Introducing digital imprints | Electoral Commission Search Introducing digital imprints You are in the Elections Act section Home Elections Act On this page Changes Our role First published: 5 July 2021 Last updated: 2 February 2023 Summary From November 2023 campaigners will need to include imprints on their digital political campaign material. Changes Imprints are details that need to appear on political or election-related material to show who has produced and paid for the material. They need to include the name and address of the promoter and any person on behalf of whom the material is being published. From November 2023, campaigners will be required to include imprints on their digital political campaign material. This means that many types of digital material such as social media adverts, tweets and posts, will require an imprint. This is the same requirement as for physical campaign material, like leaflets and letters. Digital imprint rules are already in place for some elections and referendums in Scotland. Material requiring an imprint includes: social media posts website material adverts in online newspapers videos images direct messages on Whatsapp It is also required on audio material such as adverts in podcasts or streams. The rules will apply all year round, not just in the run up to an election, and will apply to anyone paying to place political adverts online. An ordinary member of the public will not need to include an imprint on any organic digital material. Our role We are currently responsible for enforcing the law for imprints on printed election material for parties and non-party campaigners. Candidates are also required to add imprints to printed election material, and these laws are enforced by the police. We will now have a similar responsibility for imprints on digital material. We will also produce, for approval by Parliament, statutory guidance for parties and campaigners on the digital imprints requirements. This is for parties, non-party campaigners, candidates, future candidates, elected officeholders and recall petition campaigners. You can read the draft version of our statutory quidance and our response to the consultation . Related content Elections Act about the UK Government's Elections Act and what it means for voting and campaigning About the Elections Act about the Elections Bill, including the measures it contains and which elections it applies to. Changes to overseas voting about proposals to remove the 15 year limit on voting rights for British citizens living overseas. Preventing candidate intimidation Read about the proposals for a new penalty for intimidating candidates, campaigners or elected representatives.