



REGULATION OF CHARITIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

February 2010





- **Tom Mc Grath**
- **Chief Commissioner**

CHARITIES ACT (Northern Ireland) 2008

What will it do ?

- Charities Commission for Northern Ireland
- 12 headings plus 2 NI definitions
- Charity Test
- Fully inclusive compulsory charities register
- 167 Charities
- All charities to make annual returns financial and performance
- New regulation of Public Charitable Collections
- Regulation of professional fund-raisers
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Trustee indemnity insurance
- Incorporation of charity trustees
- Deregulation
- Charity Tribunal

Charity Commission for Northern Ireland

What have we done since September 2008?

- Commission established on 28th March 2009
- Two Commencement Orders
- Temporary office accommodation secured
- Commissioners appointed June 2009
- Draft public benefit guidance issued for consultation Sept 2009
- 7 road shows held across NI
- 15 additional presentations
- Over 2500 people briefed
- Legal Commissioner appointed Nov 2009
- Hosted UK & Ireland Charity Regulators Forum in Belfast Oct 2009
- Finalized and agreed plans for charity register and on line systems
- Recruitment of Chief Executive

What's happening next?

Short term

- Responses to consultation on public benefit assessed and Board response produced
- Finalised guidance on public benefit published Mar 2010
- On line systems and charity register development completed
- Records from HM R&C transferred to CCNI Feb 2010
- CCNI to contact all charities on HM R&C list
- Third commencement order will bring in registration requirement and powers of the CCNI
- Charity register goes live Apr 2010
- Awareness raising campaign by CCNI Mar 2010 – May 2010
- Charity Tribunal established Apr 2010
- Ongoing recruitment of CCNI staff

What's happening next?

Mid term

- Development of range of guidance linked to legislation and regulation requirements
- Drafting of subordinate legislation for accounting requirements late summer 2010
- Discussions with 167 charities
- Subordinate legislation through Assembly Autumn 2010
- Guidance on accounting requirements produced spring 2011
- Relocation to permanent CCNI premises
- Discussions with new local authorities on fund raising
- Further Commencement Orders introducing accounting requirements, designated religious status, 167 charities

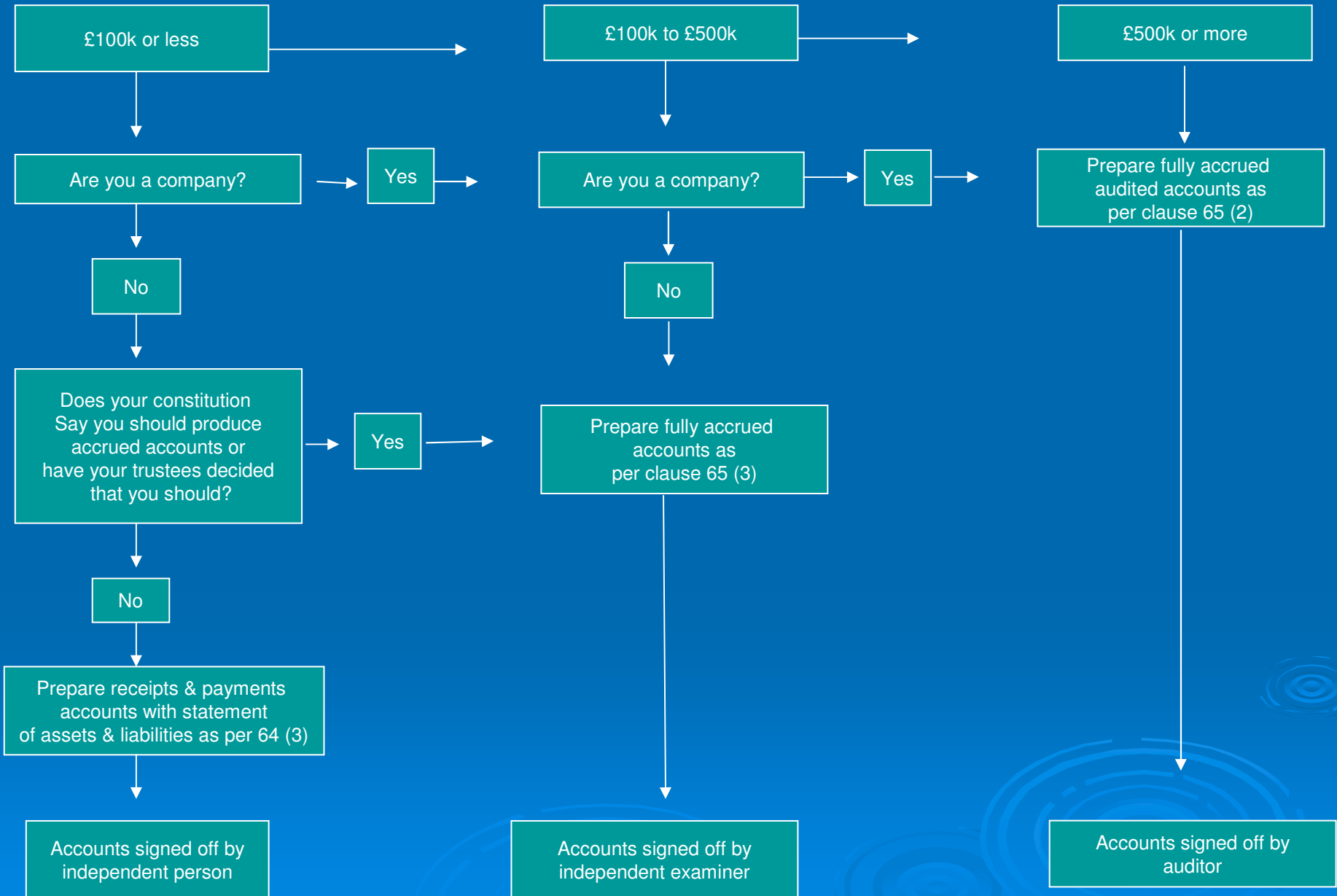
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Longer term

2011-2012

- Support and advice to charities on meeting accounting requirements
- Drafting of guidance on public collections
- Drafting of guidance on reporting activity and performance
- Consultation on Charitable Incorporated Organisations
- Commencement Orders new arrangements for disposal, sale and surrender of land
- Commencement Orders introducing regulations around public collections
- On going monitoring of charities
- Review of the work of the CCNI

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