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## European Parliamentary election: guidance for candidates and agents on intimidation and harassment

Robust political debate is part of a healthy democracy but sometimes things can go too far. The National Police Chiefs Council, working with the Crown Prosecution Service and the Electoral Commission, have produced two guidance documents for candidates and campaigners, to help them understand when behaviour goes beyond political debate and may be unlawful.

There is a short guide called '[When things go too far](#)' which provides general advice, and a longer '[Joint guidance for candidates in elections](#)' which provides more detail as to the nature of possible offences. We have shared both guides with the RRO for him to cascade to candidates and agents at the European Parliamentary election, but you may also want to share these with campaigners locally.

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Information on and links to new guidance for candidates and agents on intimidation and harassment.

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