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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 manage your personal information and contact details in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and UK



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European Parliamentary election: guidance and support available throughout election week

In [Bulletin 225](#) we provided you with details of our out-of-hours telephone advice service to deal with urgent electoral administration queries in the run up to and immediately following the May 2019 European Parliamentary election.

We will continue to be available to provide you with any guidance and support you may need throughout election week, and the following is a reminder of how you can contact us between 23 and 27 May.

Polling day (Thursday 23 May)

Between 6:30am and 8:30am – please call 07917 038 549.

Between 8:30am and 5:30pm – please call 0333 103 1928.

From 5:30pm – please call 07917 038 549. This number will be staffed throughout the night for urgent queries.

Friday 24 May

Between 8:30am and 5:30pm – please call 0333 103 1928.

After 5:30pm – please call 07917 038 549.

Saturday 25 May, Sunday 26 May and Monday 27 May

Please call 07917 038 549. This number will be staffed throughout the weekend for urgent queries.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all good luck for the next few days, and to thank you and your staff for all the hard work you have put in to prepare for the poll.

We recognise the significant challenges you have faced in preparing for the election, particularly given the time available to prepare for the poll.

The high levels of media scrutiny and significant levels of interest in registering and voting also have a direct impact on your work, with

high engagement and turnout creating administrative challenges that you will need to be prepared to meet. It is thanks to your efforts that voters will be able to cast their vote with confidence - and be confident that these votes will then be counted in a way which delivers results that are accurate.

We will be reporting on the election, and we look forward to your feedback and support for that in the period after the poll.

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

European Parliamentary election: accredited observers - reminder of changes to badge design

Ahead of the poll on Thursday and further to [Bulletin 225](#), we wanted to remind you that the design of the badges we issue to accredited electoral observers has been [updated](#).

The new designs are reflected in [the polling station handbooks](#) we have made available for the elections, and we would encourage you to draw the attention of staff working at polling stations and count venues to the updated badges.

The names of all accredited individual observers and organisations can be found on [our website](#).

Our [Code of Practice](#) highlights to observers that providing advance notification of where they intend to observe can assist them in making more effective observations. However, electoral observers are not required to give advance notice of where they intend to observe and are free to make unannounced visits.

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