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## Meet the Regulator 2018 Presentations

Every year, the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) holds 'Meet the Regulator' events across the country.

The events give attendees the opportunity to ask us questions and in 2018 our presentations contained information on a range of subjects including:



- who we are and what we do
- the role of the charity trustee
- fraud and cybercrime
- our latest guidance
- safeguarding
- PVG duty to refer

This year we held six events, visiting Perth, Peterhead, Stirling, Edinburgh, Motherwell and Oban.

We would like to thank everyone who made it along and we are looking forward to visiting more locations in the future. If you have any ideas on what you would like to hear us talk about next year please email [info@oscr.org.uk](mailto:info@oscr.org.uk).

[This video was filmed in Edinburgh and contains the presentations from this year's round of events.](#) It has subtitles should you require them.

We have also produced a [BSL version which can be found here](#). Some individual parts of the presentation can also be viewed on our [YouTube](#) channel.

## Upcoming vacancy for Chair of OSCR Board



The Chair of OSCR's Board, The Very Revd Dr Graham Forbes CBE, will complete his final term in early 2019.

So the Scottish Government will soon be looking to appoint a new Chair to lead the organisation during a period which will present both challenges

and opportunities for OSCR and the sector. Applicants will be expected to be able to demonstrate strong leadership and influencing skills, a good knowledge of the charity landscape including the key issues facing charities in Scotland, as well as an understanding of the wider political environment.

The post will be advertised on the [Public Appointments website](#) near the end of October – if you are interested, please also check our [website](#) regularly and follow us on [social media](#) for further updates.

## VIDEO: Reflections on 2017/18

This July we published our [2017/18 Annual Review](#).

Following on from this publication, our Head of Engagement Jude Turbyne sat down to discuss:



- OSCR's 2017/18 performance
- Highlights throughout 2017/18
- Key points that charities need to consider
- OSCR's plans for the coming months.

[You can view the interview with Jude here.](#)

## Charities SORP Committee and Process - governance review



The four charity regulators in the UK and Republic of Ireland have decided to hold a governance review of the constitution and composition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) committee and the SORP making process.

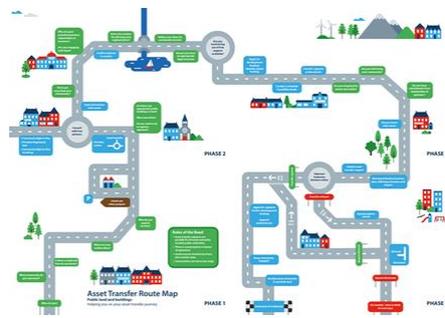
The governance review will be undertaken by an Oversight Panel which will be made up of a representative from each of the four charity regulators, alongside an observer from the Financial Reporting Council. The panel will be assisted by the staff of the Charity Commission for England and Wales and OSCR.

The work of the panel will be overseen by Professor Gareth Morgan, an independent Chair retained by the SORP-making body.

[Find our more about the governance review here.](#)

## BLOG: Asset Transfer Route Map

In our latest blog, Linda Gillespie (Community Ownership Support Service (COSS)) talks about the Asset Transfer Route Map and how it could work for you and your charity.



[You can read Linda's blog on the Asset Transfer Route Map here.](#)

Our blog section also contains information on a variety of other subjects from different experts. Please visit our website to [view our other blogs.](#)

## Guidance on fraud



OSCR has guidance for Scottish charities about how to reduce the risk of fraud in their charity.

The risk of fraud is a concern in every part of society, charities included.

The guidance, [Fraud: how to reduce the risks in your charity](#), highlights some of the risks of fraud to which charities are vulnerable and provides practical advice for trustees on how to tackle it.

It tells trustees:

- what their legal duties are
- how they can reduce the risk of fraud; and
- how OSCR will consider instances of fraud in charities.

In addition to our fraud guidance, we also have a [factsheet on cybercrime](#) that gives trustees some top tips on protecting their charity from this threat.

## Trustees' Week: 12-16 November 2018

Trustees are the people in charge of a charity. They play a vital role, volunteering their time and working together to make important decisions about the charity's work.



Trustees' Week is an annual event to showcase the great work that trustees do and highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

Throughout the week there will be events held throughout the UK and

useful information will be shared by a number of organisations on their websites and social media channels.

For more information, please visit <http://trusteesweek.org/>

Trustees' Week will also see the launch of Scotland's Third Sector Governance Code, developed by Scotland's Third Sector Governance Forum. The Code sets out the core principles of good governance for the Boards of charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. Further details can be found on the [Forum's website](#).

## We're on social media!

Do you or your charity use social media?

Following us is a great way to be kept up-to-date with our latest news. It's also a good opportunity for you to share your experiences and views with the regulator and, through us, the wider sector.



In addition to our ever growing library of [YouTube videos](#), we put regular updates out on our [Facebook](#), [Linkedin](#) and [Twitter](#) channels.

Why not give us a follow?

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