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Legal Need Checklist

NGO partners can obtain free legal assistance through our [Pro Bono Referral Scheme](#) where they do not have the resources or in-house expertise. The following questions are designed to help you establish whether you need to consider a particular legal area in more detail:

- Do you need assistance with corporate governance, such as compliance with the Governance Code, or obligations under charities law?
- Do you need assistance in the restructuring of your organisation or setting up a new one?
- Do you need assistance around a tax query?
- Do you need assistance with a contract you are agreeing?
- Do you need assistance on your duties as an employer (employment, health and safety, pensions)?
- Do you need assistance around the lease of a property?
- Do you need advice on data protection practice and procedures?
- Do you need staff or service user training on a specific area of law of benefit to your service users or in how your organisation can better engage with the legal process?
- Do you need case-law summaries prepared? Or the possible implications of a case analysed?
- Do you need legal advice or research on a bill or new piece of legislation?
- Do you need legal research on an area of human rights: civil and political/socio-economic?
- Do you need legal assistance with a policy/law reform submission for lobbying/campaigning?
- Do you need to check your publications are legally up-to-date?
- Do you need legal representation for your service-users on an issue of wider public interest?
- Are there any systemic issues or patterns emerging on any given issue that you think may have a legal aspect?
- Does your board need a legally-qualified member?