

Public Consultation – The Summary

Seven proposals to change how we register to vote

1. A streamlined simplified process
2. Rolling (or continuous) registration
3. Optional online registration
4. Individual registration only
5. A single register database
6. Improvements to identity verification
7. Data sharing options for the future

They could mean:

- Registration in a way that works for everyone – online or on paper
- A clear and simple process – one form, one process, one register – all year round
- A single, secure database to enable cross-local authority checks while protecting data
- Balancing security and ease of access to protect the integrity of our registration process
- Building an electoral register that is secure, comprehensive and accurate
- Data sharing in the future – subject to clear standards, limits and safeguards

To enable these reforms would require:

- Improved identity verification – this could mean providing additional data such as Personal Public Service Number (PPSN)
- For optional online registration and self-service, MyGovID/Public Services Card (PSC) would facilitate this
- Enabling the sharing of some limited and specified information between local authorities (who manage the registers) and between the register and other public sector bodies strictly for verification purposes.

To ensure the safety and security of your data and the integrity of our electoral system:

- Data protection and privacy will be central at all stages; data collection and storage will be subject to rigorous testing
- Hardware and cyber security will be prioritised
- Strict usage rules will apply for those working with the register
- Rigorous and sustained security and stability auditing will occur over the long-term