

Code Consultation: Proposed Timescale for Implementation of Code Changes July 2017

Proposed Code Change	Date change will come into force	Grace period proposed for implementation?	Comments
A. Charity Trustees	31 st July 2017	No	Organisations should already be following national guidelines as set out by the Charity Commission, OSCR and the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland
B. The fundraising ask – Section 1.2 (General Principles)	30 th September 2017	Yes. The Fundraising Regulator will take a flexible approach in its expectations of fundraisers for the first 2 months from the point that the new rule is added to the Code, to allow reasonable time to adjust training and compliance monitoring processes.	2 months should give sufficient time for fundraising organisations to change training materials and implement compliance monitoring processes (extra time given due to summer months).
B. The Fundraising ask – Section 8.3.1 (During the Call)	31 st July 2017	No	Organisations should not have been asking for a donation more than three times prior to this rule change

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C. Solicitation (disclosure) statements	30 November 2017	Yes. The Fundraising Regulator will take a flexible approach in its expectations of fundraisers for the first 4 months from the point that the new rule is added to the Code, to take into account reasonable contingency arrangements which may be required as a consequence of the changes.	4 months should give sufficient time for fundraising organisations to cascade information to fundraisers regarding disclosure statements
D. Raising concerns about fundraising practice (whistleblowing)	30 November 2017	Yes. The Fundraising Regulator will take a flexible approach in its expectations of fundraisers for the first 4 months from the point that the new rule is added to the Code, to take into account reasonable contingency arrangements which may be required as a consequence of the changes.	Based on trustees meeting on a quarterly basis, 4 months gives organisations enough time for the trustees to see amend and approve a whistleblowing policy
E. People in Vulnerable Circumstances	N/A	N/A	No proposed change to the Code
F. Charity Collection Bags	30 September 2017	Yes. The Fundraising Regulator will take a flexible approach in its expectations of fundraisers for the first 2 months from the point that the new rule is added to the Code, to take into account reasonable contingency arrangements which may be required as a consequence of the changes.	2 months should be sufficient time to cascade information to bag collectors regarding expectations on door stickers.

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G. Third parties	31 st July 2017	Immediate	Organisations should already be making 'reasonable efforts' to ensure ongoing compliance of third party fundraisers