

Regulator: Charity Commission for England and Wales

Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 9 June 2017 to 20 June 2018

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<p>De minimis (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5 million)</p>	<p>The Charity Commission exists to protect the public interest in charity, ensuring that public trust in charities is well-founded. Charity regulation places a small burden and cost on charities (proportionate to their size as reporting requirements are scaled) and produces indirect benefits as public trust boosts financial and practical support (evidenced by our forthcoming research on public trust and confidence in charities).</p> <p>1. Casework (business as usual) Casework is the Commission’s primary regulatory activity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) registration – we restrict charity registration to organisations that pass the legal tests for a charity and are required to register 2) advice and permissions - charities may need permission, eg, to sell property, pay trustees, or change their objects; this enables us to identify and manage potential risks to the public interest 3) regulatory compliance – we look into concerns about charities and take action to put charities back on track 4) statutory inquiry (investigation), where we have serious concerns about a charity or may need to use protective or enforcement powers. 5) Monitoring – proactive identification of issues, desk-based research, interviews, visits to charities and inspecting books and records <p>The Commission conducts several thousand cases each year. Details are given in our annual report. There has been no substantive change to the burden of regulation from our casework during this reporting period.</p> <p>2. Annual Return 2018 The Commission gathers and publishes information through a statutory annual return, to increase charities’ accountability, identify regulatory issues at an early stage, and improve the effectiveness of regulation.</p> <p>For 2018, following public consultation, we revised our annual return, the new requirements being enshrined in the Charities (Annual Return) Regulations 2017. Improvements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a self-service Update Charity Details allowing charities to update their registered particulars throughout the year • more tailored and targeted questions, reducing the regulatory burden for over 60% of charities <p>3. New and revised guidance Online guidance is one of the main ways we support trustees to understand and carry out their legal duties. In 2016-17 there were 260,000 hits on our core guidance. Publications this year included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Trustee Welcome Pack 2) Grant Funding an Organisation that Isn’t a Charity 3) Independent examination of charity accounts (update) 4) Legislative changes affecting the Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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	<p data-bbox="491 237 1329 300">5) <u>Updates to guidance reflecting implementation of new automatic disqualification provisions</u></p> <p data-bbox="491 342 1273 371">4. Safeguarding (protecting vulnerable beneficiaries from harm)</p> <p data-bbox="491 378 1353 515">We published an updated Safeguarding Strategy paper and a regulatory alert in December 2017. We contacted charities working overseas with vulnerable beneficiaries that had indicated in their Annual Return that they didn't have a safeguarding policy.</p> <p data-bbox="491 557 1378 692">In early 2018 a number of media stories broke about historic sexual abuse and safeguarding incidents in international aid charities. The Commission arranged joint summits with charities and DFID, as well as opening cases and investigations into specific allegations. This work is ongoing.</p> <p data-bbox="491 734 919 763">5. Reporting serious incidents (RSI)</p> <p data-bbox="491 770 1358 907">The Commission updated its guidance on reporting serious incidents. Charities should report serious incidents to the regulator, and larger charities must do so to complete their Annual Return. The changes have simplified and clarified the reporting requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="491 949 705 978">6. Digital services</p> <p data-bbox="491 985 1382 1158">In March 2018 we launched two new end-to-end digital services in public beta – Digital Name Change, and Change the Charity Governing Document. Straightforward requests for change can now be automatically approved. In the first six weeks, 1,000 digital activities were processed; over half of those required no intervention from staff.</p> <p data-bbox="491 1200 903 1229">7. Information, reports and alerts</p> <p data-bbox="491 1236 1329 1335">The Commission publishes news stories on its website and a quarterly newsletter, Charity Commission News. We also publish alerts and warnings about issues affecting charities. These included:</p> <ul data-bbox="491 1344 1358 1594" style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer giving – to coincide with Ramadan and Christmas • GDPR compliance • Accounts monitoring – concerns highlighted by auditors • Military charities – safeguarding and fundraising • Rules on returning donations – after the Presidents Club scandal • Use the regulated financial sector (risks associated with unregulated financial transactions such as cryptocurrencies) <p data-bbox="491 1637 735 1666">8. Fraud Awareness</p> <p data-bbox="491 1673 1374 1845">We partnered with the Fraud Advisory Panel in Charity Fraud Awareness Week, promoting awareness through webinars, infographics and social media, achieving over 10 million social media impressions. We also conducted and published research into insider fraud, highlighting the role of organisational culture in enabling or preventing fraud.</p> <p data-bbox="491 1888 703 1917">9. Industry codes</p> <p data-bbox="491 1924 1378 2022">The Commission supports the sector-led Charity Governance Code, and we encourage all charities to sign up to it and apply it proportionately to their circumstances. The Code Group launched a new website and version</p>

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	of the Code in July 2017. We promoted the Code through social media channels and presentations at conferences.
All other excluded categories	Following consideration of the other exclusion categories there are no additional measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions which have not been included under the de-minimis category.