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Sarah Champion MP voices concern over people falling off electoral register in Rotherham

Rotherham MP Sarah Champion has responded to the news that changes in the electoral registration system mean around 3.7 per cent of people in Rotherham have fallen off the electoral register.

Labour Party research found that nationally, an estimated 800,000 people are no longer on the register.

Sarah said:

“The Tories have rushed through changes to the electoral registration system, and now around 2,381 people in Rotherham have fallen off the register and may not even realise it.

“There are major local elections here in Rotherham next year. And soon we have a big choice to make about whether Britain stays in the EU. But if people aren’t on the electoral register, they will not be able to vote and have their say. They could even face an £80 fine and find it harder to get a credit card or a mobile phone contract.

“This week is National Voter Registration Drive – the perfect opportunity for people in Rotherham to register to vote. It’s quick and easy - you can register in just three minutes by going to gov.uk/register-to-vote.”

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NOTES FOR EDITOR

1. The National Voter Registration Drive (NVRD) is a UK-wide week of action from the 1st - 7th February co-ordinated by Bite the Ballot and partners.
2. The full transition to IER took place on 1st December 2015, against the advice of the Electoral Commission who warned the Government to wait until December 2016.
3. Residents who are not on the register will incur an £80 fine
4. You can register at gov.uk/register-to-vote

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