

# Get ready to vote online in PCS group elections from 26 April

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Voting opens on Thursday (**26 April**) in PCS group elections and it's vital for our union's democracy that you have your say.

Members voting in group executive committee elections will receive e-ballots to their personal email addresses held on Commix, the PCS membership database. Group elections open on **Thursday 26 April** and run until **noon** on **Tuesday 15 May**.

## Consultation

Following a decision taken at our annual delegate conference 2016 and responses to the union's strategic review consultation were overwhelmingly in favour of moving towards online methods of holding elections where possible. With people using electronic devices every day to transact and communicate, there is an increasing expectation that they should be able to vote electronically, too.

Members who have provided PCS with a personal email will receive notices directly from the independent scrutineers the Electoral Reform Services (ERS) to this address, the email will be issued from [pcs@electoralreform.co.uk](mailto:pcs@electoralreform.co.uk) and contain a direct link to the voting site and their two part security code.

## Postal ballots

To ensure members are not disenfranchised, any members that have not provided PCS with a personal email address will receive, by post to their designated ballot address, a ballot paper with a two-part security code so they can cast their vote, either online via the independent scrutineers' website, or by returning their completed ballot paper to the independent scrutineer using the pre-paid return envelope also enclosed.

Ensure you tell PCS of any changes to your ballot address. Members can update their ballot address by emailing [membership@pcs.org.uk](mailto:membership@pcs.org.uk) or by ringing 020 7801 2670/2680.

## Election addresses

Candidates' election addresses can be accessed via the independent scrutineers' website, and will also be available on the PCS website, additionally, members can request a hard copy or an alternative format by contacting their group office.

To ensure alternative formats arrive at the beginning of the balloting period, requests can be made to the group office in advance of the opening of the ballot on **Thursday 26 April**.