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Submitted to Call for evidence and views on the Charities Bill
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Introduction

1 How would you like your response to be published?

I would like my response to be published.

2 What is your name?

Name:
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3 What is your email address?

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4 What is your organisation?

Organisation:
Waterside Women's Centre

Policy Objectives of the Bill

5 Do you think that the Bill will meet the policy objectives? If not, why not?

Unsure

Please provide further comments:

Lack of opportunity for NI charities to have a CIO structure regulated in NI

6 Do you foresee any unintended consequences of any of the policy objectives of the Bill?

Yes

Please provide further comments:

Lack of opportunity for NI charities to have a CIO structure regulated in NI

Clause 1: Actions of Commission staff treated as Commission actions

7 Do you feel the retrospective effect to make the majority of decisions taken by Commission staff lawful is dealt with sufficiently in the Clause?

Yes

Please provide further comments:

8 Do you believe that individuals' rights under the ECHR are protected by the fact that decisions still subject to ongoing legal proceedings will not be subject to the Clause?

Yes

Please provide further comments:

9 Do you feel that the Refreshed Appeal Rights in Clause 1 are sufficient?

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If not, what would you propose?:

10 Please provide further comments in relation to Clause 1.

Do you have any other comments in relation to Clause 1?:

Clause 2: Power of Commission to delegate to staff

11 Do you feel the power of the Commission to delegate to staff certain functions that are listed in a Scheme of Delegation is sufficient?

Yes

12 Please provide further comments on the power to delegate, or the Scheme of Delegation, including: Will it allow Commission staff to operate effectively and efficiently?

Additional Comments on on Scheme of Delegation:

It doesn't take in to account the need to have a CIO structure for charities in NI

13 Please provide further comments on the fact that it is the Department for Communities who will make and publish the Scheme of Delegation (after consultation with the Commission)?

Any comments on DfC making and publishing the Scheme of Delegation?:

It doesn't take in to account the need to have a CIO structure for charities in NI

14 Please provide any further comments in relation to Clause 2.

Do you have any other comments in relation to Clause 2?:

Clause 3: Power to introduce a registration threshold via regulations

15 Do you feel it is appropriate to have this power in the Bill?

Yes

Please provide further comments:

16 Please provide any further comments on the list of matters that the regulations will cover? Are there any matters missing from the list?

Any missing matters or other comments:

It will reduce the unnecessary burden on small charities

17 Please provide any further comments on Clause 3.

Further comments:

18 Please provide any further comments you wish to make on the Charities Bill.

Further comments on the Charities Bill: