

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.



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



In person at the your local polling station



Postal vote



Proxy vote

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

Find out more about all the ways to vote here:

www.everyvotecounts.org.uk