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May 2021 election: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

As set out in our e-mail to Electoral Registration Officers and Returning Officers on 11 April, which was sent further to the sad news about the recent passing of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and the confirmation of the funeral arrangements, we can confirm that there are no changes to the election timetable for the polls scheduled to take place on 6 May 2021. You should therefore continue with your work to deliver the election as planned.

As always, please do contact infoscotland@electoralcommission.org.uk should you have any questions or concerns, and we would be happy to assist.

May 2021 election: public awareness resources

With under one week to go until the voter registration deadline on Monday 19 April, we wanted to remind you of the [digital and print resources](#) you can download and use to help raise awareness of the registration deadline and different ways to vote.

We have also produced the following resources for use ahead of polling day, to help you share key information with voters about what they need to know about voting in person, what to expect at polling stations, and how to keep their vote safe from electoral fraud.

- [Get ready to vote](#) – a template press release designed to help you communicate that polling stations will be safe places to vote, and to encourage residents to make sure they check the information on their poll card.
- [A guide to polling day](#) – a template FAQ document with important information for voters to know ahead of and on polling day. It includes answers to common questions, such as how to find out where their polling place is, what they need to take with them and what to do if they have Covid-19 symptoms before polling day. This document can be used on your websites, as well as in communication with media.

We recommend that you use this resource in the final week before the polls.

- [Your vote is yours alone](#) – the campaign launched on 12 April and aims to help prevent electoral fraud and empower voters to know what to do if they spot signs of electoral malpractice.

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