

I'm pleased to see the department is looking into a way to modernise the electoral register.

Personally, I have no problem with supplying my PPS number for this sole purpose. Given that everyone gets issued with one at birth now, everyone should have a PPSN. The alternative suggestion of using the public services card has the problem of many people not needing or having one.

However, it would need to be crystal clear that the electoral register in this format could not be sold to third parties for marketing purposes.

I would also be in favour of a method to allow students to have both their academic address and home address registered, so that they could vote in either location without needing to travel.

And while we're at it, how about voting on weekends? Schools wouldn't need to close and parents would not need to find alternative childcare arrangements.

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