

# 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Inclusion North General Elections News



## Ways to Vote

On the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024, people will vote in the general election.

There are three different ways to vote.

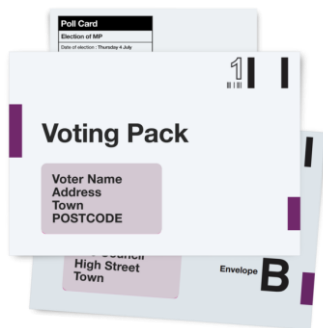
1. By post
2. Choosing someone to vote for you (this is called voting by proxy)
3. At a polling station



## Voting by Post

When you register to vote, you can choose to vote by post.

If someone has chosen to vote by post, they will be sent a letter and a ballot paper, before the general election.



A ballot paper shows the names of the candidates you can vote for. The voter needs to mark who they want to vote for on the ballot paper.



The voter needs to post their ballot paper before the deadline. The deadline will be in the letter.

## Voting by Proxy



You can choose to have someone else go to the polling station for you and submit your vote. You can choose this option when you register to vote.



You should choose someone you trust to do this for you.



The person you choose does not make the decision for you. You tell them who you want to vote for, and they should do exactly what you tell them to do.



## Voting at a Polling Station

This is the most popular way to vote.



Polling stations only open on election day. They are often places like schools or community centres.



To vote at a polling station you need to show photo ID. There is more information about this below.



The voter is given their ballot paper. The voter needs to clearly mark who they want to vote for on the ballot paper.



Voting is done in a private booth. You don't have to tell anyone who you vote for.



Everyone then puts their ballot paper in a big ballot box. That is where all the votes are collected before they go off to be counted.

## Voter ID

If you want to vote at a polling station, you must have photo ID. This is a new rule this year.



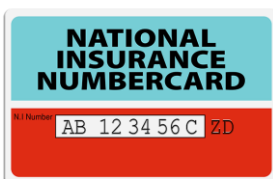
If you do not have a photo ID, you can apply for one. The deadline to apply is **5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**



Your local Electoral Registration Office can help you to apply for photo ID. This is part of your local council.



You will need a recent digital photo of yourself.



You will need your National Insurance number.



The Easy Info Team at Skills for People have made some great information about getting Photo ID. It is on the next two pages.



# Voter ID



If you want to vote at a polling station you must show ID before you vote.



You will not be able to vote if you do not show your ID.



You only need to take 1 of any of these kinds of ID:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Driving Licence
- ✓ Blue Parking Bage
- ✓ Bus Pass
- ✓ Identity card with a proof of age hologram
- ✓ Other government identity card



If you do not have any of these kinds of ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document. This is called a **Voter Authority Certificate**.



You have to fill in a form to be able to get a **Voter Authority Certificate**.



You can get the form here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>



Easy read made by the Easy Info Team at Skills for People employing people with a learning disability.