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Information on and links to various public awareness resources.

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A request for your assistance to help us to ensure the information on our website is up-to-date.

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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](#).

Candidates' home addresses: guidance update

Further to [Bulletin 237](#), we have now updated our guidance for Returning Officers and candidates and agents to reflect legislative changes relating to candidates' home addresses at principal area and parish council elections in England. We have also updated those resources that are affected by the legislation, such as nomination packs and notices.

A full list of the guidance and resources that have been updated can be found [here](#).

The legislation removing the requirement for candidates to have their home address published on the statement of persons nominated and ballot papers will apply for all principal area and parish council elections held in England on or after 2 May 2019. If you have a by-election which takes place prior to 2 May 2019 and require nomination packs or guidance, please contact your [local Commission team](#).

The Statutory Instruments that will remove the requirement for candidates standing at Combined Authority Mayoral and local mayoral elections have been laid in the UK Parliament, but still need to be approved. Once they have been approved, we will update the guidance and resources for those polls and confirm in a future Bulletin when this has been completed.

May 2019 polls: public awareness update – template resources

Last year, we launched a new public awareness campaign, 'Got 5?' which we will continue to use this year as part of our long term strategy to build recognition.

Our advertising will span various channels including TV, radio, outdoor advertising channels (such as bus shelters) and social media. Wherever possible in our advertising we have included

messaging designed to help limit the number of people submitting duplicate registration applications.

We have also produced [a range of public awareness resources](#) relating to the May 2019 polls, including posters, social media images, website banners and template messaging.

We hope that these will be helpful for you and your communications team in promoting voter registration ahead of the deadline on Friday 12 April, and will assist with your planning in the run up to the polls.

Keep an eye out for future Bulletins which will include further resources you can use to promote voter registration in your area.

Stay up to date

Please subscribe to our voter registration newsletter, [Roll Call](#), to stay up to date with our latest public awareness campaign information. You can read [previous issues of Roll Call](#) on our website. We will also continue to provide updates through the EA Bulletin.

Updating your information on Your Vote Matters

We are conducting an audit of our [Your Vote Matters](#) website and want to make sure the information we have on it about your local authority is up to date.

If your contact details have changed from what appears on the website, please let us know by emailing the updated details to webmaster@electoralcommission.org.uk by Friday 22 February.

May 2019 polls

As at previous polls, to allow voters to find information about polls in their area online, we will again be providing information about polling station locations and candidates standing at the May 2019 elections on our [Your Vote Matters](#) website.

To enable this, we need you to share your polling station data so that the polling station finder can be updated. You can do this by exporting the data from your EMS system, and emailing it to pollingstations@democracyclub.org.uk. If you are unsure of how to do this, instructions can be found [here](#).

To make sure there is time to change the information, we ask that you send your polling station data by Friday 22 February.

We will provide further details on the provision of candidate information in a future Bulletin.

Job vacancy at the Electoral Commission

We are currently recruiting for a Senior Adviser in our Political Finance and Regulation (PFR) Guidance team. The role is available on a one year fixed term contract, starting on 1 April. For an informal discussion about the role, please contact Martin Carr, PFR Guidance Manager on 020 7271 0513.

Please **keep us informed** of any staff changes within your team. This will help us to keep our mailing lists up-to-date.

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 data protection legislation as outlined in our privacy notice (<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/privacy-notice>)

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, you may **unsubscribe** at any time.

The closing date for applications is Friday 22 February 2019.

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

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