

# E-NEWS

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Welcome to haysmacintyre's regular email update for charities and not for profit organisations.

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Keeping you up to date with compliance matters, legislative developments and financial best practice.

### CONTROLS OVER PAYROLL DETAILS – FRAUDSTERS IMPERSONATING STAFF

A recent alert from the [Charity Commission](#) reminds charities of the importance of controls over payroll data and ensuring that they are just as robust as those over external supplier bank details. There has been a rise in fraudsters impersonating charity employees by email with a focus on changing the employee bank details to divert payroll. All organisations should review their controls over checking and authorising changes that appear to be from staff.



### GUIDANCE ON FUNDRAISING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The [Fundraising Regulator has published new guidance](#) to help charities comply with the fundraising reporting requirements in the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016. This follows a review of charity trustee reports which found a significant proportion of charities were not fully compliant with the requirements, which have been in place since November 2016. This is worth a read before drafting your December 2019/March 2020 trustees report!

### TYPES OF FUNDRAISING RISK

NCVO have put together some useful, practical guidance on different [types of fundraising and their associated risks](#). The online resource is available to all charities and has practical examples of questions to ask about your fundraising, as well as case studies and links to Charity Commission investigation reports and guidance.



## REPORTING A SERIOUS INCIDENT IN YOUR CHARITY WHEN IT INVOLVES A PARTNER

Last month the Charity Commission released new guidance on reporting a serious incident when it involves a charity partner. The Charity Commission's definition of a partner covers a wide remit and will impact most charities in the UK. A partner covers those both within the UK and internationally and is considered to be a delivery partner or sub-contractor, a subsidiary, an organisation that receives funding from the charity and a charity or organisation that is linked to your charity. It is advised that a serious incident report should be made to the Charity Commission when there is a material impact on your charity, staff, operations or finances. Further details can be [found here](#).

## NEW SAFEGUARDING DIGITAL PORTAL FOR CHARITIES

DCMS has launched a [new online portal](#) in order to strengthen its support to charities handling safeguarding concerns or allegations. The portal provides a step by step guide to help charities correctly manage their concerns, identify the right people to contact if needed and access helpful resources and advice.



## CHARITY COMMISSION CONSULTATION ON RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENTS

The commission seeks to [understand the barriers](#) trustees currently feel that prevent them from investing responsibly and in line with their purposes. This is in response to the public's expectations regarding a charity's behaviour as well as its achievements and the fact that the removal of non-aligned investments doesn't necessarily impact their portfolio's financial return.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [Topical update seminar for INGOs](#)

Tuesday 4 February 2020  
13:00 - 17:30  
haysmacintyre offices

A topical seminar update on the latest developments within the sector relevant to international not for profit organisations (INGOs).

### [Trustee training: Charity law update](#)

Tuesday 18 February 2020  
13:30 - 17:00  
Farrer & Co, 20-23 Lincoln's Inn Fields,  
London WC2A 3AG

We will look at Charity Commission cases and guidance, the latest developments in charity law, and other legal developments of interest to the sector.

### [VAT and Tax Exchange](#)

Wednesday 19 February 2020  
16:45 - 19:00  
haysmacintyre offices

haysmacintyre's VAT and Tax Exchange seminar series are delivered bi-annually providing an update on topical VAT and tax issues relating to charities and not for profit organisations.

### [Trustee training: Introduction to charity finance and reporting](#)

Tuesday 3 March 2020  
13:30 - 17:30  
haysmacintyre offices

haysmacintyre, Farrer & Co and Cazenove Charities are hosting a comprehensive programme of training sessions for both new and experienced trustees.

### [Bi-annual charity update seminar](#)

Thursday 12 March 2020  
Morning session: 09:00 - 12:30  
Afternoon session: 14:00 - 17:30  
haysmacintyre offices

haysmacintyre's bi-annual charity update seminar covering financial, compliance, governance and other topical issues for charity and not for profit organisations.

For further details on our not for profit upcoming events and to book your place, visit [www.haysmacintyre.com/events](http://www.haysmacintyre.com/events)

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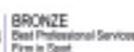
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