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## Upcoming webinar: Meet the Charity Regulator

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are making our Meet the Charity Regulator events 'virtual' in 2020.



This webinar is FREE and will take place on 23 June 2020 at 10am until 12pm.

It will include:

- an introduction from OSCR Chair, Lindsay Montgomery CBE
- information about OSCR from Maureen Mallon, our Chief Executive
- a question and answer session
- a presentation on our survey findings from Dr Judith Turbyne, OSCR Head of Engagement
- virtual breakout rooms for networking and discussion.

You will need to register before the start time to be issued with a link that will allow you to participate.

[Click here to register for Meet the Charity Regulator.](#)

## COVID-19 guidance for charities



OSCR has **COVID-19 guidance for charities** on our website.

This guidance brings together information you need to know during this time and highlights other organisations who may be

able to offer support.

It is split into the different parts below to help you find the information you need easily.

We've based this structure on the most common queries we have received during the COVID-19 pandemic and the information will be regularly updated as the situation develops. If you feel something is missing from this guidance, please contact [info@oscr.org.uk](mailto:info@oscr.org.uk).

**If you are looking for general 'frequently asked questions' for charities, they can be found here.**

## Charities and Coronavirus webinar recordings

OSCR has held two online events recently. The first event was **Charities and Coronavirus - An update from the Regulator**, and a recording is now available for you to view below.



- [Charities and Coronavirus: An update from the Regulator video](#)

The video begins with an introduction by OSCR's Chief Executive Maureen Mallon, then our Head of Engagement Judith Turbyne provides a short presentation on our most recent guidance and information relating to the COVID-19 pandemic followed by some questions and answers.

In the second event, **Charities and Coronavirus - Accounts and reporting to OSCR**, Head of Professional Advice and Intelligence Laura Anderson provides a presentation on accounts and reporting to OSCR during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- [Charities and Coronavirus - Accounts and reporting to OSCR video](#)

Please keep an eye on our website and social media channels for information on future events.

## Charities active in countering the impact of COVID-19



OSCR has published the findings of research into the impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's charities.

On 05 May 2020, OSCR emailed the principal contacts of all Scottish charities to ask for their help with completing a short survey. The survey asked questions on the impact to the charity of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the subsequent lockdown measures. The research was conducted until 15 May 2020, with 4,827 responses providing insights from a large number and representative cross section of registered Scottish charities.

[View the findings of the research here.](#)

## Reading annual reports and accounts of charities affected by COVID-19

The impact of COVID-19 on a charity's finances mean that they are unlikely to look similar or comparable to previous years. It is very important for anyone reading the accounts to understand the differences, particularly when considering potential donations or other funding.



In our latest blog, OSCR's Head of Professional Advice and Intelligence Laura Anderson explains how to read these reports and accounts through the right lens.

[Read Laura's blog here.](#)

## **Inquiry Report: Jobs and Business Glasgow**



OSCR has published the findings of its inquiry into Jobs and Business Glasgow, Scottish Charity Number SC023930. Jobs and Business Glasgow (JBG) an 'Arm's Length External Organisation' (ALEO). An ALEO is a body

that is formally separate from a local authority but subject to its control or influence.

OSCR opened an inquiry into JBG in December 2015. Our regulatory interest was in whether the charity trustees had met their duties in ensuring there was appropriate financial oversight of the charity, and in making the decision as to whether to repay £4.3 million of funding from two EU funding streams to Glasgow City Council.

[Read the inquiry report here.](#)

## **UK Regulators publish COVID-19 guidance for Independent Examiners**

The UK Charity Regulators have issued joint guidance for independent examiners undertaking assignments that may be affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.



**Guidance for Independent Examiners during COVID-19 pandemic or in a time of national emergency** includes information on:

- practical issues arising from restrictions related to COVID-19, particularly the impact on access to records and access to those in management and control of the charity
- areas that examiners should pay particular attention to

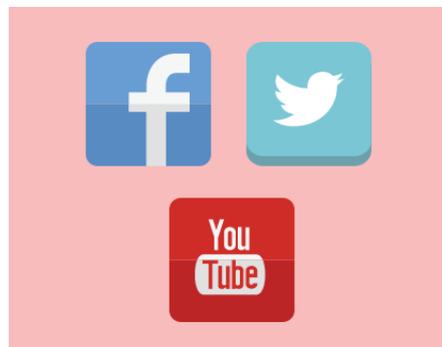
- implications for the examiner's report itself, and the sign off and filing of accounts.

The guidance is intended to supplement what has already been produced by the UK Regulators in relation to independent examination and should be read alongside this. **OSCR's guides to Independent Examination are available here.**

## 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.

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