Regulator freezes Christian charity’s assets after accounting concerns

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The Charity Commission has opened a statutory inquiry into the Gorgias Charitable Trust (registered charity number 1178051).

The charity is based in London and has general purposes to advance the Christian religion, and to promote healthcare.

The Gorgias Charitable Trust was registered in April 2018 and declared that it had no income the following financial year.

The regulator has serious concerns as to the accuracy of the information provided in 2019, as the charity appears to have been operating and has seriously understated its income.

Since then, it has failed to file any accounting information with the Commission, which constitutes misconduct and / or mismanagement in the administration of the charity.

There are also concerns about unauthorised trustee benefits, including payments made to a trustee for services rendered in FYE 31 December 2020.

As a result of its concerns, the regulator has taken protective action to temporarily freeze the charity’s assets, under section 76(3)(d) of the Charities Act 2011.

The inquiry will examine the extent to which the trustees are complying or have complied with their legal duties in respect of the administration, governance and management of the charity, with particular regard to:

- the trustees’ compliance with their statutory accounting and reporting responsibilities
- the financial management of the charity
- whether there has been any unauthorised private benefit to the trustees and/or connected parties

The scope of the inquiry may be extended if additional regulatory issues emerge during the Commission’s investigation.

It is the Commission’s policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing the issues examined, any action taken, and the inquiry’s outcomes.

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Notes for editors:

1. The Charity Commission is the independent, non-ministerial government department that registers and regulates charities in England and Wales. Its ambition is to be an expert regulator that is fair, balanced, and independent so that charity can thrive. This ambition will help to create and sustain an environment where charities further build public trust and ultimately fulfil their essential role in enhancing lives and strengthening society. Read further

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2. On 26 January 2026 the Charity Commission opened a statutory inquiry into the charity under section 46 of the Charities Act 2011 as a result of its regulatory concerns that there is or has been misconduct and / or mismanagement in the administration of the charity.

3. A statutory inquiry is a legal power enabling the Commission to formally investigate matters of regulatory concern within a charity and to use protective powers for the benefit of the charity and its beneficiaries, assets, or reputation.

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