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May 2024 elections: electoral data collection update

As usual, the Commission is collecting key administrative data from Electoral Registration Officers and Returning Officers. We are collecting the data using [our data portal](#) and a [full user guide](#) is also available. From Friday 3rd May you will be able to log on to the data portal to fill in data. You will receive an email to your electoral services email address with details on how to logon/reset your password on the day after the election.

In [Bulletin 383](#) we shared details of the data we are planning to collect. There are two amendments to the specification from the version circulated in March:

- **Postal vote handling** – the data guidance has been updated to take account of the different approaches to collecting data that will be needed in areas with multiple polls and with separate postal ballot issues. We have also clarified that the data should include postal votes handed in both at polling stations and council premises.
- **Tendered ballots** – the data specification for the London Mayoral election has been updated to include data on tendered ballots (this was already included for local government and PCC elections).

The data is being collected in two phases:

- Data related to voter ID – the deadline for returns is **Friday 17th May**.
- Core administrative data including that related to postal voting, rejected votes etc – the deadline for returns is **Friday 14th June**.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact research@electoralcommission.org.uk.

May 2024 elections: gathering feedback

In [Bulletin 382](#) we set out our plans for collecting feedback around the polls. Some of the key information is included again below as a reminder.

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.

Feedback from you

We would also like feedback from electoral administrators and Returning Officers. 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.

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