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Guidance and resources for candidates and agents at the UK Parliamentary general  
election in Great Britain An overview document gives instructions on how to use this  
guidance and who does what at these elections. Candidate guide overview - UK  
Parliamentary general election (PDF) We have also produced a document for people who  
want to know the basics about elections, the roles of different organisations and  
where to find more information. Introduction to elections We have produced a  
timetable with all of the relevant deadlines for the 12 December UK Parliamentary  
general election in Great Britain which can be viewed here: Timetable for UK  
Parliamentary general election - Thursday 12 December 2019 Guidance about harassment  
and intimidation Robust political debate is part of a healthy democracy, but  
sometimes things can go too far. The National Police Chiefs Council, working with the  
Crown Prosecution Service and the Electoral Commission, have produced two guidance  
documents for candidates and campaigners, to help you understand when behaviour goes  
beyond political debate and may be unlawful. There is a short guide called 'When  
things go too far' which provides general advice, and a longer 'Joint guidance for  
candidates in elections' which provides more detail as to the nature of possible  
offences. If you feel that behaviour towards you may be unlawful or are concerned for  
your safety or that of others, you should always contact the police. Joint Guidance  
on Intimidation for Candidates in Elections Guidance for Election Candidates in  
Scotland Northern Ireland If you are a candidate or agent in Northern Ireland you  
should refer to our Guidance for candidates and agents at the UK Parliamentary  
general election in Northern Ireland . Notional spending update Elections Act Under  
the Elections Act 2022, two changes have been made to the legislation on candidate  
spending rules: Definition of 'use on behalf a candidate' in notional spending Making  
payments for local campaigning The changes came into force on 24 November 2022. For  
more details, please see Understanding changes to the spending rules . Part 1 Can you  
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and donations This part covers: How much you can spend The activities covered by the  
rules Which donations you can accept How to check donations you receive What  
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elections, and elections in England Wales and Northern Ireland Factsheet: Splitting spending (PDF) Agents declaration (PDF) Candidate's declaration Candidate spending return (PDF) Candidate spending return 2019 UKPGE Candidate spending return: Explanatory notes (PDF) Crowdfunding: donations and permissibility (PDF) Non party campaigner s75 spending return (PDF) Non party campaigner s75 declaration (PDF) Part 4 The campaign This part covers: Campaigning dos and don'ts Using the electoral register and absent voters' lists Using schools and rooms for public meetings Freepost Imprints on campaign publicity material Polling day dos and don'ts Reporting allegations of electoral malpractice Candidate guide - UK Parliamentary general election (part 4/6) (PDF) Click here to view resources for Part 4: The campaign Register request form (DOC) Absent voters' list request form (DOC) Tellers' dos and don'ts (PDF) Code of conduct for campaigners - reserved elections in GB from January 2023 Secrecy requirements - the poll (DOC) Secrecy requirements - postal voting (DOC) Secrecy requirements - verification and count (DOC) Part 5 Your right to attend key electoral events This part covers: Attending the opening of postal votes and what to expect Attending polling stations and what to expect Attending the count and what to expect Candidate guide - UK Parliamentary general election (part 5/6) (PDF) Click here to view resources for Part 5: Your right to attend key electoral events Polling agent appointment form (DOC) Postal voting agent appointment form (DOC) Counting agent appointment form (DOC) Secrecy requirements - the poll (DOC) Secrecy requirements - postal voting (DOC) Secrecy requirements - verification and count (DOC) Tellers' dos and don'ts (PDF) Part 6 After the declaration of results This part covers: Parliamentary oath of office or affirmation Return of the deposit Access to election paperwork Submitting your spending returns and declarations Questioning the result through an election petition Candidate guide - UK Parliamentary general election (part 6/6) (PDF)