

# electoral administration bulletin

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## May 2024 elections: gathering feedback

As we do each year, the Commission will be reporting on the May 2024 elections. Our reports depend heavily on the feedback and information we receive from the people who run and participate in the polls. We very much appreciate your help in either responding to or distributing these surveys.

### Polling station staff survey

We are carrying out a survey of polling station staff to collect feedback about their polling day experiences. We would appreciate your help in highlighting the survey to your polling station staff.

There will be two ways for staff to access the survey:

- The polling station handbook (hard copy and digital) features a QR code which staff can use a smart phone to scan to access the survey.
- We will provide a link to the online survey closer to polling day which you can circulate to your polling station staff.

In both cases, the link to the survey will go live on the afternoon of polling day. If you have any queries about the survey, please contact [research@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:research@electoralcommission.org.uk).

### Feedback from electoral administrators

We would also like feedback from administrators and Returning Officers responsible for running the polls. This not only informs our post-election reporting but will also help us to improve how we support you in delivering well-run elections in the future. This year it will be particularly useful to hear about your experience of implementing the voter ID requirement, as well as information on the accessibility measures in place in your area.

We will provide a link to the survey closer to polling day. It will be made live on Friday 3 May and the deadline for completion will be Friday 7 June. If you have any queries about the feedback survey please contact [researchsurvey@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:researchsurvey@electoralcommission.org.uk).

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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

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## May 2024 elections: pre-election webinars and advice surgeries

We are hosting another pre-election webinar for candidates and their agents taking part in the upcoming elections. We've included a copy of the invitation below, for you to share with those you know want to stand for election in your area, particularly independent candidates.

### Next candidate and agent webinar – 11 April

'The Electoral Commission is hosting a pre-election webinar for candidates and their agents taking part in Local and Parish elections in England on 02 May 2024. The webinar will be held between 13:00 and 14:00 on 11 April and will provide essential information on the spending and donation rules, including:

- When the spending rules apply
- How much you can spend
- Notional spending rules
- Who you can accept donations from
- What you need to report after the election in your spending return
- Guidance on harassment and intimidation at elections and when it goes too far.

There will also be a chance to ask questions.

The webinar will take place using Microsoft Teams on Thursday 11 April 2023 at 13:00-14:00.

Please [complete the Commission's form](#) to confirm your attendance, and let them know if you have a specific question or topic you would like covered on the day.

If you cannot make the time and date, please still register to attend – all registered attendees will receive a copy of the slides and a copy of the Q&A from the day.'

### Slides are available from our previous webinar for candidates and agents

Our previous webinar for candidates and agents on 06 March covered rules on nominations as well as candidate spending was well attended by candidates and agents. We have sent slides and follow-up information to a significant number of candidates, agents and electoral services staff. The slides are now available on the resources pages of our guidance for candidates and agents in [local](#) and [parish](#) elections for those who were unable to attend.

### Advice Surgeries for candidates and agents

We are also offering 15-minute appointments with an expert advisor at the Commission to discuss specific issues relating to the spending and donation laws, and to answer any queries candidates and agents might have.

Virtual appointments will be available using Microsoft Teams throughout the following days, on a first come, first served basis. Before the election these will be held on:

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.

Thursday 18 April, Thursday 25 April, and Friday 26 April.

Please feel free to share this information with those standing for election in your area. To request an appointment, candidates and agents should [complete our form](#) and can contact Stuart Butler on [sbutler@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:sbutler@electoralcommission.org.uk) if they have any further questions about the advice surgeries.

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### **Job Vacancy at the Electoral Commission**

We are currently recruiting to the following position in our Support & Improvement team:

- Senior Adviser - Improvement

The closing date for applications for this post is 2 April 2024. If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please contact Amy Symons, Improvement Manager, on 020 7271 0516.

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

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