

## Candidate and Agents Information

### Blaenau Gwent Constituency

In the constituency ballot, you choose the **candidate** you want to represent you directly.

This Constituency follows the boundary of the County of Blaenau Gwent.

The Constituency Returning Officer is Michelle Morris, Blaenau Gwent County Council and is responsible for:

- Publication of the notice of election
- Administration of the nomination process
- Encouraging participation
- Publication of the statement of persons nominated and the notice of poll
- Provision and equipment of polling stations
- Appointment of polling station staff
- Conduct of the poll
- Management of the postal vote process
- Verification and counting of the votes for both the constituency contest and that part of the regional contest that falls within the constituency
- declaration of the constituency result
- Transmission of both contest results to the RRO

### South Wales East

The South Wales East Region includes the following Constituencies:

Blaenau Gwent  
Caerphilly  
Islwyn  
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney  
Monmouth  
Newport East  
Newport West  
Torfaen

Michelle Morris is the Regional Returning Officer for the South Wales East Region for the May 2021 Election and is therefore responsible for the overall conduct of the Regional Election, including:

- Liaising with Constituency Returning Officers in the South Wales East Region
- Publishing the notice of election
- Administering the nomination process
- Publication of the statement of persons and parties nominated and the notice of poll
- Encouraging participation

- Collating and calculating the number of votes given for each individual candidate and political party in the regional election and calculation of the allocation of seats for the electoral region
- Declaration of the regional result.

For the Regional Election, each Constituency Returning Officer is responsible within their voting area for:

- Encouraging participation
- The provision of polling stations
- The printing of ballot papers
- The conduct of the poll
- Appointing polling station staff
- Managing the postal vote process
- The verification and count in their voting area
- Transmission of the local totals to the Regional Returning Officer.