

UK Electoral Commission's AI Deepfake Detection Pilot — Human-Reviewed Monitoring Ahead of the May 2026 Elections

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Ahead of the 7 May 2026 elections in England, Scotland and Wales, the Electoral Commission ran an AI-assisted pilot to spot deepfake audio and video about candidates, with every flagged match checked by a human analyst before any takedown request.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[The Electoral Commission \(UK\), with the Home Office](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Electoral Commission press release](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[LocalGov coverage of the pilot launch](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Demos: one in three UK adults report seeing political deepfakes](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

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