

# #GE2017 Edinburgh South West announce their result

Edinburgh South West has voted for the status quo at this General Election.

At 4:00am the SNP's Joanna Cherry QC was re-elected as MP.

## Candidates for Edinburgh South West 2017:

Miles Edward Frank Briggs, Scottish Conservative and Unionist  
16,478

Joanna Catherine Cherry, Scottish National Party (SNP) –  
17,575

Foysool Hussain Choudhury, Scottish Labour Party – 13,213

Aisha Jawaid Mir, Scottish Liberal Democrats – 2,124

Joanna began her victory speech by thanking police officers throughout the day at polling stations. She went on to say “Leaving the EU and crashing out of the single market is an act of madness.

“It will have a negative effect on the economy and our society as a whole. You have my word, I will fight till my last breath to oppose Brexit and keep Scotland, and the whole of the United Kingdom, inside the single market.”

✘ The constituency, which stretches as far as Heriot-Watt University, encompasses Currie and Balerno to the west; Swanston to the south; Sighthill, Dalry, and Gorgie to the North and Fountainbridge.

This area previously voted for Labour but in the 2015 General Election Alistair Darling, leader of the No Campaign against Scottish Independence, lost his seat to Joanna Cherry,

Scottish National Party (SNP) at a landslide of 43% of the vote compared to 23% for Labour, a rise for the SNP from 12.2% in 2010.

Edinburgh South West had a 71.6% voter turnout (51,678 votes) in 2015 compared to 69.49% this time.

Scottish Labour lost all but one of its constituencies in the city in 2015. Only Edinburgh South retained its Labour preferences, who have reelected Ian Murry once more. This general election, called by Prime Minister Theresa May amid political turmoil and "Brexit" negotiations has once again plummeted the city to ask who we want to lead us during the next term.

Edinburgh voted in favour to remain within the European Union in June 2016 with 73% of the city voting to stay.