

Our ref: IM/QRV/12-3447

7 September 2012

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email dated 7 August 2012, received by OSCR on 8 August 2012 requesting information about the Scottish Charity Register under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request and OSCR's response:

I have broken down your request into the four queries below.

1. Please provide the names of every charity which has been struck off the register since 1st April 2006. For each, provide:
 - a) The date of removal from the register
 - b) The reason for removal (eg defaulting on return/accounts; criminal misconduct etc).

Following our email exchange I have defined 'struck off' as meaning that OSCR took the decision to remove the charity due to non-compliance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'). In this response I have not included the bulk removals which are listed on our website:

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/search-charity-register/removals-from-the-register/>

Appendix 1 below lists the former charities that OSCR has taken the decision to remove under section 30 of the 2005 Act, as they no longer meet the charity test. Under section 30 OSCR must, where it appears that a charity no longer meets the charity test and is not providing public benefit, remove a charity from the Register.

Under section 33 of the 2005 Act OSCR must report on the subject of inquiries made under section 28 if as a result of the inquiries it gives a direction, or removes a charity from the Register under section 30.

Of the charities listed in Appendix 1, numbers 26 to 40 have current section 33 reports which can be found at: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/managing-your-charity/how-to-complain-about-a-charity/inquiry-reports/>

2. Please also provide details of the total number of charities on the register since it began in 2006. These may be periodic totals recorded at the end of each week, month, year, or financial year, or whenever periodic totals are recorded. This part of the request is because I want to see whether the total numbers of charities has fluctuated since 2006.

The following yearly figures are taken from our previous Annual Reviews. To put the figures in context I also include copies of our past Annual Reviews, the current version can be found at: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/publications-and-guidance/oscr%27s-annual-reports-and-accounts/>

- Scottish Charity Register at September 2006: 21,415
 - Scottish Charity Register at 31 July 2007: 23,638
 - Scottish Charity Register at 31st March 2008: 23,812
 - Scottish Charity Register at 31 March 2010: 23,260
 - Scottish Charity Register at 31 March 2011: 23,288
- The total charities registered are updated daily on our [homepage](#).
3. Please provide any periodic information of this kind you have on the number of charities that are overdue on returning their accounts/returns (including the number at the date you respond to this request).

The table below details by calendar year on those ‘non submitting’ charities which failed to submit their accounts within the 9 month deadline.

Date	Number of non-submitting charities
31 December 2007	618
31 December 2008	1101
30 December 2009	874
30 December 2010	681
30 December 2011	899
7 September 2012	1302

The percentage of non submitting charities is reported in our monthly Performance Indicators: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/about-oscr/our-work/performance-indicators/>

The Scottish Charity Register can be searched for ‘Non Submitting Charities’ [here](#).

4. Please provide, year by year, the number of times you have referred cases to the police following your own investigations into charities.

OSCR will often signpost enquirers to contact the Police directly, where it is clear from the outset that it is a matter for the Police to investigate rather than OSCR.

Where OSCR does refer cases of a criminal nature this is generally to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, rather than to the Police, under our [Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service](#).

OSCR has referred three cases to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service: one in 2009 and two in 2010; and two cases to the Police, one in 2011 and one in 2012.

Right of Appeal

You have the right to ask us to review our decision in respect of release of information under the FOISA. Your request for review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt of that request. If you still remain dissatisfied you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

If you require a review of our decision or wish to make a complaint about the way in which your request was handled, please write to:

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 Head of Corporate Services
 OSCR
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 Quadrant House
 9 Riverside Drive
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The review will be carried out by a staff member not involved in the original decision making process.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1

	Charity/Body name	Charity no.	Date removed
1	Glasgow Africa Youth Support Project Association	SC036542	22 July 2010
2	Tayside Adoptees Support Group	SC022516	22 July 2010
3	Wight Medical Widows Fund	SC017943	22 July 2010

4	Claimants Advice Network	SC032496	22 October 2010
5	Friends of The New School	SC033932	22 October 2010
6	Tollcross Parents & Toddler Group	SC028886	22 October 2010
7	Overnewton Parent and Toddler Group	SC036768	22 October 2010
8	Christian Brethren Hawick	SC014407	22 October 2010
9	Network Ayrshire	SC024369	22 October 2010
10	Stresswatch Scotland	SC004456	22 October 2010
11	The Bike Place	SC037446	22 October 2010
12	Deanery Of The Chapel Royal In Scotland	SC005268	22 October 2010
13	Global-Vision Research Academy	SC037054	22 October 2010
14	Bulgarian Hopes Fund	SC033763	22 October 2010
15	Rosyth Majorette Corps	SC028543	22 October 2010
16	Abundant Life Ministries	SC028870	22 October 2010
17	Kurdish Development Association	SC037881	22 October 2010
18	Wight Medical Bursary Fund	SC017942	22 October 2010
19	Woodside Facilities Trust	SC009233	22 October 2010
20	Scottish African Refugee Community Association	SC036499	22 October 2010
21	Global Chinese Culture Union	SC037791	22 October 2010
22	Centre Stage Drama Group	SC030599	22 April 2011
23	Morvern Outreach	SC031651	22 April 2011
24	Having a Voice on Change	SC037352	22 April 2011
25	Moonbeams Children's Cancer Charity	SC020130	22 October 2011

26	The Largo Trust	SC039911	22 September 2009
27	Feba Sport And Leisure Limited	SC037896	05 November 2010
28	Pro Arte	SC025447	15 December 2010
29	Cushnie Chaos	SC032225	29 November 2011
30	Monkstadt Trust	SC015261	29 November 2011
31	Wanderers	SC015581	29 November 2011
32	Kurdish Cultural Association - Scotland	SC030333	29 November 2011
33	AARO Charitable Trust	SC039696	29 November 2011
34	Projects For Education Environment Culture Heritage - P.E.E.C.H	SC032455	01 December 2011
35	Berwickshire Access Panel	SC038487	14 December 2011
36	Shetland Independent Ambulance Service	SC040585	14 December 2011
37	Old Boys Social Club Sir Alexander Gibb Trust	SC007043	29 August 2012
38	Friends Of Cochlear Implant Users In Scotland (F O C U S)	SC028320	29 August 2012
39	Centre For Human Advancement	SC030239	29 August 2012
40	Universal Health Foundation	SC029777	29 August 2012