

Easy Read Guide

Government response to the Call for Evidence on Access to Elections

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This Government wants to make it easier for disabled people to vote at elections.

We asked disabled people including people with a learning disability to tell us how they find the process of registering to vote and voting at elections.

It's important to understand how to make this easier.

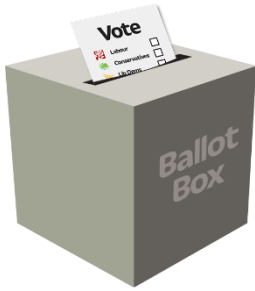
To vote at an election you have to register to vote.

Register to vote is when you tell Government where you live so you can vote in an election.

Most people with a learning disability said they know how to register but need help to do so.

To make this easier they would like more help including through Easy Read guides.

The Government has worked with Mencap and produced an Easy Read guide to registering to vote on the Government's website.



Voting in an election is when you choose who will be in charge of your town or country.

Most people with a learning disability said they understand how to vote but they need support to do so.



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The most popular way of voting is at the polling station where you go to vote on election day.



People with a learning disability also said they liked to vote by post.



To make it easier to vote people with a learning disability said they would like more help. This could be at the polling station and also reading at home.

The Government also asked organisations including charities how disabled people can be better supported to register to vote and vote at elections.



This included political parties publishing Easy Read accessible versions of manifestos at the same as standard ones.

Also the Government should look at making changes so more support can be provided to help disabled people to vote in the polling station.

This can be from their carer or family member.

The Government will work with the Accessibility of Elections Working Group to make it easier for disabled people to register to vote and vote at elections.

This Group includes the charities Mencap and United Response who support people with a learning disability and also organisations that oversee delivery of elections such as the Electoral Commission.

Thanks to Mencap for their advice in producing this document.

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