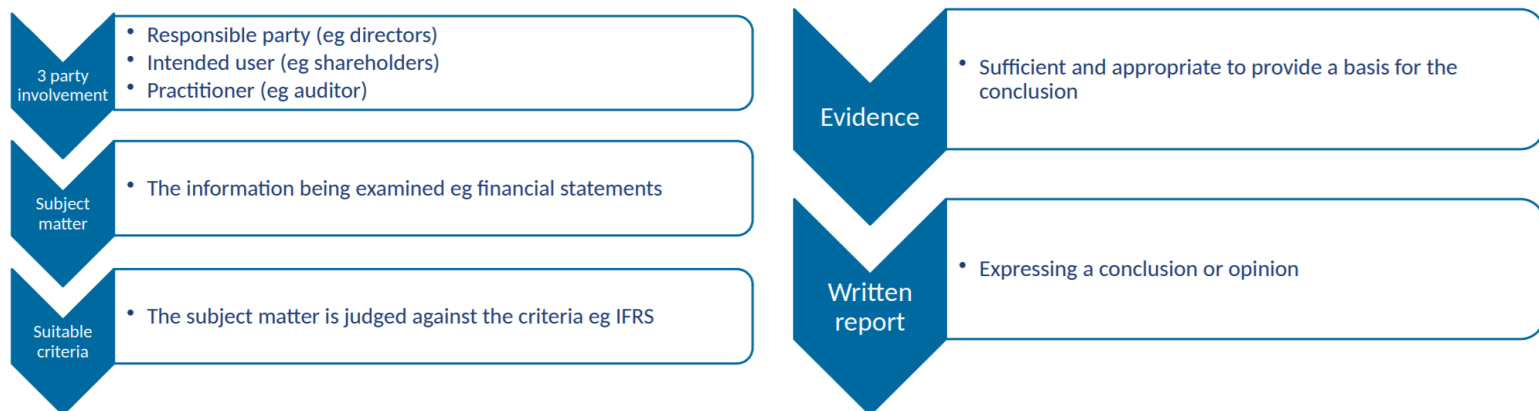




Types of Assurance Engagement

1. Reasonable assurance engagement

The practitioner:

- Gather sufficient appropriate evidence
- Does enough work to be able to draw reasonable, but not absolute conclusions
- Concludes that the subject matter conforms in all material respects with identified suitable criteria
- Gives a report in the form of a positive statement of opinion (in our opinion....)
- The level of assurance given is high
- E.g. statutory audit

2. Limited assurance engagement

The practitioner:

- Gathers sufficient appropriate evidence to be satisfied that the subject matter is plausible in the circumstances
- Give a report in the form of a negative statement of opinion (nothing has come to our attention)
- The level of assurance given is moderate
- E.g. review of financial statements (ISRE 2400), risk assessment reports, performance measurement reports, reviews of internal controls, reports on social and environmental issues

UK Regulation - FRC

- The FRC issues the UK version of ISAs
- It's supported by a technical advisory group
- It's responsible for discipline and auditing standards
- It issues a code of ethics which is similar to those of the RSBs

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