

# electoral administration bulletin



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## July 2024 UKPGE: A message from the Commission

Delivering a general election is a considerable task. It is to the credit of (Acting) Returning Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and the dedication and professionalism of their teams that the poll last week was delivered successfully at short notice.

Overall, our initial assessment is that polling day ran smoothly and people were able to cast their votes securely. The focus now is on politics and the results and not on the process of running the poll, which is exactly as it should be.

However, we are aware of the continued pressures on electoral administrators in running a general election within the current framework, and we know that there were instances where electors did not receive the standard of service we would all want them to.

We will now be collecting evidence from people who participated in these elections as voters, candidates, campaigners and administrators, to better understand their experiences and to inform our post-election reporting. This will enable us to fully review the election and consider any recommendations - whether for us, governments or the electoral community - that could improve the process in the future.

## UKPGE: Voter ID and administrative data collection

Our [data portal](#) is now live for the submission of two sets of data:

- Data related to voter ID (deadline: Friday 19 July)
- Core administrative data (deadline: Friday 16 August)

Full details on the data being requested is available [here](#). There is also a [user guide](#) for the portal and [a spreadsheet](#) which can be used to total the polling station data on voter ID. You should now be able to log on to the data portal to fill in data.

You should also have received an email, on Friday 5 June, to your electoral services email address with details on how to logon/reset your password. If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact [research@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:research@electoralcommission.org.uk).

## **UKPGE: gathering feedback**

We have several live surveys designed to gather feedback from those involved in different aspects of the election. This is important evidence to inform our reporting on the poll.

### Polling station staff survey

We had an amazing response to our survey after the election in May 2024 with over 21,000 responses – that was only possible because of the electoral administration teams that highlighted and shared the survey with their polling station staff.

The survey is online and the link [here](#) can be circulated to your UKPGE polling station staff:

As in May, we will be able to share results with interested local authorities where we get responses in that area. If you have any queries about the survey, please contact [research@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:research@electoralcommission.org.uk).

### Feedback from electoral administrators

We'd also like to get feedback from administrators and Returning Officers. The survey can be found [here](#) with a deadline for completion of 12 August 2024.

If you have any queries about the feedback survey, please contact [researchsurvey@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:researchsurvey@electoralcommission.org.uk).

## **Candidate Survey**

Finally, we also have a survey available for candidates. This provides us with vital information about the challenges they face, including their experiences of harassment and abuse.

We directly contact candidates where we have an email address, but we know we don't reach everyone.

If you can share the survey with candidates in your area that would be greatly appreciated. The survey can be found [here](#).

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