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## OSCR Scottish Charity Regulator

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## Reporting to OSCR – know your date, don't be late!

Each charity has a 'year end' date - this is the date that the charity's financial year runs to. After this year end date, charity trustees have up to 9 months to provide us with certain information.

Your charity's OSCR online



account contains the date that you need to give us this information by. For example, if a charity's year end date was 31 March 2016, the deadline would be 31 December 2016.

The closer you leave it to the 9 month date, the more likely you are to be late!

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## Reorganisation Application Form – please use the latest version



The 'Application for Approval of a Charity Reorganisation Scheme' form has recently been updated.

We have noticed that we are still receiving applications

that use a previous version of this form. This may be because some applicants are using older versions of the form that they have saved on their computers.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept older versions of the form from the beginning of December.

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#### OSCR Annual Review 2015 - 2016

We've published our latest Annual Review covering the financial year 2015-16.

This new document is designed to be easy to read and highlights key facts and figures about our work over the past year.



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# The Fundraising Preference Service: Why it's not being used in Scottish fundraising regulation



The Scottish Fundraising Implementation Group which will put the new fundraising system into operation looked very closely at the Fundraising Preference Service (FPS) and whether or not the service would be right for the sector in Scotland; a

sector which is predominantly made up of small and medium sized organisations.

It was decided that, at this stage, it would be better to concentrate on improving fundraising and data protection practices within charities rather than creating an added layer of complexity.

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### **Tips on giving**

Around this time of year, many people choose to give to charity. Their donations are extremely important for the work of these charities.

We know that most charities are doing the right things. However, you can make a



few simple checks to make sure that your donations go to those you

intend to support.

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## Scottish Charity Regulator staff survey results for 2016



In October of this year, our staff took part in the annual UK Civil Service People Survey. The survey looks at civil servants' attitudes to working in government departments

The Scottish Charity Regulator's score for overall engagement has increased slightly since last year (now 58%) and is very close to the Civil Service generally (59%). The response rate was 87% - which was above the Civil Service average (65%).

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