Skipton	1.00am	4.00am
Crawley	South Eastern	K2 Crawley, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, RH11 9BQ	12.30am	2.30am
Croydon	London	Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon, CR9 7AT	1.00am	4.00am
Dacorum	Eastern	Sportspace, Park Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1JS	12.00am	3.00am
Darlington	North East	Central Hall, Dolphin Centre, Darlington	12:30am	2.30am
Dartford	South Eastern	Acacia Hall Sports Centre, High Street, Dartford, Kent, DA11DJ	12.45am	3.30am
Daventry	East Midlands	Daventry Leisure Centre, Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP	1.30am	4.00am
Denbighshire	Wales	Denbigh Leisure Centre, Clwyd Ave, Denbigh, LL16 3HB	12.00am	1.45am
Derby	East Midlands	Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, Derby. De24 8JB	2.00am	5.00am
Derbyshire Dales	East Midlands	Arc Leisure Matlock	2.00am	4.00-7.00am
Doncaster	Yorkshire & Humber	Doncaster Racecourse, The Grandstand, Leger Way, Doncaster DN2 6BB	1.00am	4.00am
Dover	South Eastern	Town Hall, Biggin Street, Dover	12.30am	2.00am
Dudley	West Midlands	Crystal Leisure Centre, Bell Street, Stourbridge	12.30am	3.30am
Dumfries & Galloway	Scotland	Easterbrook Hall, Dumfries	1.30am	3.30am
Dundee City	Scotland	DISC Mains Loan Dundee	12.30am	2.30am

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Durham	North East	The Louisa Centre, Stanley and Spennymoor Leisure Centre, Spennymoor	1.00am	3.00am
Ealing	London	A Marquee erected on Perceval House Car Park, Longfield Avenue, Ealing, W5 2HL	12.15am	2.00am
East Antrim	Northern Ireland	Valley Leisure Centre, Newtownabbey	12:30am	2:30am
East Ayrshire	Scotland	Galleon Leisure Centre, Titchfield Street, Kilmarnock	12.15am	2.15am
East Cambridgeshire	Eastern	The Ross Peers Sports Centre Soham	2.00am	5.00am
East Devon	South West	Council Chamber, Knowle, EX10 8HL	2.30am	5.00am
East Dorset	South West	Two Riversmeet Leisure Centre, Stony Lane South, BH23 1HW	2.00am	4.30am
East Dunbarton	Scotland	Leisuredrome, 147 Balmuildy Road, Bishopbriggs, G64 3DN	12.00-1.30am	3.30-4.30am
East Hampshire	South Eastern	Festival Hall, Heath Road, Petersfield, Hants GU31 4EA	1.00am	4.00am
East Hertfordshire	Eastern	Wodson Park, Ware	1.00am	4.00am
East Lindsey	East Midlands	Meridian Leisure Centre, Wood Lane, Louth LN11 8RS	2.30am	6.00am
East Londonderry	Northern Ireland	Foyle Arena, Derry/Londonderry	1:30am	3:00am
East Lothian	Scotland	Corn Exchange, Court Street, Haddington	1.00am	3.00am
East Northamptonshire	East Midlands	The Pemberton Centre, Rushden	2.00am	6.00am
East Renfrewshire	Scotland	Williamwood High School, Eagleasham Road, Clarkston, East Renfrewshire, G76 8RF	12.30am	3.00am
East Riding of Yorkshire	Yorkshire & Humber	East Riding Leisure(ERL), Beverley, Flemingate, Beverley, HU17 0LT, ERL Driffield, Bridlington Road, Driffield, YO25 5HZ, ERL Haltemprice, Springfield Way, Anlaby, HU10 6QJ, ERL Goole, North Street, Goole, DN14 5QX	1.00am	4.00am
East Staffordshire	West Midlands	Meadowside Leisure Centre, High Street, Burton upon Trent, DE14 1TL	1.00am	4.00am
Eastbourne	South Eastern	Assembly Hall, Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne BN21 4UG	1.00am	4.00am
Eastleigh	South Eastern	Fleming Park Leisure Centre, Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh SO50 9NL	1.00am	3.00am
Eden	North West	Leisure Centre, South End Road, Penrith	2.00-3.00am	4.00-5.00am
Edinburgh, City of	Scotland	Meadowbank Sports Centre	1.30am	3.30am
Eilean Siar	Scotland	Ionad Spors Leodhais	1.00am	1.30am
Elmbridge	South Eastern	Elmbridge Leisure Centre, Waterside Drive, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2JG	2.00am	4.00am
Enfield	London	Lee Valley Athletics Centre, 61 Meridian Way, Edmonton, N9 0AR	1.00am	3.00am
Epping Forest	Eastern	Debden Park School, Willingale Road, Loughton	2.00am	3.30am

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Epsom and Ewell	South Eastern	Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell KT17 4UF	1.00am	3.00am
Erewash	East Midlands	Rutland Tennis Centre, West End Drive, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5GH	1.30am	3.30am
Exeter	South West	Riverside Leisure Centre Cowick Street Exeter	1.00am	3.00am
Falkirk	Scotland	Grangemouth Sports Complex, Abbots Road, Grangemouth FK3 8JB	1.00am	2.30 - 3.00am
Fareham	South Eastern	Ferneham Hall	1.00am	4.00am
Fenland	Eastern	Hudson Leisure Centre, Harecroft Road, Wisbech PE13 1RL	2.00am	5.30am
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	Northern Ireland	Omagh Leisure Centre	2:15am	3:30am
Fife	Scotland	Michael Woods Sports & Leisure Centre, Viewfield, Glenrothes, Fife	1.30-2.00am	3.30-4.00am
Flintshire	Wales	Coleg Cambria, Connah's Quay, Flintshire	1.00am	3.30am
Forest Heath	Eastern	Bury Leisure Centre (combined with St Edmundsbury)	2.00am	4.00am
Forest of Dean	South West	Oaklands Snooker Centre Foxes Bridge Road Cinderford	1.30am	3.30am
Foyle	Northern Ireland	Foyle Arena, Derry/Londonderry	11pm	12:30am
Fylde	North West	YMCA Mythop Road, Lytham	1.30am	3.00am
Gateshead	North East	Sports Halls 2 & 3 Gateshead Leisure Centre Alexandra Road Gateshead NE8 4JA	1.30am	3.00-4.00am
Gedling	East Midlands	Carlton Forum Leisure Centre	1.00am	3.30am
Gibraltar	South West	University of Gibraltar	12.00am (Gibraltar time)	2.00am (Gibraltar time)
Glasgow City	Scotland	Emirates Arena 1000 London Road, Glasgow	2:00 - 2:30am	5.00am
Gloucester	South West	Oxstalls Tennis Centre, Plock Court, Gloucester, GL2 9DW	2.00am	4.00am
Gosport	South Eastern	Town Hall, High Street, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 1EB	12.30am	3.00am
Gravesham	South Eastern	The Woodville, Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU	2.30am	5.00am
Great Yarmouth	Eastern	Assembly Room, Town Hall, Great Yarmouth NR30 2QF	1.30am	4.30am
Greenwich	London	Waterfront Leisure Centre, Woolwich High Road, Woolwich, LONDON, SE18 6DL	1.00am	3.30am
Guildford	South Eastern	The Spectrum, Parkway, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1UP	2.30am	5.30am
Gwynedd	Wales	Canolfan Arfon, Caernarfon	2.00am	3.00am
Hackney	London	Britannia Leisure Centre, 40 Hyde Rd, London N1 5JU	1.30am	4.30am
Halton	North West	Select Security Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes	1.00am	3.30am

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Hambleton	Yorkshire & Humber	Hambleton Leisure Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton, DL6 2UZ	1.00am	4.00am
Hammersmith & Fulham	London	Assembly Hall, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London, W6 9JU	1.00-1.30am	3.00-3.30am
Harborough	East Midlands	Harborough Leisure Centre, Northampton Road, Market Harborough LE16 9HF	2.30am	7.00am
Haringey	London	Great Hall, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, N22 7AY	1.30am	3.00am
Harlow	Eastern	Latton Bush Centre, Harlow, Essex CM18 7BL	12.30am	2.30am
Harrogate	Yorkshire & Humber	Hall Q, HIC. Kings Road, Harrogate HG1 5LA	1.00am	4.00am
Harrow	London	Harrow Leisure Centre, Christchurch Avenue Harrow HA3 5BD	12.00am	4.00am
Hart	South Eastern	Hart Leisure Centre, Hitches Lane, Fleet, GU51 4AE	12.00am	2.00am
Hartlepool	North East	Mill House Leisure Centre	11.30pm	1.00 -1.30am
Hastings	South Eastern	Horntye Park, Bohemia Road, Hastings, TN34 1EX	1.00am	3.00am
Havant	South Eastern	Havant Leisure Centre	12.30am	2.30am
Havering	London	Hornchurch Sport Centre, Harrow Lodge Park, Hornchurch Rd, RM11 1JU	1.00am	4.00am
Herefordshire	West Midlands	Hereford Leisure Centre, Holmer Road, Hereford, HR4 9UD	3.00am	6:00-7:00am
Hertsmere	Eastern	Allum Lane Community Centre, Allum Lane, Elstree, Herts, WD6 3PJ	12.30am	2.30am
High Peak	East Midlands	Gardens Marquee, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton	12.30am	2.30am
Highland	Scotland	HFA	3.00am	5.00am
Hillingdon	London	Middlesex Suite, Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW	2.00am	5.00am
Hinckley & Bosworth	East Midlands	Hinckley Leisure Centre, Argents Mead, Hinckley, LE10 1BZ	1.30am	6.00am
Horsham	South Eastern	Bluecoats Sports Centre, Christs Hospital, Horsham RH13 0YB	1.30am	4.00am
Hounslow	London	Lampton Park Conference Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow, TW3 4DN	2.00am	5.00am
Huntingdonshire	Eastern	One Leisure St Ives, Westwood Road, St Ives, PE27 6WU	2.00am	4.00am
Hyndburn	North West	The Ballroom, Town Hall, Blackburn Road, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 1LA	1.00am	2.30am
Inverclyde	Scotland	Inverclyde Waterfront Leisure Centre, Customhouse Way, Greenock	12.00am	3.00am
Ipswich	Eastern	The Grand Hall, Corn Exchange Ipswich IP1 1DH	12.00am	2.00am
Isle of Anglesey	Wales	Plas Arthur Leisure Centre, Llangefni	12.30am	2.30am
Isle of Wight	South Eastern	Medina Leisure Centre, Fairlee Road, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2 DX	1.30am	4.30am
Isles of Scilly	South West	Town Hall, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly	12.00am	1.30am

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Islington	London	Sobell Leisure Centre, Hornsey Road, N7 7NY	11.30pm-12.30am	1.30-3.00am
Kensington and Chelsea	London	The Great Hall, Kensington Conference & Events Centre, Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX	2.00am	5.00am
Kettering	East Midlands	Kettering Conference Centre, Thurston Drive, Kettering NN15 6PB	2.00am	5.00am
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	Eastern	King's Centre, Wellesley Street, King's Lynn PE30 1QD	1.30am	3.30am
Kingston upon Hull	Yorkshire & Humber	Guildhall, Hull	1.30am	3.30am
Kingston upon Thames	London	The King's Centre, Coppard Gardens, Chessington, KT9 2GZ	2.30am	4.30am
Kirklees	Yorkshire & Humber	Cathedral House St Thoms' Road, Huddersfield	2.30am	4.30-5.00am
Knowsley	North West	Knowsley Leisure & Culture Park, Longview Drive, Huyton, Knowsley, Merseyside L36 6EG	1.00am	3.00am
Lagan Valley	Northern Ireland	Lagan Valley Leisureplex, Lisburn	12:45am	1:30am
Lambeth	London	Brixton Recreation Centre, Brixton Station Road, London, SW9 8QQ	1.00am	2.30am
Lancaster	North West	Ashton Hall, Town Hall, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ	12.30am	3.30am
Leeds	Yorkshire & Humber	First Direct Arena, Arena Way, Leeds, LS2 8DY	2.30am	5.00am
Leicester	East Midlands	Aylestone Leisure Centre, Knighton Lane East, Leicester, LE2 6LU	3.00am	6.30am
Lewes	South Eastern	Lewes Leisure Centre	2.00am	4.00am
Lewisham	London	Army Cadet Force Training Centre, Hollyhedge House, Wat Tyler Road, Blackheath, SE3 0QZ	1.30 - 2.00am	4.00am
Lichfield	West Midlands	Burntwood Leisure Centre, High Street, Chasetown WS7 3XH	1.00am	4.00am
Lincoln	East Midlands	Lincoln Drill Hall, Free School Lane, Lincoln	12.00am	2.30am
Liverpool	North West	Wavertree Tennis Centre, Wellington Road, Liverpool.	2.00am	5.00am
Luton	Eastern	Inspire Sports Centre	1.30am	5.00am
Maidstone	South Eastern	Maidstone Exhibition Hall, Kent County Showground, Detling Hill, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF	12.00am	3.00am
Maldon	Eastern	Blackwater Leisure Centre, Park Drive, Maldon, Essex, CM9 5UR	1.30am	6.00am
Malvern Hills	West Midlands	Elgar Suite, The Abbey Hotel, Abbey Road, Malvern, WR14 3ET	12.30am	2.00am
Manchester	North West	Manchester Central Convention Centre, Petersfield, M2 3GX	2.30am	5.00am
Mansfield	East Midlands	Lindhurst Suite, Civic Centre, Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 7BH	1.45am	4.00am
Medway	South Eastern	Medway Park, Mill Street, Gillingham, ME7 1HF	1.30am	6.00am
Melton	East Midlands	The Civic Suite, Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1GH	1.00am	3.30am

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Mendip	South West	Council Offices, Mendip District Council, Cannard's Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT	2.30am	4.00am
Merthyr Tydfil	Wales	Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Centre	12.00am	1.30am
Merton	London	Canons Leisure Centre, Madeira Road, Mitcham, CR4 4HD	1.00am	2.30 am
Mid Devon	South West	Phoenix House, Tiverton, EX16 6PP	1.00am	4.00am
Mid Suffolk	Eastern	Events Ltd, Trinity Park , Felixstowe Road , Ipswich , IP3 8UH	2.00am	3.00am
Mid Sussex	South Eastern	Triangle Leisure Centre, Triangle Way, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0WA	1.30am	4.00am
Mid Ulster	Northern Ireland	Seven Towers Leisure Centre, Ballymena	2:30am	4:00am
Middlesbrough	North East	Middlesbrough Sports Village	12.00-1.00am	4.00-5.00am
Midlothian	Scotland	The Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg, EH19 2LA	12.45am	3.00am
Milton-Keynes	South Eastern	The Arena Stadium MK	12.30am	3.00am
Mole Valley	South Eastern	Dorking Sports Centre	1.00am	4.00am
Monmouthshire	Wales	Chepstow Leisure Centre, Crossway Green, Welsh Street, Chepstow	12.30am	3.00am
Moray	Scotland	Elgin Town Hall, Trinity Place, Elgin, IV30 1UL	1.30am	3.00am
Neath Port Talbot	Wales	Neath Sports Centre , Neath Abbey Road, Neath	12.00am	2.00am
New Forest	South Eastern	Applemore Health & Leisure Centre, Claypits Lane, Dibden, Southampton, SO45 5TN	1.00am	3.00am
Newark and Sherwood	East Midlands	Newark Sports and Fitness Centre, Bowbridge Road, Newark, NG24 4DH	1.45am	3.30am
Newcastle upon Tyne	North East	Sport Central, Northumbria University, Northumberland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne	11.00pm	1.00am
Newcastle-under-Lyme	West Midlands	The Ballroom, Keele Hall, Keele University	1.30am	4.00am
Newham	London	Lea Valley VeloPark, Abercrombie Road, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, E20 3AB	1.00am	3.00am
Newport	Wales	Wales National Velodrome, Spytty Park, Newport	1.00am	3.30am
Newry and Armagh	Northern Ireland	Banbridge Leisure Centre	1:45am	3:30am
North Antrim	Northern Ireland	Seven Towers Leisure Centre, Ballymena	12:30am	2:00am
North Ayrshire	Scotland	Sports Hall, St Matthew's Academy, Saltcoats	1.00am	3.00am
North Devon	South West	Leisure Centre, Barnstaple	1.45am	3.00am
North Dorset	South West	The Hub, The Blandford School, Milldown Road, Blandford Forum	12.30am	2.30am
North Down	Northern Ireland	Bangor Aurora Leisure Complex	12:15am	1:30am
North East Derbyshire	East Midlands	Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Market Street, Clay Cross, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 9LX	1:30am	4:30am

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North East Lincolnshire	Yorkshire & Humber	Auditorium, Cromwell Road, Grimsby	1.00am	3.00am
North Hertfordshire	Eastern	North Hertfordshire Leisure Centre, Baldock Road, Letchworth, SG6 2ER	11.30pm	1.30am
North Kesteven	East Midlands	ONE NK Centre, Moor Lane, North Hykeham LN6 9AX	2.00am	5.00am
North Lanarkshire	Scotland	Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility	12.30am	2.30am
North Lincolnshire	Yorkshire & Humber	The Pods, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN16 1AB	1.30am	4.30am
North Norfolk	Eastern	North Walsham High School, NR28 9HZ	1.00-2.00am	5.00-6.00am
North Somerset	South West	Hutton Moor Leisure Centre, Hutton Moor Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 8LY	2.00am	6.30am
North Tyneside	North East	The Parks, Howdon Road, North Shields.	12.30am	2.00am
North Warwickshire	West Midlands	Coleshill Leisure Centre, Packington Lane, Coleshill, B46 3JE	12.30am	2.00am
North West Leicestershire	East Midlands	Hermitage Leisure Centre, Silver Street, Whitwick LE67 5EU	1.00am	3.00am
Northampton	East Midlands	Lings Forum	1.00am	6.00am
Northumberland	North East	Blyth Sports Centre, Bolam Park, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5BT	2.00-3.00am	4.00-5.00am
Norwich	Eastern	St Andrews Hall	1.00am	4.00am
Nottingham	East Midlands	Nottingham Tennis Centre	2.00-3.00am	6.00-7.00am
Nuneaton and Bedworth	West Midlands	Civiic Hall, High Street, Bedworth	12.00am	2.00am
Oadby & Wigston	East Midlands	Parklands Leisure Centre	12.30-1.00am	2.30-3.00am
Oldham	North West	Queen Elizabeth Hall	12.00am	1.00am
Orkney Islands	Scotland	Kirkwall Grammar School	2:00am	3:00am
Oxford	South Eastern	Town Hall, Oxford	12.00am	2.00am
Pembrokeshire	Wales	Sir Thomas Picton, Leisure Centre	1.00am	4.00am
Pendle	North West	Pendle Leisure Centre, Colne	1.00am	3.00am
Perth and Kinross	Scotland	Bells Sports Centre, Hay Street, Perth	1.00am	3.00am
Peterborough	Eastern	Kingsgate Conference Centre, 2 Staplee Way, Peterborough	1.00am	3.00am
Plymouth	South West	Life Centre Plymouth	2.00am	5.00am
Poole	South West	Rossmore Leisure Centre, Herbert Avenue, Poole, BH12 4HR	2.00am	4.30am
Portsmouth	South Eastern	Portsmouth Guildhall	1.00am	3.30am
Powys	Wales	Clywd Glamorgan Hall, Royal Welsh, Builth Wells	1.30am	3.30am

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Preston	North West	Preston Guild Hall	1.30am	3.30am
Purbeck	South West	The Purbeck School, Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PF	12.30am	3.30am
Reading	South Eastern	Rivermead Sports Complex, Richfield Avenue, Reading	1.00am	3.00am
Redbridge	London	Town Hall, 128-142 High Road, Ilford IG1 1DD	12.00am	3.30am
Redcar & Cleveland	North East	Redcar & Cleveland Leisure and Community Heart Sports Hall, Ridley Street, Redcar, TS10 1TD	1.00am	3.30am
Redditch	West Midlands	Abbey Stadium, Redditch	2.00am	4.00am
Reigate & Banstead	South Eastern	Donyngs Leisure Centre, Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1DP	2.00-3.00am	5.00-6.00am
Renfrewshire	Scotland	Lagoon Leisure Centre, 11 Christie Street, PA1 1NB	1.00am	3.00am
Rhondda Cynon Taf	Wales	LLANTRISANT Leisure centre/Rhondda sports centre & Sobells Leisure centre	1.30am	3.30am
Ribble Valley	North West	Roefield Leisure Centre, Edisford Road, Clitheroe BB7 3LA	1.00am	2.30am
Richmond Upon Thames	London	Richmond upon Thames College, Egerton Road, TW2 7SJ	1.00am	5.00am
Richmondshire	Yorkshire & Humber	Catterick Leisure Centre, Gough Road, Catterick Garrison	12.00am	2.00am
Rochdale	North West	Heywood Sports Village, West Starkey Street, Heywood	1.00am	3.00am
Rochford	Eastern	Clements Hall Leisure Centre, Clements Hall Way, Hawkwell SS5 4LN	1.00am	3.30am
Rossendale	North West	Whitworth Civic Hall, Riverside Centre, Market Street, Whitworth OL12 8LT	1.30am	3.30am
Rother	South Eastern	De La Warr Pavilion	1.00am	4.00am
Rotherham	Yorkshire & Humber	Rotherham Leisure Centre	2.00am	4.00am
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	South Eastern	Magnet Leisure Centre, Holmanleaze Maidenhead, SL6 8AW	2.00am	6.00am
Rugby	West Midlands	Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby	12.30am	2.30am
Runnymede	South Eastern	The Hythe Centre, Thorpe Road, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 3HD	1.00am	3.00am
Rushcliffe	East Midlands	Rushcliffe Leisure Centre, Boundary Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham	2.00am	4.00am
Rushmoor	South Eastern	25 Templer Avenue, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 6FB	1.00am	2.30am
Rutland	East Midlands	Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP	2.00am	6.00am
Ryedale	Yorkshire & Humber	Ryedale House, Malton	1.00am	4.00am
Salford	North West	AJ Bell Stadium, 1 Stadium Way, Eccles M30 7EY	10:00pm-12:00am	1.30am
Sandwell	West Midlands	Tipton Sports Academy, Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton DY4 0BS	12.30am	2.00am

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Scarborough	Yorkshire & Humber	Scarboprough Sports Centre, Filey Road, Scarborough, YO11 2PY	12.30am	3.30am
Scottish Borders	Scotland	Springwood Hall, Springwood Park, Kelso, TD5 8LS	1.30am	4.00am
Sedgemoor	South West	The Canalside, BCC Huntworth, Marsh Lane, Huntworth, Bridgwater, TA6 6LQ	1.00am	3.00am
Sefton	North West	Aintree Racecourse, Omskirk Road, Aintree, Liverpool, L9 9AS	4.00am	6.00am
Selby	Yorkshire & Humber	The Former Profiles Gym, Portholme Crescent, Selby	1.00am	4.00am
Sevenoaks	South Eastern	Sevenoaks Leisure Centre	1.00am	4.00am
Sheffield	Yorkshire & Humber	English Institute of Sport, Coleridge Road, Sheffield S9 5DA	2.30am	4.30am
Shepway	South Eastern	Three Hills Sports Park, Cheriton Road, Folkestone	12.00am	3.00am
Shetland Islands	Scotland	Bowls Hall, Clickimin Leisure Complex, Lerwick	1.00am	2.00am
Shropshire	West Midlands	The Sports Village, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury SY1 4RQ	1.30am	6.00am
Slough	South Eastern	Montem Leisure Centre, Montem Lane, Slough SL1 2QG	2.00am	5.00am
Solihull	West Midlands	North Solihull Sports Centre, Conway Road, Birmingham, B37 5LA	2.00am	4.00am
South Antrim	Northern Ireland	Valley Leisure Centre, Newtownabbey	12:30am	2:30am
South Ayrshire	Scotland	Citadel Leisure Centre, South Harbour Street, Ayr KA7 1JB	1.00am	5.00am
South Bucks	South Eastern	Capswood, Oxford Road, Denham, UB9 4LH	12.00am	3.00am
South Cambridgeshire	Eastern	Cambourne Village College	1.30am	4.00am
South Derbyshire	East Midlands	The Green Bank Leisure Centre, Civic Way, Swadlincote, DE11 0AD	1.30am	3.30am
South Down	Northern Ireland	Lagan Valley Leisureplex, Lisburn	2:15am	3:30am
South Gloucestershire	South West	The Summer Hall and Severnside 2, Thornbury Leisure Centre, Alveston Hill, Thornbury, BS35	2.00am	5.00-6.00am
South Hams	South West	Totnes Pavilion, Borough Park Road, Totnes	1.30am	3.30am
South Holland	East Midlands	Springfields Events and Conference Centre	2.00am	5.00am
South Kesteven	East Midlands	Grantham Meres Leisure Centre, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ	3.00am	6.00am
South Lakeland	North West	Westmorland Hall, Kendal Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal, Cumbria	1.30am	2.30am
South Lanarkshire	Scotland	John Wright Sports Centre, Calderwood Road, East Kilbride	12.00am	2.00am
South Norfolk	Eastern	Long Stratton Leisure Centre, Swan Lane, Long Stratton, Norwich	12.30am	2.00am
South Northamptonshire	East Midlands	Towcester Centre For Leisure - Towcester	2.00am	6.00am

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South Oxfordshire	South Eastern	White Horse Tennis and Leisure Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3PJ	2.00am	4.30am
South Ribble	North West	South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre, Cuerden Way, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6BJ	2.00am	4.00am
South Somerset	South West	Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT	1.30am	3.30am
South Staffordshire	West Midlands	Codsall Leisure Centre, Elliot's Lane, Codsall, WV8 1PG	2.00am	4.00am
South Tyneside	North East	Temple Park Centre, John Reid Road, South Shields, NE34 8QN	12.00am	2.00am
Southampton	South Eastern	The O2 Guildhall, Southampton	1.30am	4.00am
Southend-on-Sea	Eastern	Southend Leisure & Tennis Centre, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4FA	12.30am	3.00am
Southwark	London	160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH	1.00am	3.00am
Spelthorne	South Eastern	Spelthorne Leisure Centre, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 1AJ	2.30am	4.30am
St Albans	Eastern	Batchwood Sports Centre, Batchwood Drive, St Albans, AL3 5XA	1.00am	3.00am
St. Edmundsbury	Eastern	Bury Leisure Centre (combined with Forest Heath)	2.00am	4.00am
St. Helens	North West	St Helens Town Hall, Victoria Square, St Helens, Merseyside WA10 1HP	11.30pm	2.30am
Stafford	West Midlands	Stafford Leisure Centre, Lammascote Road, Stafford, ST16 3TA	1.30am	4.00am
Staffordshire Moorlands	West Midlands	Brough Park Leisure Centre, Leek	12.30am	2.30am
Stevenage	Eastern	Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1LZ	11.45pm	2.00am
Stirling	Scotland	Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 2QL	12.00am	1.30am
Stockport	North West	Stockport Town Hall, Stockport	12.30am	1.30am
Stockton-on-Tees	North East	Thornaby Pavilion	1.30am	4.30am
Stoke-on-Trent	West Midlands	Fenton Manor Sports Complex	2.00am	4.00am
Strangford	Northern Ireland	Bangor Aurora Leisure Complex	12:15am	1:30am
Stratford-on-Avon	West Midlands	Stratford on Avon Leisure Centre	1.00am	3.00am
Stroud	South West	Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, GL5 4AF	1.00am	4.00am
Suffolk Coastal	Eastern	Suffolk Police HQ - Martlesham Heath	1.00am	3.30am
Sunderland	North East	Silksworth Community Pool, Tennis and Wellness Centre, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland, SR3 1PD	11.30pm	12.30am
Surrey Heath	South Eastern	Camberley Theatre, Knoll Road, Camberley GU15 3SY	2.00am	3.30am
Sutton	London	Westcroft Leisure Centre, Westcroft Road, Carshalton, SM5 2TG	11.30pm - 12.00am	3.00-3.30am

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Swale	South Eastern	Swallows Leisure Centre, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4NT	1.00am	4.00am
Swansea	Wales	LC Swansea	12.00am	2.30am
Swindon	South West	Oasis Leisure Centre, Swindon	12.00am	1.00am
Tameside	North West	Dukinfield Town Hall, King Street, Dukinfield	3.00am	5.00am
Tamworth	West Midlands	Rawlett Community Sports Centre, Comberford Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B79 9AA	12.30am	2.00am
Tandridge	South Eastern	De Stafford Sports Centre, Burntwood Lane, Caterham, CR3 7YX	1.00-1.30am	3.00-3.30am
Taunton Deane	South West	Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Cheddon Road, Taunton	1.30am	3.30pm
Teignbridge	South West	Newton Abbot Racecourse	2.30am	4.30am
Telford & Wrekin	West Midlands	TCAT Sports Hall, Haybridge Road , Wellington, Telford TF1 2NP	1.00-1.30am	3.00-3.30am
Tendring	Eastern	Main Hall, Clacton Leisure Centre, Vista Road, CO15 6 DB	12.00am	4.00am
Test Valley	South Eastern	Andover Leisure Centre, West Street, Andover	12.30am	4.00am
Tewkesbury	South West	The Council Offices, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury, Glos. GL20 5TT	3.00am	4.30am
Thanet	South Eastern	Winter Gardens, Thanet	1.00am	3.00am
The Vale of Glamorgan	Wales	Barry Leisure Centre	1.30am	4.00am
Three Rivers	Eastern	Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth WD3 1RL	12.30am	3.30am
Thurrock	Eastern	The Backstage Centre, High House Production Park, Purfleet, Essex RM19 1RJ	11.30pm	3.00-4.00am
Tonbridge & Malling	South Eastern	Larkfield Leisure Centre, New Hythe Lane, Larkfield, Kent	2.00am	4.00am
Torbay	South West	Riviera International Conference Centre	1.00am	3.00am
Torfaen	Wales	Pontypool Active Living Centre	12.30am	3.00am
Torrif	South West	Langtree Parish Hall, Langtree, Torrington EX39 8RH	2.00am	4.00-6.00am
Tower Hamlets	London	East Wintergarden, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5AB	1.00-1.30am	3.00-4.00am
Trafford	North West	Lancashire Country Cricket Club, Talbot Road, Stretford, Manchester, M16 0PX	1.00am	3.00am
Tunbridge Wells	South Eastern	Putlands Leisure Centre Paddock Wood	1.00am	3.00-4.00am
Upper Bann	Northern Ireland	Banbridge Leisure Centre	12:30am	2:00am
Uttlesford	Eastern	Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre, Peaslands Road, Saffron Walden CB11 3EG White Horse Tennis and Leisure Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14	1.30am	3.00am
Vale of White Horse	South Eastern	3PJ	2.00am	4.30am

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Wakefield	Yorkshire & Humber	Thornes Park Athletics Stadium, Wakefield	2.00am	4.00am
Walsall	West Midlands	Wolverhampton University, Walsall Campus, Sports Centre, Grorway Road, Walsall, WS1 3BD	1.00am	3.30am
Waltham Forest	London	Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4JF	12.00am	4.00am
Wandsworth	London	Civic Suite, Wandsworth Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU	11.30pm	12.30am
Warrington	North West	Birchwood Tennis and Leisure Centre	2.30am	4.30am
Warwick	West Midlands	Warwick Hall, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 1LZ	1.30am	3.00am
Watford	Eastern	Watford Central Leisure Centre, Peace Prospect, Watford, WD17 3HA	2.00am	3-.00-4.00am
Waveney	Eastern	Water Lane Leisure Centre, Lowestoft, NR32 2NH	5.00am	7.00am
Waverley	South Eastern	The Edge Leisure Centre, Woolmer Hill Road, Woolmer Hill, Haslemere, GU27 1QB	2.00am	4.00am
Wealden	South Eastern	Hailsham Civic Community Hall, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX	2.30am	6.00am
Wellingborough	East Midlands	Redwell Leisure Centre, Barnwell Road, Wellingborough, NN8 5LP	12:00am	2.30- 3.00am
Welwyn Hatfield	South Eastern	Rollercity, Campus West, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6B	1:50am	4:30am
West Berkshire	South Eastern	Sports Hall, Newbury College, Monks Lane, Newbury, RG14 7TD	12.30am	3.00am
West Devon	South West	West Devon Borough Council Offices, Kilworthy Park, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 0BZ	2.00am	5.00am
West Dorset	South West	St Osmunds Community Sports Hall, Dorchester	2.00am	4.00am
West Dunbartonshire	Scotland	Playdrome in Clydebank	1.00am	3.00am
West Lancashire	North West	Burscough Fitness & Racquets Leisure Centre, Bobby Langton Way, Burscough, L40 0SD	1.30am	4.00am
West Lindsey	East Midlands	West Lindsey Leisure Centre, The Avenue, Gainsborough DN21 1EP	2.00am	5.00am
West Lothian	Scotland	West Lothian College, Almondvale Crescent, Livingston, EH54 7EP	12.45am	3.30am
West Oxfordshire	South Eastern	Windrush Leisure Centre, Witan Way, Witney, OX28 4YA	1.00am	3.00am
West Somerset	South West	Danesfield Middle School, North Road, Williton	1.00am	3.00am
West Tyrone	Northern Ireland	Omagh Leisure Centre	11:30pm	1:00am
Westminster	London	Lindley Hall, Royal Horticultural Halls, 80 Vincent Sqaure, SW1P 2PE	12.30am	2.00am
Weymouth	South West	The Ocean Room, Weymouth Pavillion, Weymouth	1.00am	3.00am
Wigan	North West	2 Locations at Robin Park Sports Hall and Leigh Sports Hall	1.30am	1.30am
Wiltshire	South West	4 venues - Civic Centre, Trowbridge, Devizes Leisure Centre, Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Salisbury and Olympiad Leisure Centre, Chippenham	2.00am	4.30am

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Winchester	South Eastern	The Guildhall	2.00am	6.30am
Wirral	North West	Wirral Tennis & Sports Centre, Valley Road, Bidston, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 7EJ	2.00am	4.00am
Woking	South Eastern	HG Wells Conference and Events Centre, Woking.	1.00am	2.30am
Wokingham	South Eastern	Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, Lower Earley	2.00am	3.00am
Wolverhampton	West Midlands	Aldersley Leisure Village, Aldersley Rd, Wolverhampton WV6 9NW	2.00am	4.00am
Worcester	West Midlands	Guildhall, High street, Worcester WR1 2EY	2.00am	3.00-4.00am
Worthing	South Eastern	Assembly Hall, Stoke Abbott Road, Worthing BN11 1HQ	2.30am	6.30am
Wrexham	Wales	Glyndwr sports Centre Wrexham	12.30am	2.00am
Wychavon	West Midlands	Pershore Leisure Centre, King Georges Way, Pershore, Worcs WR10 1QU	1.00am	5.00am
Wycombe	South Eastern	The Wycombe Sports Centre	1.30am	3.00am
Wyre	North West	Marine Hall, The Esplanade, Fleetwood, Lancashire FY7 6HF	1.00am	3.00am
Wyre Forest	West Midlands	Wyre Forest Glades Arena, Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster, Worcs	1.00am	4.00am
York	Yorkshire & Humber	Energise, Cornlands Road, Acomb, York	2.00am	4.00am

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