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2021 canvass in Great Britain: progress report

We have today (Wednesday 10 November) published [a report on progress with the 2021 canvass](#). The report highlights the key findings from our engagement with EROs from July to September 2021, and also draws out some examples of good practice which have emerged.

The data you provided in response to the ERO survey has shown that the allocation of properties to canvass routes after national and local data matching has followed a similar pattern this year to last.

75% of properties were allocated to Route 1 – the matched property route, which EROs use to canvass properties where they are satisfied that there are no changes needed and have no reason to believe that there are any additional electors to be added. 24% of properties were allocated to Route 2, which is the route EROs use where they think changes are needed to the register.

Good progress is being reported with delivery of the canvass as a whole, with the majority of EROs not having identified any significant barriers to delivering this year's canvass (75%). However, of the remainder of respondents, nearly two-thirds noted that budgeting/funding and/or staffing have been particularly challenging elements of the canvass so far this year.

We will continue to engage with EROs and their teams over the remainder of the canvass and throughout the period leading up to the May 2022 elections, and will next report on the findings from this engagement and our analysis of the data and information we are provided, following the publication of the annual registers.

Job vacancies at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for two Senior Advisers (Electoral Guidance) for our Electoral Guidance Team.

The closing date for applications for both posts is 21 November 2021.

If you would like an informal discussion about the roles, please contact Mark Pascoe, Electoral Registration Guidance Manager, on 020 7271 0690.

For further information or to apply, please visit the [recruitment page](#) of our website.

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