

# electoral administration bulletin

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### Voter videos

The Commission is producing a series of videos to show the simple things that can be done to improve people's voting experience and help make voting accessible for everyone.

Our first videos are with Mencap a charity which works with people with a learning disability. [Harry](#) (who has a learning disability and autism) and [Charlotte](#) (who has a learning disability and Williams Syndrome) tell us about their experiences of voting in a polling station and how they think it can be improved for people with a learning disability.

Harry suggested that a member of the polling station staff could wear an accessibility badge so voters know who they can ask for support. The polling station staff in Harrow asked Charlotte whether she needed support, gave her a tour of the polling station and explained to her where to put her ballot paper, which she found helpful.

We'll be publishing more videos soon – our next one will be with someone with sight loss.

### Electoral fraud data 2018

Every year all police forces across the UK send us data about allegations of electoral fraud, and on 20 March we [published data on allegations of electoral fraud in 2018](#).

Our summary shows that in 2018 police investigated 266 cases of alleged electoral fraud. Of these 266, more than half were allegations about campaigning offences, such as making false statements about candidates or not including an imprint on printed campaign material.

**There is no evidence of large-scale electoral fraud relating to the 2018 elections** – in fact the majority of allegations were found

to be unsubstantiated and resulted in no further action. There was only one conviction for a minor offence and two police cautions during the year. However, the public perception of electoral fraud can nevertheless undermine democracy and weaken the United Kingdom's strong tradition of free and fair elections.

More information, including charts showing the categories of cases, outcomes and trends since 2010, can be found on [our website](#). There are also case studies of the conviction and police cautions which demonstrate ROs, police forces and prosecutors taking allegations of fraud seriously.

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