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EA Bulletins are issued on a regular basis. They are one of our key channels for communicating with Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and their staff. Past issues of Bulletins for England, Scotland and Wales are available [here](#). You can also [subscribe to the EA Bulletins](#).

Please [keep us informed](#) of any staff changes within your team. This will help us to keep our mailing lists up-to-date.

We are sending you this newsletter as it contains important information about the Electoral Commission's work which is relevant to you. The newsletter forms part of the Electoral Commission's public task which has its basis in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. We will manage your personal information and contact details in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and UK data protection legislation as outlined in our [privacy notice](#)

May 2022 elections: public awareness update

New resources are now available to help you raise public awareness of the Scottish council elections including registration deadlines, different ways to vote (in person, by post and by proxy) and how to complete the ballot paper using numbers. These include social media graphics, posters, social media post templates, short animations and more.

Voter registration

As the registration deadline approaches, we know you'll be continuing to work hard to ensure as many people as possible are registered to vote so they can take part. We'll once again be running our 'Got 5?' voter registration campaign encouraging people to use the five spare minutes they have to register to vote.

We have made available a range of [voter registration resources](#) which promote the registration deadline (18 April in Scotland).

Voter information

We have once again also made available [voter information resources](#) which include messaging on how to complete your ballot papers using numbers, polling place opening times, tellers, support at polling places and postal and proxy voting. They are designed to help you communicate the essential information voters need in order to cast their vote with confidence in the upcoming elections.

May 2022 elections: post-election data collection

As you know, at each set of elections, the Commission collects key administrative data from Electoral Registration Officers and Returning Officers. This data provides important evidence to support our work in reporting on elections across the UK.

What data are we going to collect?

We have now published [a list of the core data](#) that we will collect after each set of elections. We hope that this helps to provide you with early clarity as to the data that we will be looking for and will support you with putting arrangements in place as necessary to

collect and collate it. This list will apply for the May 2022 elections, and we have highlighted where it differs from what we collected after the May 2021 polls.

In future, we only intend to vary this list in response to specific issues arising at a poll or in response to significant changes in administrative processes. If there are additional changes or bespoke fields we need to collect for a specific election, we will highlight these to you through a Bulletin and make it clear what has changed.

We will update you in a future Bulletin when the data collection for the May 2022 polls is open, and will confirm the deadlines for submission at that time.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact research@electoralcommission.org.uk

Job vacancy at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for a Regional Liaison Officer (Eastern) to join our English regional team.

The closing date for the post is Monday 21 February 2022.

If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please contact Heather Bush, Regional Manager (Eastern) on 020 7271 0590.

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

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