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Board Transparency Scale - 2018

Policy Statement:

The need for additional transparency is becoming increasingly evident. Transparency, whilst linked to Governance is a separate function. An organisation could have exemplary governance, but if that isn't transparent it undermines the credibility of the charity.

This is especially true at present when public confidence needs to be rebuilt in the charity sector. Therefore rather than relying on current company law to present governance information to the public, it is important that key information about the organisation is presented through the website.

<p>A Standard This is the top award and it would mean that the charity and the website discloses all the relevant information regarding the governance and finances of the organisation. Compliance with this standard is especially important for organisations who have classified themselves as a B or C within the Governance Code Structure.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The names of all the current board members <input type="checkbox"/> The date the board members were appointed <input type="checkbox"/> A Biography of each of the board members <input type="checkbox"/> A Copy of most recent accounts <input type="checkbox"/> A commitment to comply with the charity SORP (this would include the disclosure in bands of €10k of senior staff salaries) <input type="checkbox"/> A commitment to comply or implement the Code of Governance <input type="checkbox"/> A Commitment to comply with the Principles of Good Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> An explanation or list of members <input type="checkbox"/> The Articles and Memorandum of Association
<p>B Standard This is an acceptable level of disclosure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The names of all the current board members <input type="checkbox"/> A Biography of each of the Board members <input type="checkbox"/> A Copy of most recent Accounts <input type="checkbox"/> A commitment to comply with the Charity SORP <input type="checkbox"/> A commitment to comply or implement the Code of Governance <input type="checkbox"/> A Commitment to comply with the Principles of Good Fundraising
<p>C Standard This is a very minimal standard and efforts should be taken as a matter of urgency to improve the level of disclosure on the website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The names of all the current board members <input type="checkbox"/> A Biography of each of the Board members

D Standard
This is an unacceptable level of public disclosure.

No governance information available through the website

Implementation

Boards and Senior Staff should as part of their on-going governance review look at what level of disclosure the organisation currently administers. Use the checklist to determine at what level you are at and then take incremental measures to achieve the A standard.

Policy	Transparency Scale		
	Approved?	Date Approved?	Notes.
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Policy Adopted On Date Of:		00.00.2019	