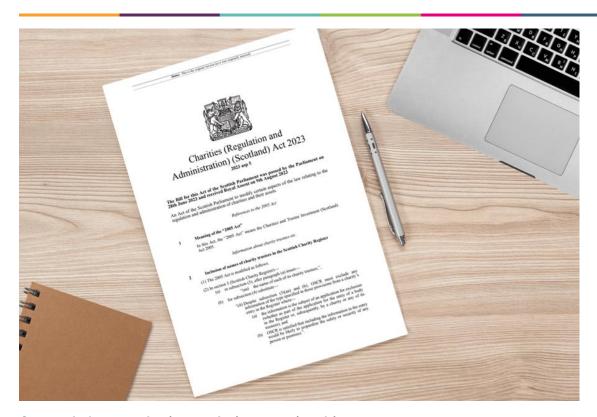


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Welcome to the OSCR Reporter newsletter, your regular update of the latest charity sector news from the Scottish Charity Regulator.



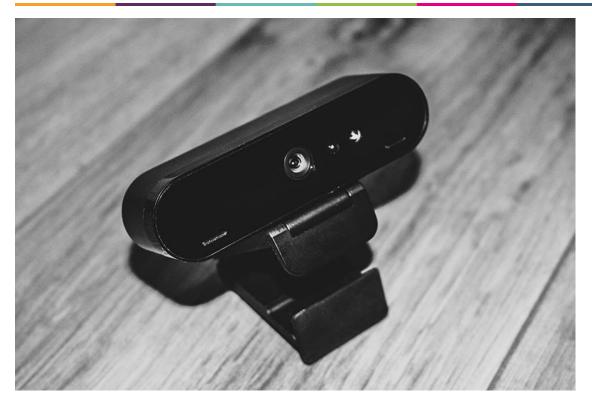
Get ready for new charity regulations coming this year

From this summer, your charity will need to provide OSCR with details about its trustees. Then, starting at the end of 2025, full charity accounts will begin to be publicly available on the <u>Scottish Charity Register</u>.

These changes stem from the <u>Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023</u>, which strengthens oversight and public trust in the sector. Some provisions, such as OSCR's expanded inquiry powers, are already in effect.

OSCR will be updating the OSCR Online system to help charities give us this information, and we are working with charities and other people in the sector to make sure these changes are as helpful and easy to use as possible.

Find out how to prepare here



Webinar: Changes in law affecting charities working with children and protected adults

Does your charity provide services to children and/or protected adults? Recent and upcoming changes to the law may affect your organisation. Some updates are already in effect, with more coming in 2025.

To help your organisation understand and adapt to these changes, OSCR, <u>Volunteer Scotland</u>, and <u>Disclosure Scotland</u> are hosting an information session on Tuesday, 25 February 2025, 1pm – 2:30pm.

These sessions will provide an overview of changes introduced by the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 and the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020, explaining what they mean for your charity.

Register for the webinar here



Read our latest inquiry reports

So far in 2025, OSCR has published two reports summarising our inquiry work into concerns about charities. You can view these reports by clicking the links below.

- Interim Inquiry Report: West Wemyss Community Trust Limited (SC043268), published on 10 February 2025.
- Inquiry report: The King's Foundation (SC038770), published 07 January 2025.

Click here to view all of our published inquiry reports



Registration logo

Did you know that OSCR helps Scottish charities promote their charitable status by providing a personalised registration logo?

Charities are legally required to publicise their charitable status. To support this, OSCR offers a free charity registration logo that can be used on websites, email signatures, and printed materials.

To download the logo, visit your charity's entry on the <u>Scottish Charity Register</u> and click on the 'Download the charity's registration logo' link.

More Scottish charity sector news

- Are you in the process of doing your charity's accounts? We recently ran a webinar called Getting it right: your online annual return and accounts. You can view a recording here.
- We have published <u>new notices and alerts about Scottish charities</u> on the OSCR website.



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