

# Charities and Social Enterprise

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# Knowledge and Expertise

Our broad expertise in advising charities, social enterprises and other not for profit organisations (including membership bodies and trade associations) enables us to provide pragmatic and proactive advice to the sector as a whole as it faces challenging times and recognises the need to become more innovative and entrepreneurial.

As a top 10 specialist legal advisor to the UK's top charities, our team has worked with those operating within this sector for many years and advises on all aspects from start-up options and legal structures, to expansion and collaborations. Our aim is always to assist clients to maximise their impact and become more efficient.

We have a dedicated national team operating across the firm's four offices in London, Harrogate, Manchester and Newcastle. Our clients range from household names to start-ups and from national charities to local groups.



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Ian has a wide range of experience in the field of charity, commercial, constitutional and governance law. He works closely with organisations and entrepreneurs in developing appropriate legal structures for social enterprises. Ian co-authored "Healthy Business – a guide to social enterprise in health and social care."



"Hempsons has provided excellent advice to Balance CIC and always ensures you have fully understood the implications of your decisions. I wholly recommend using Hempsons and will continue to do so in the future."



**Andrea Biggs,**  
Chief Executive, Balance CIC



"We have worked successfully with Hempsons for several years now and remain highly impressed with their specialist knowledge of the charity sector in particular. We have dealt with a number of experts from Hempsons ranging from employment, property, contractual and constitutional matters and on company and charity law and regulatory issues. In each key area we have received high quality support, and speedy turnaround and responses, which is most impressive."



**Philip Bartey, Group CEO,**  
Autism Plus

# Helping you maximise your impact

**We are kept at the forefront of changes and influences in the sector by operating at research and policy level with specialist umbrella bodies, academic bodies and think tanks, often acting as thought leaders on innovative developments.**

Sharing the knowledge gained from our partnerships and wide range of clients, we work with clients at a strategic level to find ways to make their plans happen, and help them appraise opportunities from recent developments and Government policy.



## Development and adding value:

### **Alliance Contracting – Building new collaborations to deliver better healthcare**

A joint publication with ACEVO that proposes that the NHS works directly with groups of charities and social enterprises before a contract is put out to tender, so as to most effectively involve these organisations in the design of the relevant intervention.

### **Spinning out of (whose) control?**

Co-written with Local Partnerships, this briefing paper examines the levers of control which can be exercised when public sector services spin out into staff led social enterprises.

### **Healthy Business – a guide to social enterprise in health and social care**

We co-authored with Social Enterprise UK a report which looks at the scope for social enterprises to be health and social care providers.

### **Training**

Our national free seminar programme, bespoke in-house training, as well as more generic training sessions on a wide range of topical issues are well attended and valued by our clients and contacts.

# How we can help

Our Charities and Social Enterprise team is experienced in advising on all elements of law and regulation that impact on the sector.

## Specialist core services



Charity law	Charities & trading
Collaborations & joint ventures	Company law
Fundraising	Governance & constitutional reviews
Incorporation of existing charities	Legacies
Mergers	Royal Charter Corporations
Social Enterprises & Mutuals	Start-ups & registrations for charities
Start-ups for CICs & social enterprises	Trustee training

## Additional services

Care Quality Regulation	Commercial contracting
Data Protection law	Disputes & litigation
Employment	Equality & Diversity
Freedom of Information	Health & Safety
IT	Intellectual Property
Procurement & commissioning	Projects & construction
Property	Public sector services & spin outs
Social finance	State Aid



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