



Non-profit organisations updates from the JFSC

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Welcome to our Q3 non-profit organisations newsletter

Our quarterly update highlighting upcoming
events, key contacts, and helpful links.



Topics of the quarter

Thematic examination feedback

In [our Q2 newsletter](#), we talked about a thematic examination we did in Q2 2023 to assess prescribed non-profit organisation (NPO) significant donor records and controls.

Our feedback paper with the findings of that examination and examples of best practice can be found here: [Significant donor examination feedback](#)

This chart shows the areas where assessors had observations. The feedback paper takes each area in turn and provides guidance on best practice:

Breakdown by theme

Significant Donor Register

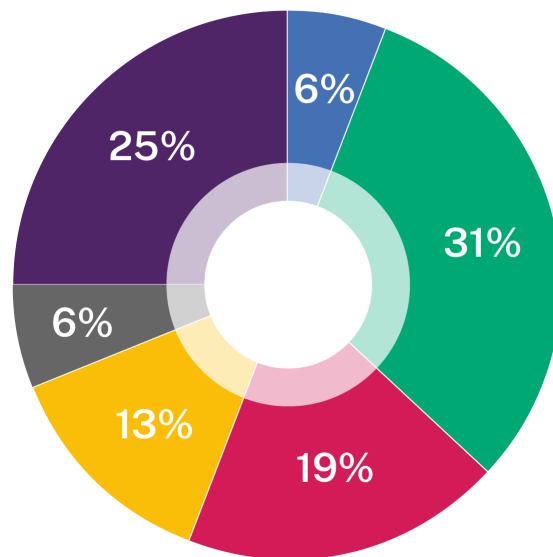
Training

Policies & Procedures

Risk Appetite Statement

Programme Risk Assessment

Diversion Mitigation



Boards and governors of prescribed NPOs should consider the findings in this feedback and ensure their prescribed NPO is complying with all relevant significant donor requirements, to mitigate the risk of financial crime.

We would like to thank the Jersey Charities Commissioner for their contribution to the examinations of the NPOs that are also charities.

If you have any questions about the feedback, please contact the NPO supervisor at npoenquiries@jerseyfsc.org.

Suspicious activity reporting for non-profit organisations

If you have knowledge, suspicion, or reasonable grounds for suspicion of money laundering and terrorist financing, then you must file a suspicious activity report, also known as a SAR. A SAR allows information and intelligence to be formally passed to law enforcement agencies.

We've worked closely with the Jersey Financial Intelligence Unit to put together guidance to explain what terrorist financing may look like in the NPO sector and how to report it. Read our guidance here: [Suspicious Activity Reporting guide \(Jerseyfsc.org\)](https://www.jerseyfsc.org/guidance/suspicious-activity-reporting).

Reminder: A SAR must be filed with the Financial Intelligence Unit and not the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

Donors

Pause. Check. Donate

Jersey is proud to have a thriving and diverse NPO sector, undertaking critical work both in Jersey and globally.

This is accompanied by a generous donor community.

This guidance is for the donor community on how to safely donate and ensure your giving makes the intended difference.

The key to any donation is to **pause** and **check** you are comfortable before you **donate**.

We have included some key information on donations below:

Why are donations important?

The NPO sector is a vital contributor to society and its members, not just in Jersey but also in the world economy, providing important services and functions which enhance the quality of life for many.

The great work undertaken by NPOs would not be possible without the generosity of the donor community.

How can you protect your donations?

- Consider what do you know about the organisation, the cause, and do you trust the source asking for a donation. Never provide financial information before completing this check. You should never be asked to share any passwords or your PIN.
- You can confirm the name of a NPO and its registration number by contacting the JFSC at npoenquiries@jerseyfsc.org.
- If the NPO is also a Jersey charity you can check registration via the [Jersey Charities Commissioner public register](#).
- If the cause is broad such as for 'local sports' or for 'humanitarian causes worldwide' ask further questions about exactly how and where funds are to be sent and who the intended beneficiary is.
- If you are donating to street collectors, check their ID. Collections in public places require the permission of the Bailiff. [Read the Jersey Charities Commissioner's guidance on soliciting donations from the general public](#).
- For online donations, be cautious of unsolicited emails from organisations you do not have an association with or have not heard of before.
- Do not click on links in emails, instead search for the NPO online and donate directly via their website. Confirm the website you are donating through is secure by checking the web address starts with 'https' and the padlock symbol is present in the address bar.
- Never feel under pressure to make a quick donation. Take your time to understand where your funds may be sent or how they may be used. If in

doubt, ask the NPO these questions. A genuine NPO will always be happy to answer these questions.

What should you do if you believe the fundraising is not legitimate?

If you think the fundraising/collection may not be legitimate you can **report this to the States of Jersey Police via the non-emergency channels** as detailed on their website.

[Jersey Police website](#)

Requirement to update the JFSC on changes to your non-profit organisation

Article 9 of the [Non-Profit Organizations \(Jersey\) Law 2008](#) contains the obligation for NPOs to inform the JFSC of any changes to information provided previously.

The confirmation of the change should be notified to the JFSC in writing, within three months of the change. The confirmation can be sent to npoenquiries@jerseyfsc.org.

Coming up

Following the publication of the significant donor examination feedback, we will be hosting an event to discuss the feedback in more detail. More information on that event will be coming soon on our events page.



[Keep an eye out for our upcoming events and webinars](#)

Get in touch

Is there a topic you'd like us to cover in our next newsletter? Get in touch and let us know:



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Links and additional guidance

Visit our [NPO section](#) of the JFSC website for additional information and video guidance.

- [Non-Profit Organizations \(Jersey\) Law 2008 \(jerseylaw.je\)](#)
- [Non-Profit Organisations \(Prescribed NPOs – Additional Obligations\) \(Jersey\) Order 2022 \(jerseylaw.je\)](#)
- [is-your-organisation-an-npo-and-what-that-means-in-practice.pdf \(jerseyfsc.org\)](#)
- [handbook-section-17.pdf \(jerseyfsc.org\)](#) – Section 17
- <https://www.jerseyfsc.org/industry/sectors/non-profit-organisations/>



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