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The pilot scheme will be developed over the coming months in collaboration with businesses and charities. The scheme will launch in 2019/20.

Environment Secretary Michael Gove said:

Nobody wants to see good food go to waste. It harms our environment, it's bad for business – and it's morally indefensible.

Every year, around 100,000 tonnes of readily available and perfectly edible food is never eaten. This has got to change.

In the coming months we will work closely with business, charities and volunteers to deliver a new scheme to tackle this problem.

The scheme will specifically address surplus food from retail and manufacturing. This is just one part of the problem – food waste in the UK totals 10.2 million tonnes per year, of which 1.8 million tonnes comes from food manufacture, 1 million from the hospitality sector, and 260,000 from retail, with the remainder from households. Further action to cut food waste from all sources is being considered as part of Defra's Resources and Waste Strategy, which will be published later this year.

Defra is commissioning work to improve the evidence base around food waste, including understanding why more surplus food is not being redistributed. This work will inform the design of the scheme, ensuring it drives down food waste in the most effective possible way.

Dr David Moon, Head of Business Collaboration at WRAP said:

Today's announcement is a great boost for the many support networks around the country working hard to ensure good food feeds people, and is not wasted.

Between 2015 and 2017 surplus food redistributed from retailers, manufacturers and hospitality and food services businesses increased by 50%, with nearly £130 million worth of food saved from waste.

And there is the potential to increase this significantly, and to expand the range and type of foods with more fresh produce. Not only will this benefit people, it will also help reduce the huge environmental impact of food waste.

The new scheme follows the £500,000 Food [Waste Reduction Fund](#) announced in December last year to support the substantial reduction of food waste throughout England.

In July this year it was announced that funds have been awarded to [eight charities](#) across the country. The Food Waste Reduction Fund grants will help provide the essential resources needed to expand their important work, and will further inform development of the new scheme.

## **Further information:**

- In 2017, [205,000 tonnes](#) of surplus food in the retail and food manufacturing sectors was wasted. Some of the surplus is difficult to minimise, costly in that it would need to be reworked or repackaged, and some surplus would not be edible. It is estimated by WRAP that 100,000 tonnes of this is both accessible and edible with the remaining being more difficult to redistribute.
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## [News story: Charity Fraud Awareness Week wins award](#)



The Charity Fraud Awareness Week campaign (22-26 October 2018) has won a Government Counter Fraud Award for outstanding international collaboration.

We partnered with more than 40 charities, regulators, professional bodies and other stakeholders across the world to help combat fraud targeted against charities.

The [Government Counter Fraud Awards](#) celebrate the exceptional work being done to protect public funds in the UK. They are hosted by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Counter Fraud Centre, the National

Crime Agency (NCA), Cabinet Office and City of London Police.

The next Charity Fraud Awareness Week will run from 21 to 25 October 2019.

**All the resources produced for Charity Fraud Awareness Week remain available to help with protecting your charity against fraud.**

## **Fraud week helpsheets**

These short helpsheets cover fraud topics and have useful advice to protect your charity.

- [getting to know your grant holders](#) (PDF, 188KB, 2 pages)
- [getting to know your donors](#) (PDF, 189KB, 2 pages)
- [an introduction to legacy fraud](#) (PDF, 163KB, 2 pages)
- [an introduction to fundraising event fraud](#) (PDF, 187KB, 2 pages)
- [getting to know your staff \(insider fraud\)](#) (PDF, 190KB, 2 pages)
- [an introduction to whistleblowing](#) (PDF, 195KB, 2 pages)
- [an introduction to moving money safely](#) (PDF, 185KB, 2 pages)

## **Fraud week e-learning videos**

### **Cyber fraud**

[Cyber fraud \(e-learning resource\)](#)

### **Due diligence and partnership working**

[Due diligence and partnership working \(e-learning resource\)](#)

### **Creating a counter fraud framework**

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### **Crowdfunding**

[Crowdfunding best practice](#)

## Insider fraud

[Combatting insider fraud](#)

## Whistleblowing

[Whistleblowing to the regulators](#)

## Banking fraud

[Moving money safely: an introduction to bank fraud](#)

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1. 20 February 2019 Charity Fraud Awareness Week has won a government counter fraud award. Use our helpsheets and e-learning videos to help protect your charity against fraud.
2. 26 October 2018 Added a banking fraud e-learning video.
3. 24 October 2018 Added new helpsheets and webinars related to charity fraud topics.
4. 22 October 2018 Added a link to a fraud webinar on Friday 26 October.
5. 1 October 2018 First published.

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## [News story: Charity Fraud Awareness Week \(22 – 26 October 2018\)](#)

This is the third annual [Charity Fraud Awareness Week](#) aiming to help you increase resilience against fraud.

More than 40 charities, regulators, professional bodies and other stakeholders are joining forces to help combat fraud targeted against charities.

The main aims of the week are to:

- raise awareness of the key risks affecting the sector
- promote and share good counter-fraud practices
- promote honesty and openness about fraud

## Fraud awareness week themes

Each day of national charity fraud week the campaign will focus in on particular topics.

Monday 22 October     Cyber-fraud (current and emerging threats)

Tuesday 23 October Grant fraud (due diligence and partnership working)  
Wednesday 24 October Donation fraud/legacy fraud  
Thursday 25 October Insider fraud  
Friday 26 October Moving money safely

## How to get involved

We are encouraging the charity sector to get involved in Fraud Awareness Week, you can:

- download a [UK supporters pack](#) from the Fraud Advisory Panel website
- download an [international edition of the supporters pack](#) from the Fraud Advisory Panel website
- develop your own counter fraud activities aimed at staff and volunteers, members and beneficiaries, donors and supporters, for example staff awareness training
- [join the conversation on Twitter](#) by promoting your own counter fraud messages or retweet ours using the hashtag #CharityFraudOut

Our guidance will also help you to [protect your charity from fraud](#).

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## [News story: Manchester seminar: Complex commissioning for complex needs](#)

Thursday, 6 November, 2018

featuring

Laura Furness | Head of Funding | Big Lottery Fund Paul Pandolfo | Programme Manager | Shelter Plus special guests with lived experience of multiple and complex needs

Please see the attached flyer for details and how to book.

PDF, 446KB, 1 page

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