



### **Charities in Northern Ireland**

The new Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 establishes a full charity law and charity regulation regime for Northern Ireland. There is now a Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and a register of charities is being established. Registration will be compulsory for all charities, regardless of size or home jurisdiction.

In Autumn 2009 registrations begin and new rules on charitable purposes and public benefit come into force. Whilst there will be some similarities, these requirements will not match those applicable in either England and Wales or Scotland. There are some special provisions for designated religious charities.

All charities will be subject to public accounting and reporting obligations (from April 2011).

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### **Burton Sweet Charities and Voluntary Sector Unit**

We have a longstanding commitment to serving the charity and wider “not-for-profit” sectors. Our specialist knowledge and practical experience provide you with expertise, commitment and value, to help you build a successful future for your organisation. For professional advisers, we offer unique expert assistance in dealing with your clients’ needs.

Our charity team includes accountancy and legal skills. Team members offer an outstanding range of knowledge and practical experience, combined with a real passion for making sure charities can deliver effectively and show the good they do.

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