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Electoral Commission report on the May 2022 elections in England

The Electoral Commission has today (Wednesday 21 September) published a report on the May 2022 elections in England. We found that overall people were confident that these elections were well-run and were highly satisfied with the process of registering to vote and voting. These findings are a testament to the hard work of electoral administrators.

While the pattern of elections was less complex this year than in May 2021, with fewer combinations of elections and unscheduled elections, the resilience of electoral administration teams remains a concern. We heard from you that staffing and booking venues posed a significant challenge in some areas.

We know that the range and scale of changes to be introduced by the Elections Act adds to these concerns, with some significant changes intended to be delivered for the first time at the May 2023 local elections. Effective implementation will rely on the detailed secondary legislation being in place in time to allow the necessary preparations to be made, as well as on early clarity on the funding that will be available to support delivery of the changes.

The report also highlights that a notable proportion of candidates told us that they experienced some form of abuse or intimidation. Robust debate is an essential feature of election campaigns, but this must not lead to threats, abuse or intimidation that discourage candidates from standing for election or campaigning.

You can read the [full report and our recommendations on our website](#).

Separate reports have also been published on the elections in [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#) and [Wales](#).

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