

Elections for Everyone – A summary

This is a summary of the Electoral Commission report called *Elections for Everyone*, published in November 2017.

The report is about registering to vote and voting from the view of someone with a disability. It tells you about the problems voters with a disability have when they vote and how they would like to see things change for the better. It also tells you what should be done to help make elections more accessible for everyone.

- There should be **no barriers** to voting for people with a disability.
- Everyone should have the right to vote on their own and in secret. Voting should be a good experience for everyone.
- People with disabilities don't always know about their voting rights. They need to know that they can vote and that they can have support to vote.
- Care and support workers need to know how they can support the people they care for when they vote.
- People running elections need to understand the needs of people with disabilities so they can support them and to make it easy for them to register to vote and to vote.
- Candidates and parties should make sure information is in easy-to-read formats and available in good time before the election so people have the time to read it.

- When political parties publish their manifestos, they should make sure accessible formats are available at the same time. People with a disability should have just as much time as anyone else to understand what the parties stand for. It is important that everyone has plenty of time to think about their decision before they vote on election day.
- The Government should look at different ways that people with disabilities can vote so that they have greater flexibility and choice.

The Electoral Commission wants to work with people and organisations to help make sure **everyone's experience** of voting is as easy as possible.

This is a short version of the report. If you would like to find the full report - please look at the Electoral Commission website.