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Social Purpose eNews



Charity Governance Investment Principles

Following work by a number of sector bodies, the [Charity Investment Governance Principles](#) were launched in January 2025.

The principles have been developed to reflect the outcomes of the Butler-Sloss case, and to complement the Charity Commission's CC14 guidance and the Charity Governance Code. The Principles build on CC14, enabling trustees and staff to explore investment governance in the charity's context, and setting out examples of how to tackle governance challenges.

Charity Commission consultation into the risks of terrorist financing

The Charity Commission has launched a [consultation](#) on the risks that non-profit organisations face from terrorist financing schemes. The consultation seeks to help the Commission identify and understand potential vulnerabilities, trends and threats in relation to the risk of terrorist financing.

The Commission is seeking to receive responses from all non-profits, regardless of whether or not they are charities. The consultation ends on 31 January 2025.



Bates Wells update for faith based organisations

Bates Wells, a UK law firm, has launched its [annual update](#) for faith based organisations, which covers a range of issues that commonly present challenges for faith-based organisations and explores recent developments that will impact faith-based charities. Key themes include legal compliance, safeguarding and accountability, diversity and inclusion, and case law and best practice. Read the update [here](#) or download a copy [here](#).

Annual return regulations

An update on [The Charities \(Annual Return\) Regulations 2024](#) has been published which applies to all registered charities required to file their annual returns with the Charity Commission after 1 January 2025. The update sets out information that must be included in a registered charity's annual return. The updates are minor this time around, with some questions removed in the "location" and "structure" section of the form.



Charity Commission investigation – Quba trust

The Charity Commission has concluded its [investigation](#) into Quba Trust, an international aid charity. Following routine monitoring which flagged serious concerns around the charity's governance, the Commission opened a statutory inquiry.

The findings were wide ranging and included a failure to comply with the charity's governing document, a serious lack of understanding of financial controls, failure to evidence end use of charitable funds transferred overseas and poor record keeping in a range of areas.

Charity Finance Group SORP update

Charity Finance Group (CFG) is convening expert groups to respond to the SORP consultation, which is expected to be published in March 2025.

If you would like to be involved, please complete the CFG's short [survey](#).



Upcoming Events

PARN: Finance special interest group

11 February 2025

16:00 – 17:00

Online

Trustee Training: Introduction to charity finance and reporting

18 February 2025

13:30-15:30

Online

Trustee Training: Roles and responsibilities

6 March 2025

09:30-13:30

Online

Quarterly Charities Update

11 March 2025

15:30-17:30

Online

AGBIS: Annual Conference

19 March 2025

09:00 – 17:30

QEII Centre

Trustee training: Charity law update

25 March 2025

13:30-15:30

Online

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