

## OSCR Reporter - August 2024

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



### **Learning from OSCR's Inquiries: Dominant behaviour in charities**

One of the most important aspects of being a charity trustee is acting with collective responsibility. Allowing someone to dominate the governance of a charity may mean the charity trustees are failing to meet their legal duty to act in the interests of the charity.

We're becoming increasingly concerned about dominant behaviour in charities, so have published a new report on this topic which explains more about the common themes and lessons learned from our recent inquiries.

We hope that charities, and those who work with charities, can learn from this report to help

improve their governance and avoid potential problems.

[Read the report](#)

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## **Stay up to date with OSCR notices and alerts**

As part of our regulatory work, we publish a range of notices and alerts to help keep charities, the public and the third sector informed.

To make it easier to find these notices, and to improve transparency in our reporting, we have published a new OSCR notices and alerts section on our website.

You can also sign up to receive regular email alerts with updates about new notices and reports.

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## OSCR's Annual Report & Accounts 2023-24

We have published our Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2023-24.

The report explains more about the work we have done during the past year, highlights our achievements and progress against our corporate objectives, and shows how we have spent our budget.

Some of the key facts and figures for 2023-24 include:

- We removed **400** inactive charities from the Scottish Charity Register who failed to submit their accounts to us.
- We launched a **new online annual return** to provide more tailored support and guidance to help charities get it right first time.
- We refreshed our inquiry policy and launched a new online form for concerns. The number of concerns received which were not appropriate for OSCR to deal with reduced by **5%** compared to the previous year.
- **100%** of applications from charities to make certain changes (such as changing their name or purposes) were completed within 28 days.

## Read the Annual Report & Accounts

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