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May 2023 elections: use of voter ID data on and after polling day

The introduction of the requirement in the Elections Act 2022 for voters at polling stations to show photographic ID before they receive their ballot paper also includes new rules on the collection and disclosure of information relating to the operation of the new voter ID requirements.

We have produced a [guidance note](#) for ROs and EROs which outlines the legal requirements for the collation and sharing of such data. Some of this data may only be shared with the UK Government and Electoral Commission because of specific legislative restrictions, but some may be shared more widely. The note aims to support ROs and EROs to make decisions on how and when to share data locally.

May 2023 elections: polling station handbook

We have published [additional guidance](#) which is designed to be read with the [polling station handbook for the local elections in England](#), providing further information relating to the process for asking prescribed questions. This takes the form of [an insert](#) to the handbook which can be printed and shared with polling station staff, and explicitly sets out the information that must be put to electors before the prescribed questions are asked.

Proxy application form for anonymous electors

We have published an application form which can be used by anonymous electors who wish to apply to vote by proxy. The form is available in the [voter-facing section of our website](#).

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