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Elections Act: accessibility guidance

The Elections Act includes provisions relating to assisting disabled people to vote and introduces a duty on the Commission to provide guidance for Returning Officers (ROs) on the requirement to provide reasonable equipment to assist disabled voters in polling stations. ROs in Scotland must have regard to this guidance for UK Parliamentary elections.

We have now published the [guidance for ROs on assistance with voting for disabled electors](#).

Following an initial consultation on the draft guidance in the autumn, the statutory consultation on an updated version ran from 5 December to 16 January. We received 42 responses from members of the public, electoral administrators, and a wide range of charity, civil society and third sector organisations. You can find a [summary of the feedback received](#) and how we have changed the guidance as a result on our website.

Should you require any further support, please contact infoscotland@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Welcome to Your Vote Week 2023

Thank you for all your support in promoting Welcome to Your Vote Week 2023.

We saw over 150 participating schools and youth groups across Scotland with young people learning about our democracy, voting and more. Young people have participated in democracy lessons, registration drives, talks with local representatives and social media campaigns. Take a look on social media with #WelcomeToYourVote and #OurDemocracy.

If you worked with young people, schools or youth groups during Welcome to Your Vote Week, please take two minutes to [share your thoughts with us](#) so we can make Welcome to Your Vote Week 2024 bigger and better.

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Welcome to Your Vote Week 2023

A thank you for taking part and promoting the week, and a reminder of our education resources.

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.

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[Our education resources](#) are available all year round on our website. If you would like to discuss our education work please contact Catherine Heggie at cheggie@electoralcommission.org.uk.

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