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May 2022 elections: post-election feedback and data collection

Last week saw the delivery of an important set of elections across the UK.

This marked the culmination of substantial efforts from across the electoral community. Electoral administrators, polling station staff and many others have worked hard to support voter registration, enable postal and polling station voting, and count the votes that have been cast. The delivery of these polls is a testament to your commitment to the democratic process.

The Commission will now start a process of information gathering and evaluation so that we can formally report in the autumn on how the elections were delivered, and on the experiences of voters, candidates, campaigners and administrators.

As part of this process, we will once again be asking for your support in providing us with data and feedback to inform our reporting. Further information on submitting data to us, including links to surveys and deadlines, is contained below. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the available surveys or distributed survey links.

Electoral administration feedback

If you would like to give us your feedback, you can do so by completing our [survey](#).

The survey seeks your views on aspects of the administration of the elections, as well as on the guidance and support provided by the Commission. The deadline for responses is 8 June. Please [contact us](#) if you have any queries about this survey.

Candidate survey

This [survey](#) is open until 8 June and we would be grateful if those who haven't already could email a link to the survey to those candidates for whom you hold an email address.

To help you with sharing the survey, we have prepared the following text that you could use:

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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 (<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/privacy-notice>)

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you may [unsubscribe](#) at any time.

Dear Candidate,

The Electoral Commission are surveying candidates who stood for election in May 2022. The survey covers a variety of topics about your experience of standing as a candidate, from nominations to the count, which the Commission will use to inform their reporting on the administration of the polls.

The survey should take around **15 minutes** to complete and it will be open from **Friday 6 May**. You can complete the questionnaire online at this link: <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/ECECandidates>

The deadline for this feedback to be considered as part of the Commission's election reporting is **8 June 2022**.

All information you provide will be treated in strictest confidence and it will not be possible to identify any individual in the published results. You can read the Electoral Commission's privacy notice [here](#).

Please [contact us](#) with any queries about this survey.

Polling station staff survey

The 10-minute [survey](#) for polling station staff will stay open for at least another week and, if you haven't already shared the survey, we would be grateful if you could email a link to polling station staff who worked on 5 May. Should you have any queries about this survey, please [contact us](#).

Electoral data

We will be sending out emails from 12 May inviting you to submit electoral data for the local elections through our online data portal. The email will come from research@electoralcommission.org.uk to your generic local authority elections email address (in the majority of cases); some individuals may also receive an email direct to their own work email address. You will likely need to reset your password before entering data.

If your authority does not receive an email, please contact us.

Please read the [user guide](#) before starting to fill out any data.

The deadline for submission of data is Friday 10 June. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

May 2022 elections: advice surgeries for candidates and agents

Following last week's elections, we are providing ongoing support to candidates and agents with their spending returns, which includes hosting some advice surgeries. We would appreciate your help in advertising this service, and have included more details below for you to share with those who stood for election in your area:

The Electoral Commission is hosting advice surgeries for candidates and agents. 15 minute slots are available to speak with an expert advisor at the Commission to discuss any queries around how to complete your spending return. Appointments will be

available throughout the scheduled days on a first come, first served basis.

The surgeries will take place on:

- Thursday 19 May
- Tuesday 24 May
- Monday 30 May (for any last minute queries or questions ahead of the deadline for returns)

If you would like to book an appointment for a conversation or would like further information, please email Eliza Fennell on EFennell@electoralcommission.org.uk. Please provide your preferred time for a slot and the Commission will try to accommodate this, subject to availability. All sessions will take place virtually.

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