

Where is the Charity Commission going?

It is becoming clearer how the Commission will refocus itself as a result of the 33% funding cut that it is facing.

Essentially, they are going to be doing those things that only they can do. What this means for charities is that trustees and charities are going to need to be much more self reliant or reliant on their advisors as it is not going to be possible to get as much detailed interaction with the Commission as previously. This will also mean that trustees will have a degree of additional independence to take some decisions. Overall there will be less hand holding by the Commission.

Inevitably this means the Commission will intervene less and so will have to reserve their interventions for the most serious cases and those where there is some sort of systemic risk. As their one-to-one advice service declines, they hope that they are going to be able to make more written material available. Clearly they hope that umbrella bodies like ACEVO, NCVO, CVO, CFDG and the others will take on some of their role but as we all know umbrella bodies are also facing severe cuts. Their ability to do this is going to be extremely limited.

Please follow this link to the recent Charity Commission press release - [Commission calls on charities to become more independent](#)

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