

## Update: anti-lobbying clause in government grant agreements put on hold

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The government has put the new 'anti-lobbying clause' in government grant agreements on hold following a critical response to the new proposal and in particular an open letter sent to government containing 130 signatures from the charity and not-for-profit world, including those of Sir Stuart Etheridge (Chief Executive, National Council for Voluntary Organisations), and David Bull (Chief Executive, UNICEF).


The new clause, which would prevent recipients of government grants from using any of the grant money to influence government, parliament and political parties, was scheduled for implementation from 1 May 2016. This has now been put on hold, with no new date of implementation has been given. The Cabinet Office has said: *'we are continuing to consider the comments of all interested parties ahead of the introduction into grant agreements of the clause aimed at protecting taxpayers' money from being wasted on government lobbying government.'*


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