

OSCR Reporter - June 2024

Welcome to the OSCR Reporter newsletter, your regular update of the latest charity sector news from the Scottish Charity Regulator.



Charities asked to prepare for changes to the Scottish Charity Register

From next year, OSCR will begin displaying the accounts for all Scottish charities on the Scottish Charity Register, and now is the time to start considering what that means for your charity.

These changes reflect the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 and aim to enhance transparency, accountability and public trust in Scotland's charitable sector. Parliament will decide the exact commencement date of this change early next year, but it is expected to be summer 2025.

Watch the video below for a quick summary of the changes, or read the full article here: [Charities asked to prepare for changes to the Scottish Charity Register](#).



[Read about the upcoming changes](#)



Updated guidance for Scottish charities on campaigning about political issues

We have recently updated the guidance available on our website about charities and campaigning on political issues.

The guidance takes the form of frequently asked questions, and includes helpful information about relevant topics including:

- how can charities engage with political parties and politicians?
- can charities take part in joint or local political campaigns?
- what do charities in Scotland need to do to comply with electoral and charity law?

The update reflects changes in electoral law since the guidance was last written and has been prepared with the help of the Electoral Commission. We have also added a new section on local campaigns which will be of particular relevance to community-based charities.

[Read the guidance on campaigning](#)



Complete SCVO's cyber security survey

SCVO are looking to hear from charities as part of a new survey on cyber security. The short survey contains questions around your understanding of cyber security and cyber resilience, measures you currently have in place in your organisation, and what kind of support you would find helpful in the future.

No digital knowledge is required to complete the survey. The deadline to complete it is Friday 21 June 2024.

Mobile voice and data services for voluntary sector organisations

As part of the Scottish Government Mobile Voice and Data Services framework, Vodafone are able to offer voluntary sector organisations in Scotland highly competitive tariffs across a range of voice, data and additional services. This is available to organisations of all sizes and [this flyer explains more about the benefits](#).

If you require any further information, you can contact Vodafone direct at mobilescotland@vodafone.co.uk or to speak to a member of the Scottish Government framework team, please contact [David Box](#) (07919 014604) or [Lisa Pittman](#) (0141 242 5628).

[Read more about the framework](#)



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