



Peter Shimmin

My Easy Read manifesto



I am a candidate in this year's
House of Keys general election.

**The election is on
Thursday 24 September 2026.**

This booklet explains who I am
and what I want to do.



House of Keys

The House of Keys is where lots of important decisions about the Isle of Man are made.

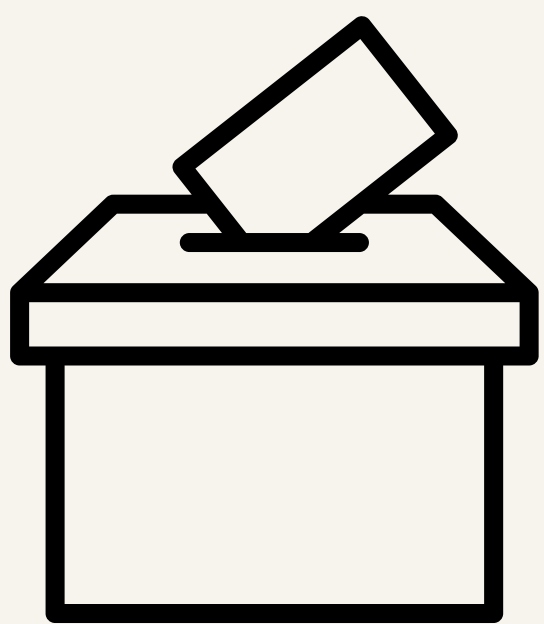
These decisions can affect our everyday lives.



MHK

A **M**ember of the **H**ouse of **K**eyS (or “MHK”) is a person elected to the House of Keys.

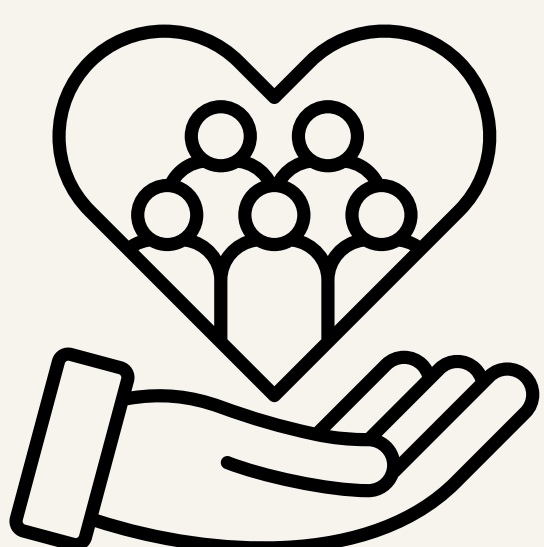
An MHK represents the people who live in their area.



Election

An election is when people vote to choose who represents them.

The people with the most votes are “elected”.



Government

The Isle of Man Government runs many public services.

That includes things like the hospital, schools and roads.



Manifesto

A manifesto is a document which explains what a person wants to change or improve.

It tells you what they will try to do if they are elected.



My name is Peter Shimmin

I am Manx and I grew up in Douglas.

I went to school in Douglas.

My dad was also an MHK.



My experience

I used to work as an actor.

I lived in London.

I then came back to the Isle of Man.

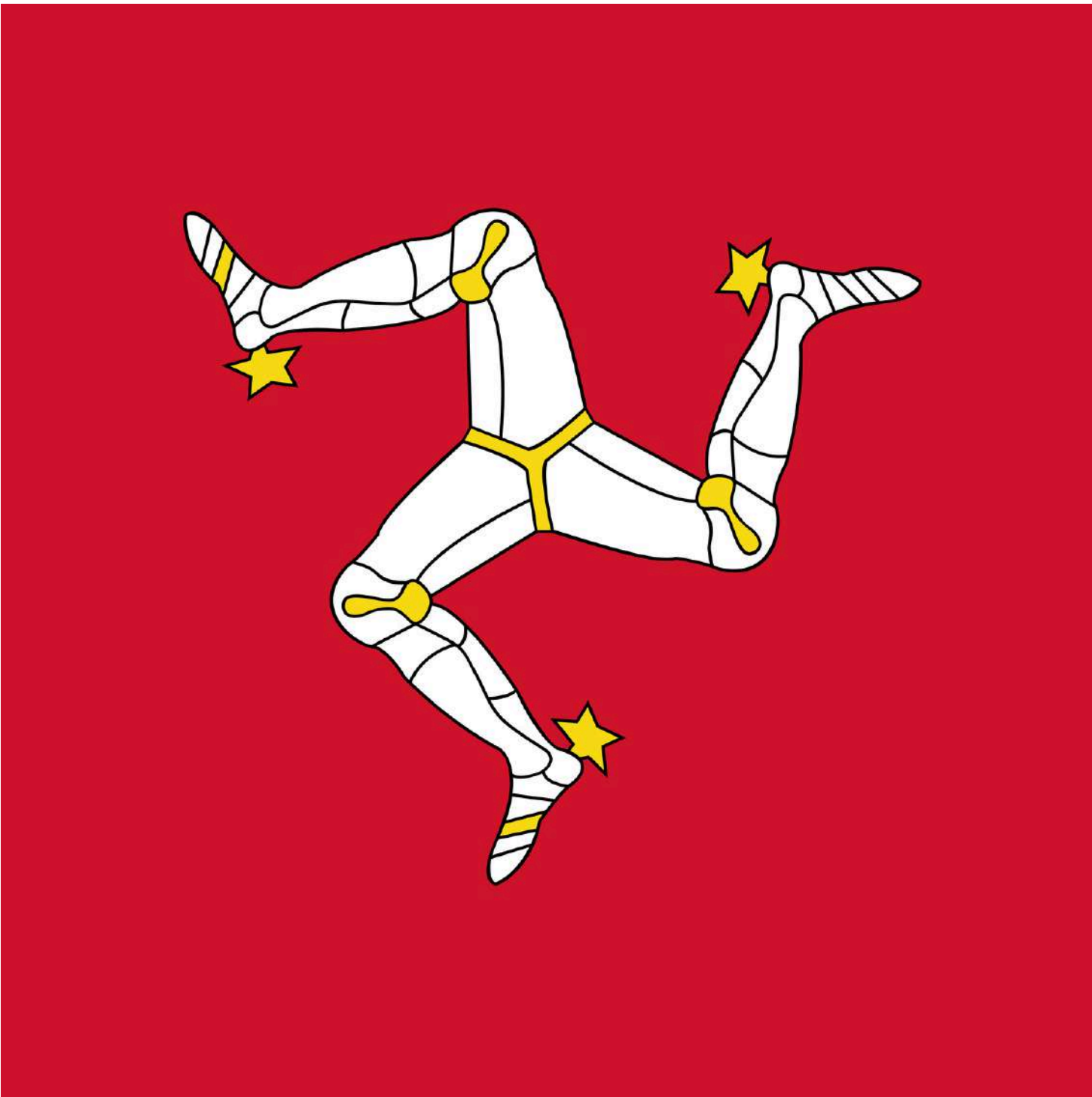
I worked for the Government.



I have been listening

I have spent the last few months meeting people in Douglas.

I have talked to lots of people about the things that matter to them.



The Isle of Man is my home

I want it to be a good place to live now and in the future.



Building a future here

I want younger people to be able to stay or come home to the Island.

I want people to be able to find a home, get a good job and raise a family here.



I want to represent you

I want to be an MHK for Douglas Central.

I will listen to people and speak up about the things that matter to you.



Everyday costs have gone up

Food, housing and other things cost more.

This is making life hard for many people.

I want Government to think carefully before increasing taxes and charges.



Spend public money carefully

Government needs to spend money carefully.

If Government wastes money, there is less to spend on hospitals, schools and roads.

I want Government to stop wasting money on things that are not working.



Create good jobs

The Isle of Man needs good jobs.

I want Government to make it easier for businesses to get bigger and employ more people.

Local people should get the skills they need to be hired for these jobs.



People learn in different ways

Schools should help people learn in the way that works best for them.

I think schools should focus on more practical skills like plumbing and construction, or creative subjects like art and design.

Children who need extra help should get it as early as possible.



Jobs and training

I want more apprenticeships.

An apprenticeship is where you get paid while you learn how to do a job.

Some people leave the Island to study and I want to make it easier for them to come and work here.



Help families with childcare

Childcare means someone looking after your child while you are working.

This can include nurseries, childminders and after-school clubs.

Childcare can cost families a lot of money so I want to make it more affordable.



Everyone needs a safe home

Renting a house or flat costs a lot of money.

Some people pay to live in homes that are not safe or looked after properly.

I want action to be taken against landlords who do not look after their homes.



Help local people buy a home

I want local people to have a better chance to buy their first home.

A deposit is money you need to save before you can buy a home.

I want more help for people who find it hard to save a deposit.

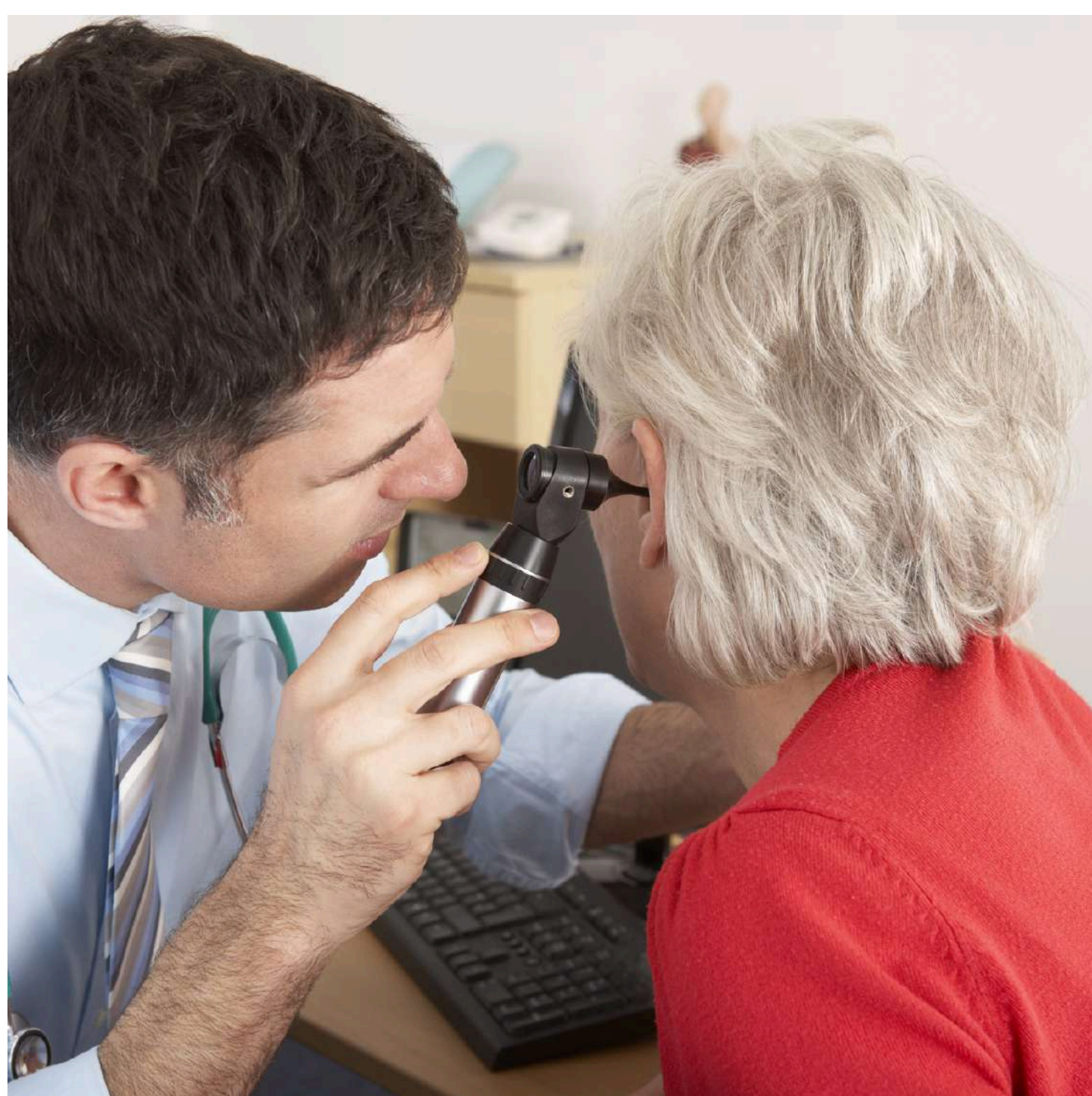


Use empty homes and land

I want more empty homes to be used again.

Some empty buildings could be turned into homes.

I want unused land to be used for new homes where this is suitable.

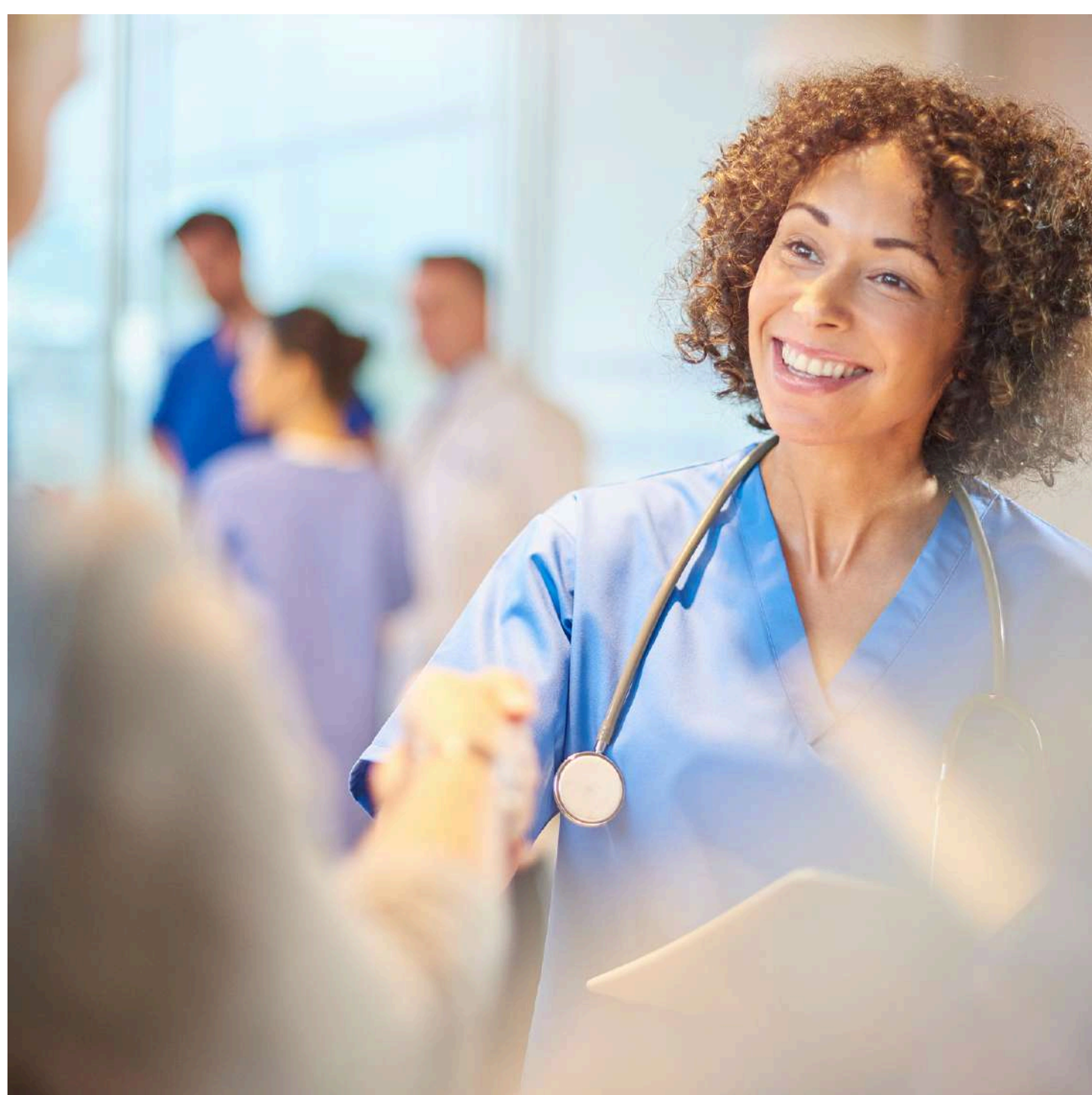


Healthcare should work for people

Doctors, nurses, dentists and staff working in care homes work really hard.

But too many people still wait a long time to get the help they need.

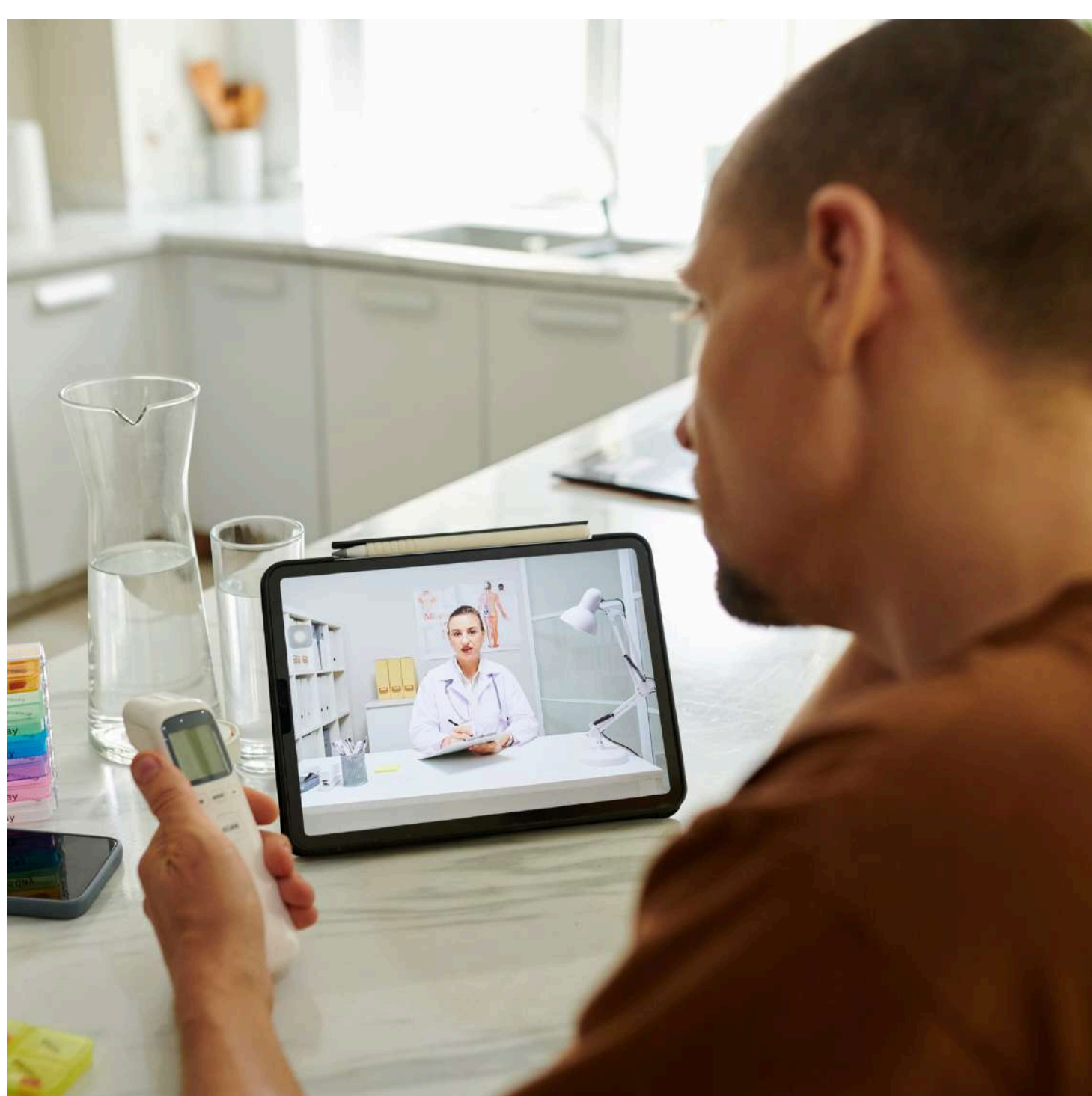
I want to change that.



Leaders should understand care

I want the people who run our health service to spend time with the staff who look after patients.

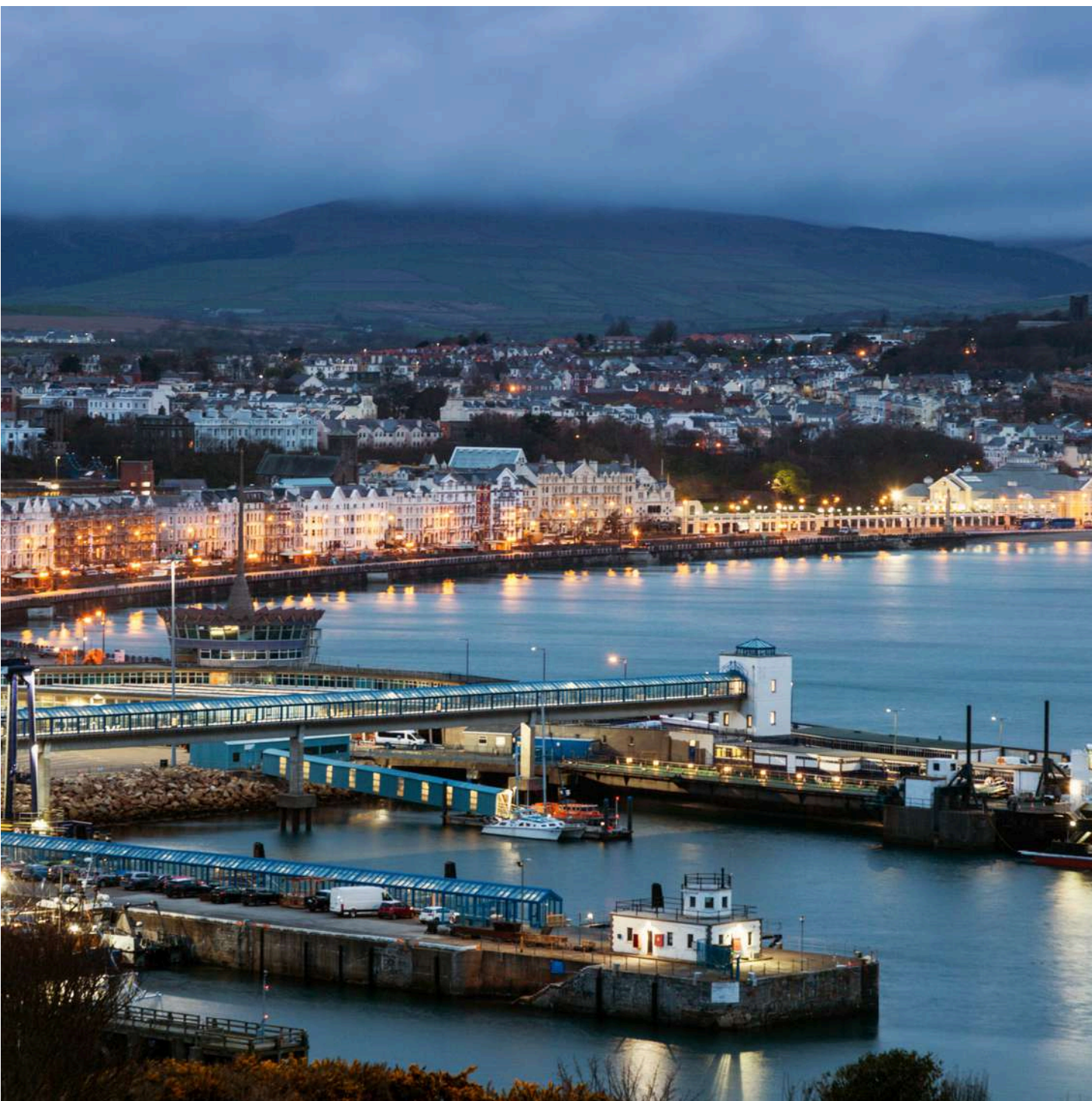
I want Government to tell people how long people are waiting for help, and what it is doing to reduce waiting times.



Make it easier to get help

People should be able to see a doctor face-to-face when they need to.

But phone and video appointments should also be available to help make things faster.



Clean, safe and well looked after

I want our streets and public spaces to be clean, safe and well looked after.



Fix problems earlier

Potholes, broken pavements and badly lit streets cause problems.

I want these problems fixed before they get worse.



Better travel links

When boats or planes are delayed or cancelled, passengers need to get more support.

I want Government to make travelling to and from the Island work better.



People can bring skills we need

I think it's good that people move to the Isle of Man and make it their home.

But we need enough homes and public services for everyone.



Government must plan properly

If more people live here, we need enough homes, schools, doctors and other services.

Government needs a clear plan before encouraging more people to move here.



Fair and secure

Government needs to know who is coming to live on the Isle of Man.

The rules about moving here should be fair.

We need proper checks at our borders to keep the Island safe.



Protect our countryside and wildlife

I want to protect our countryside, coastline, wildlife and way of life for the future.



Support our culture and heritage

Culture and heritage are part of Island life.

This includes things like theatres, horse trams, art galleries and Manx traditions.

I want them to be protected and supported.



Support charities and volunteers

Charities and volunteers do important work in our communities, like cleaning beaches.

I want Government to work well with them and support the work they do.



Energy from natural sources

Renewable energy includes energy made from wind and sunlight.



I support renewable energy

But we still need to think about how each new energy project could affect the Island.



Mooir Vannin

Mooir Vannin is a plan for a large wind farm in the sea off the Isle of Man.

Based on what I know now, I do not support the plan.

I am concerned about its effect on the Island and whether local people would benefit.



I will listen

If I am elected, I will work hard for Douglas Central.

I will take your concerns seriously.



I will work hard

I cannot promise to fix every problem.

But I will ask questions and keep trying to make things better.



I will keep in touch

I won't go quiet after the election.

I will keep talking to people and trying to help.

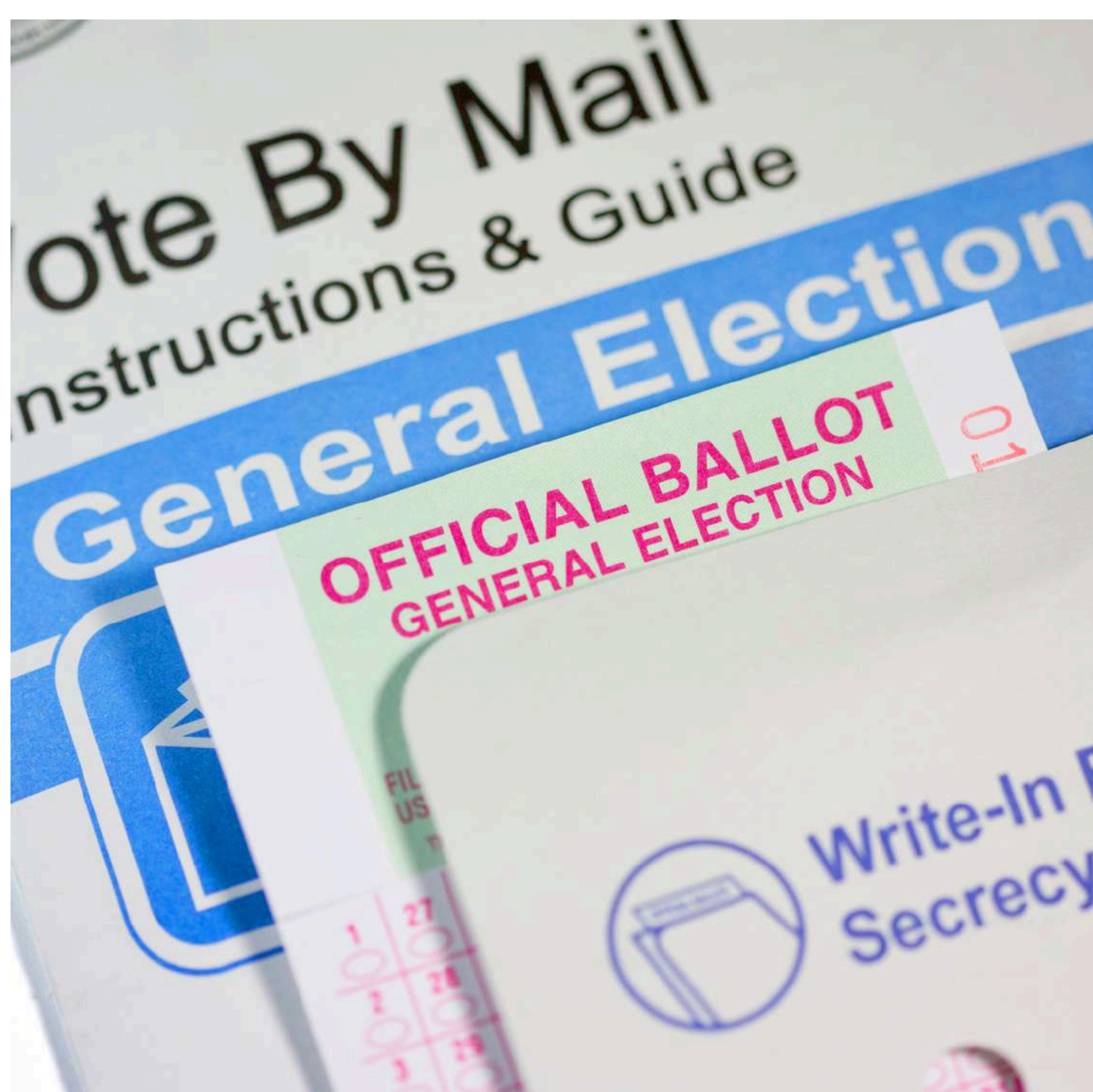
I will tell you about the work I am doing as your MHK.



Polling stations

A polling station is the place you go to vote.

Polling stations are open from 8am to 8pm.



Other ways to vote

You can vote by post.

You can also ask someone you trust to vote for you.

This is called a proxy vote.

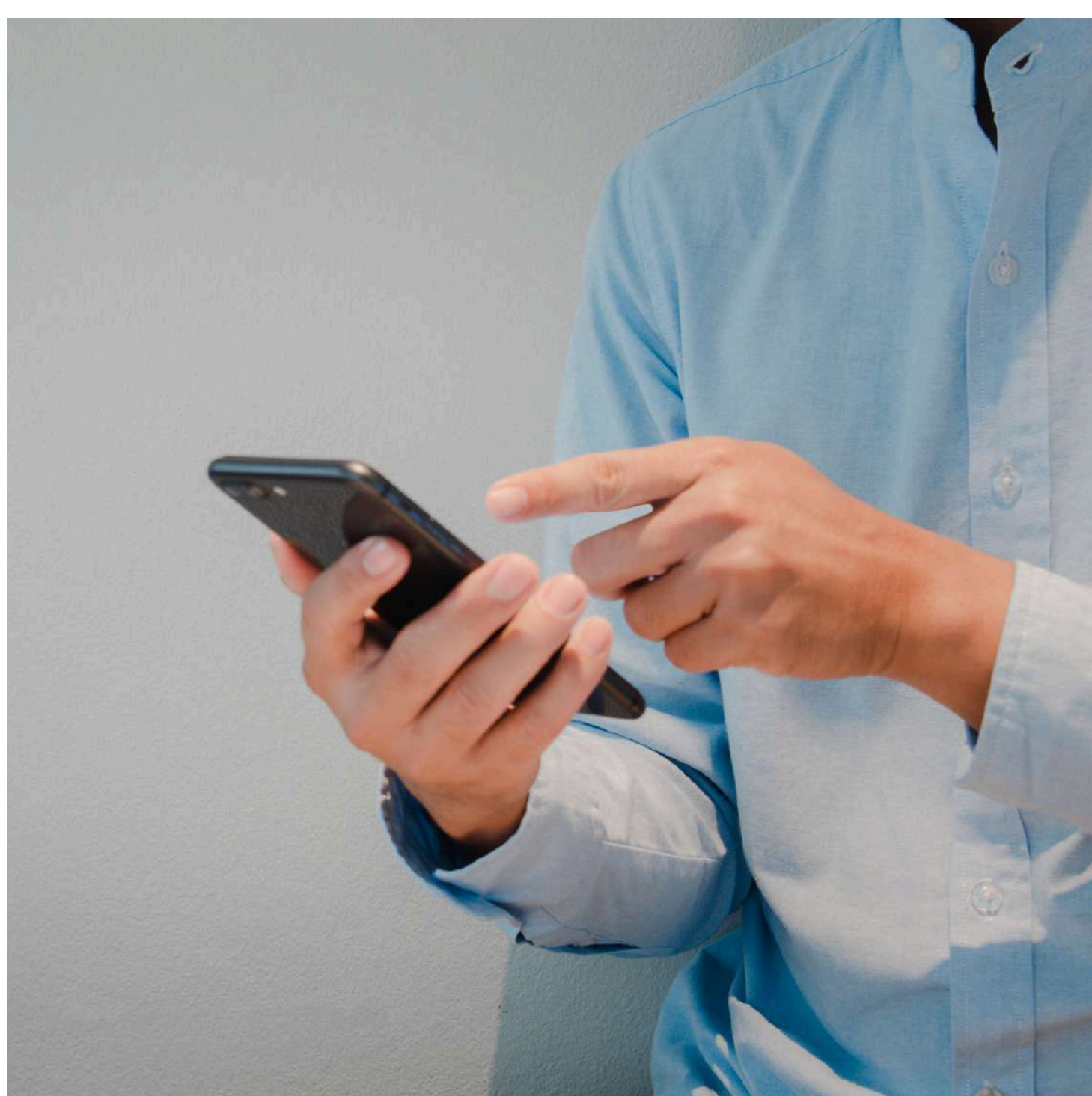


Do you need help?

You can contact me if you need help with voting.

I can help you find information or understand the forms.

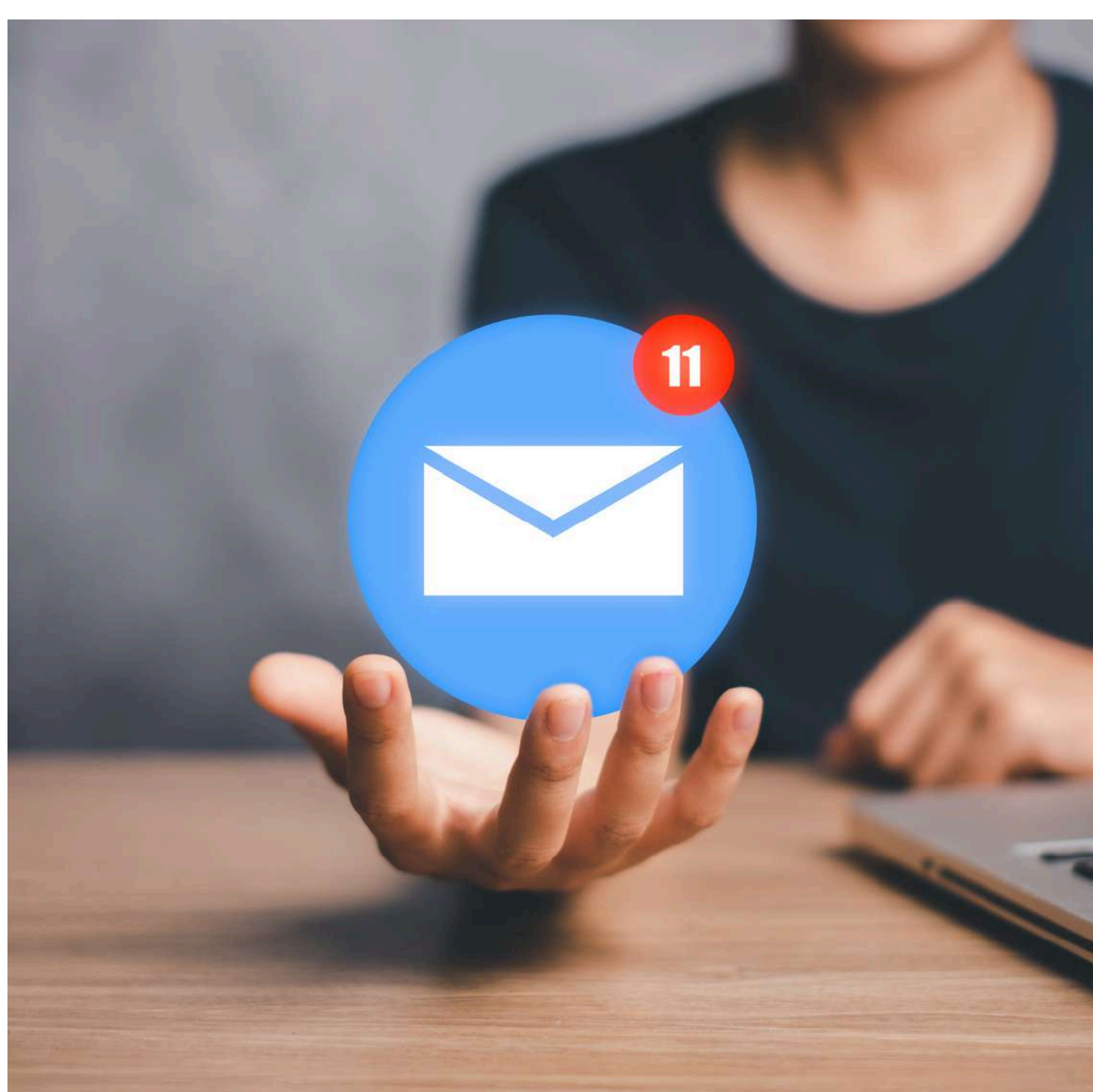
I can also help you find a way to get to the polling station.



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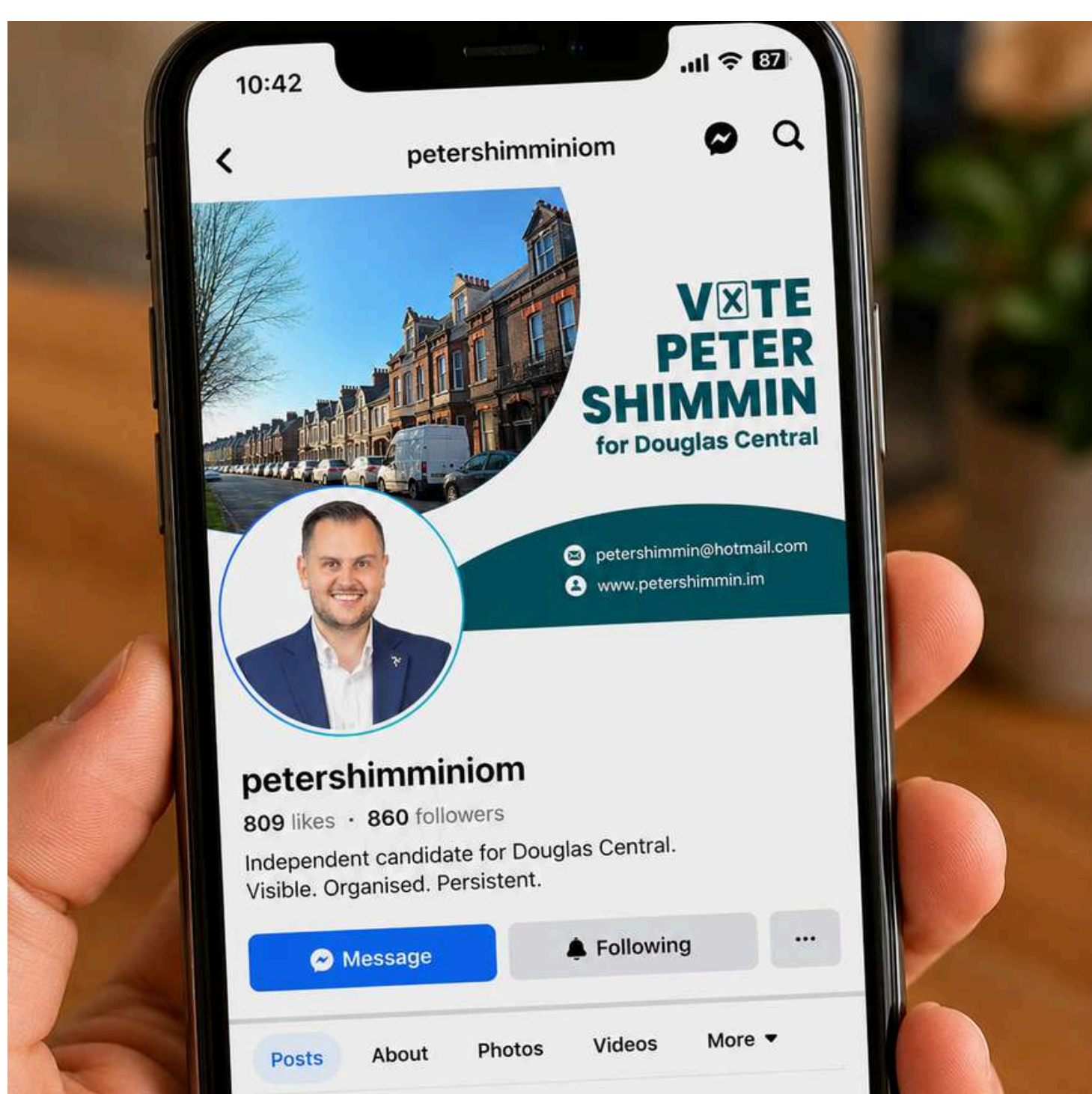
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