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Electoral registration: guidance update

We have now updated our core guidance for Electoral Registration Officers to reflect the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the specific circumstances of the 2018 canvass. The full suite of core guidance is available on [our website](#), with detailed guidance on managing the canvass provided in [Part 3](#).

Supporting resources are now being finalised and will be made available on a rolling basis over the next two weeks. The resources will continue to be linked to from within the core guidance and can also be accessed from the resources section underneath the relevant guidance part.

We have also been working to update our suite of voter registration forms to include GDPR messaging. Once they have been approved by the Minister, we will finalise the forms and make them available on a rolling basis. We will update you on their availability in future Bulletins.

As set out in [Bulletin 209](#), there are additional provisions in the Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 that only take effect from 1 July (covering areas such as amendments to the deletions process), and our guidance for EROs will be further updated to reflect these changes. We will confirm in a future Bulletin when this has been completed.

May 2018 polls: update on party names, descriptions and emblems

Since [Bulletin 211](#), we have made updates to the following parties:

- [Kingston Independent Residents Group](#)
- [Renew](#)
- [Save Us Now](#)
- [Viva Europa](#)

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Information on party names, descriptions and emblems ahead of the May 2018 polls.

May 2018 polls: public awareness update - 'Got 5' campaign

A reminder of the public awareness resources available to support the May 2018 polls and a link to our resource hub.

Job vacancy at the Electoral Commission

Information about a vacancy and how to apply.

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.

You can find full details of what amendments have been made in our [list of recent decisions to approve or reject applied-for party names, descriptions and emblems](#). On our website you can also find a [list of applications we are currently considering](#).

Also, the following parties have been removed from the register:

- [New England Party](#)

When receiving nominations, Returning Officers must check that the party name or any description given on a nomination form, as well as the requested emblem, is registered on [the Commission's registers of political parties](#) and that the details provided match the registration. To ensure you are viewing the most up-to-date information, you may need to delete your browser history or refresh the page. If you are unsure how to do this, your IT team should be able to advise you.

Should you have any questions about the registers, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#).

May 2018 polls: public awareness update - 'Got 5' campaign

There are less than three weeks remaining to encourage people to register to vote in the local elections. As set out in [Bulletin 210](#), we have produced a range of resources to support your local activities promoting voter registration which can be downloaded from our [resource hub](#). Thank you to everyone for your work so far.

Additionally, we have now published a suite of voter information resources which are also available to download from our [resource hub](#).

These include infographics, a flyer, posters, a website banner and social media posts. The resources can be adapted to suit your local circumstances and cover topics such as absent voting and answers to common polling day queries.

Job vacancy at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for an Electoral Guidance Manager, to be based in our London office. The deadline for applications is 23:45 on 8 April 2018.

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

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact Charlene Hannon on 020 7271 0587.

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