

Help for disabled voters

Electoral Services believe all voters should have an equal opportunity to vote in person. For several years, we have been providing special facilities to help disabled voters.

Help for partially sighted voters

- Polling cards, and the information on them, are larger to make them easier to read.
- In the polling station there are large-print versions of the ballot paper in every booth. A magnifying card is also available.
- The slot on top of the ballot box is highlighted with white markings to make it easier to put the ballot paper in.

Help for wheelchair users

- Many polling stations now have permanent ramps - this is one of the key things Electoral Services look for when we choose a new station.
- If we have to use a station with steps, there will be a special temporary ramp.
- All stations have low-level voting booths.
- The ballot box will be on a chair, instead of a table, to make it easier to put ballot papers in.

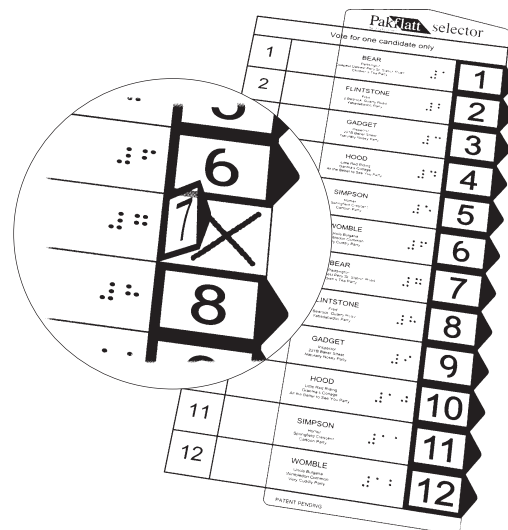
Voting 'companions'

- Any voter with a physical disability can take a relative or friend to the polling station to help them vote.



Help for blind voters

- Blind voters can vote in secret. A special device fits onto the ballot paper. It has numbered windows and the voter simply lifts the one where they want to vote. The polling station staff will read out the candidates' numbers before the voter goes into the booth. The device has braille as well as raised numerals.



Voting by post or proxy

- Voters who cannot get to the polling station can apply to vote by post. This is now much easier to arrange because the form does **not** need to be supported by a doctor.
- People can still arrange for someone to vote for them (called a 'proxy'), but this still needs a doctor's support if it is for more than one election.

Visit www.lbhf.gov.uk for more voting information

Are we getting it right?

We would like to know what you think about the services we are providing. If you have any comments, good or bad, please let us know.



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