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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Welcome to the fourth project bulletin of 2021.

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Info	**General** In addition to this being circulated to the wider election community please feel free to circulate to others in your wider teams.
Info	**Engagement** • **Equipment Levels** – Thank you feedback on equipment levels. You will receive a separate email on this on Friday 22nd October. • **eCounting Regional Managers - Count Centre Surveys/Visits** – Surveys/visits are ongoing - thanks for your co-operation and ongoing negotiations. **User Acceptance Testing (UAT)** • We are pleased to advise the User Acceptance Testing was undertaken on 19th October and the User representatives in attendance were happy to accept the system. All user facing elements of the system have now been signed off. **Performance Testing** • The final system performance tests, involving over 150k ballots, will be undertaken at the end of November. One 150k test has already taken place - the system performed very well and no issues have been identified. User group representatives will be invited to attend these tests if they wish to see the system operating at scale. The final tests will aim to mimic a real count, including the production of all reports and all data extraction processes.

Info	**Training**
	
	• **Face to Face Training –** You will be aware from Bulletin Issue 02 that booking for this Training will begin from next week onwards. This training is designed for:-
	  o Registration/Verification Operators
	  o Scanning Supervisors
	  o 1st Level Adjudicators

| | o Returning Officers, Depute Returning Officers and Count Centre Managers.

An email will be sent to the User Group to co-ordinate preferred dates for face to face training for their eCount Team.

• **E-Learning** – More information on e-learning for your entire eCount Team (including Scanner Operators will be provided in due course.

• **End to End System Demonstration – Livestream Recording** – An on-demand recording is being produced of an end to end count that will be made available to all local authorities as an additional training resource. This will ensure anyone who missed the live stream sessions in September has the opportunity to view the session and it will be available shortly for all local authority staff involved in eCount to view on demand. |

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