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UKPGE: A message from the Commission

Ahead of polling day on Thursday, we wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all good luck for the next few days, and to thank you and your staff for your continued hard work.

We recognise the significant challenges you have faced in preparing for this election, particularly given timing of the election and the short notice of the poll.

A UK general election is, by its nature, high profile, and we know this impacts directly on your work, with increased media scrutiny and significant levels of interest in registering and absent vote applications creating administrative challenges that you have worked very hard to respond to.

We will be reporting on both the May 2024 polls in England and Wales and the UKGPE, including consideration of any areas where we think changes could usefully be made and we look forward to your feedback and reflections for that in the period after the election.

Meanwhile, we wish you well in managing the polls and the count.

UKPGE: Out-of-hours advice during the election period

We are providing an out-of-hours telephone advice service to deal with urgent electoral administration queries in the run up to and immediately following the UKPGE, and we thought it would be helpful to remind you of how you can contact us.

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Good luck and thank you for all your hard work.

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A reminder of how to contact the Commission for guidance and support during election week.

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](#).

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Contacting us during normal office hours

Our Scotland team will be available between the hours of 08:30 and 17:30 throughout the election period to support you as usual. If you are contacting us during normal office hours, please contact the Scotland team: 0131 225 0200.

Alternatively, you can email us at:
infoscotland@electoralcommission.org.uk.

Contacting us outside of normal working hours

Our out-of-hours urgent advice service is now operational and includes weekends throughout the election period.

Evening cover will be from 17:30 until 21:00 and weekend cover from 10:00 until 16:00.

Additionally, there will be 24-hour cover available on polling day, and weekend cover over Saturday 6 July and Sunday 7 July. We can be contacted out-of-hours by calling: 07917 038549.

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