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OSCR launches Independent Examination guidance

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) launched its official guidance on the independent examination of charity accounts at the Scottish Conference of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE) in Perth on Thursday, 12 November 2009.

Laura Anderson, OSCR's Acting Head of Enquiry & Investigation, introduced the publication to delegates, which stresses to both charity trustees and examiners the importance of preparation, understanding the individual charity and the regulatory environment.

OSCR's Acting Head of Enquiry & Investigation said:

'The guidance is designed to assist charity trustees, independent examiners and other third parties in understanding the requirements for the external scrutiny of accounts in line with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

We would like to thank ACIE for their invaluable contribution and assistance during the development of the guidance booklet'

Mark Heaton, chair of ACIE, commented "ACIE is delighted that OSCR has chosen the association's event for the launch. ACIE has been keenly involved in developing the guidance and it is a great conclusion to our tenth anniversary year."

The new guidance can be downloaded from OSCR's website at <http://www.oscr.org.uk/ExternalScrutiny.stm>

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