Community Living/United Response EasyRead pin-up guide to the Election



What is the General Election?

1 On 7 May we all get to choose a group of people to make a government to run the country for the next five years. This is called a General Election.



2 We will be choosing a Member of Parliament (MP). MPs are also called politicians who make decisions that affect our lives.



3 Almost all MPs are a member of a political party. All the political parties have different ideas about the best way to run the country.

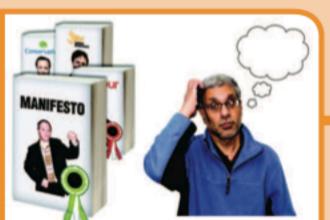


4 You can only vote in the general election if you have registered to vote. To vote, you have to be over 18 and on the electoral register.

GET REGISTERED! You can register to vote online here:
https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
The deadline for registering to vote is Monday 20 April 2015



5 People with learning disabilities have the same right to vote as everybody else.



Who to vote for?

6 Knowing what a political party thinks can help you decide if you want to vote for them at an election. Before an election, most political parties will write a manifesto. A manifesto tells people what the political parties' main ideas are. You can ask your MP for a copy of their manifesto.

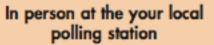


Voting

7 When people vote they are choosing who they would like to be their local MP.

8. You can vote 3 ways







Postal vote



Proxy vote

Find out more about all the ways to vote here: www.everyvotecounts.org.uk