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## May 2019 local elections: post-election data collection reminder

As set out in [Bulletin 240](#), our [data collection form](#) and accompanying [guidance note](#) for the 2 May local elections are available on our website.

The data collection form – which includes the statutory statement as to postal ballots as well as requests for additional data - can also be found under the resources section of [Part F of our guidance for Returning Officers](#).

Please return all forms to [research@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:research@electoralcommission.org.uk) **no earlier than Tuesday 28 May 2019 and no later than Thursday 6 June 2019.**

We appreciate that this is a busy time and are very grateful for your support with providing this information.

## May 2019 local elections: post-election electoral administration feedback

We would like to hear about your experiences of administering the local elections in May 2019. This will not only inform our post-election reporting but will also help us to improve how we support you in delivering well-run elections in the future. You can provide your feedback by completing [our survey](#).

We understand this is a very busy time and so the deadline for providing this feedback is Friday 7 June, after the European Parliamentary election. We are, however, making the survey available now so that you have an opportunity to provide us with any immediate feedback in relation to the 2 May polls if you so wish.

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Links to forms and accompanying guidance for the submission of data following the May local elections, and a reminder of the deadline for submission.

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Information on and a link to a feedback survey on electoral administration at the May 2019 local elections.

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

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

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Please [keep us informed](#) of any staff changes within your team. This will help us to keep our mailing lists up-to-date.

## 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 RROs for them 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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