

## **Inquiry Report regarding a body known as Campbell's Ozone Therapy Trust**

We have decided to publish this report to highlight to the public that Campbell's Ozone Therapy Trust is not a charity.

**On 11 April 2014, OSCR issued a direction under section 31(5) of the 2005 Act requiring that the founder of Campbells Ozone Therapy Trust stop representing it as a charity registered in Scotland.**

The direction was complied with for the required six month period, however, we have received information that Campbells Ozone Therapy Trust is again referring to itself as a Scottish registered charity. While we do not consider it proportionate to refer this case to the Court of Session, **we have decided, as Scotland's charity guardian, to alert the public to this organisation and to provide background to our decision.**

Earlier this year, as a result of inquiries made under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act), it appeared to us that a body known as Campbell's Ozone Therapy Trust had been misrepresenting itself as a charity.

The 2005 Act states that only a body entered in the Scottish Charity Register can refer to itself as a charity. As Campbell's Ozone Therapy Trust was refused charitable status it could not be referred to as a charity. However, we were informed that the body was referring to itself as a 'Registered Cancer Charity'. Through our inquiries, we established that reference was being made to the body being a charity, and after several communications with the body, we decide to take regulatory action.

On 11 April, we therefore issued a Direction to the founder of Campbell's Ozone Therapy Trust, instructing him to no longer refer to the organisation as a 'charity'.

A person who, without reasonable excuse refuses or fails to comply with a direction under section 31(5) of the 2005 Act is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000) or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months or to both.

### Background

The organisation had applied for charitable status in 2010. We may only enter an applicant in the Scottish Charity Register if we consider that it meets the charity test (section 5(1) of the 2005 Act). The charity test consists of two main parts:

1. The body's purposes must consist only of one or more of the 16 charitable purposes (link to website) listed in the 2005 Act
2. The body must also provide public benefit in Scotland or elsewhere.

Under Section 8 of the 2005 Act, we must determine whether a body provides or intends to provide public benefit having regard to a number of factors:

- Private benefit gained or likely to be gained

- Disbenefit incurred or likely to be incurred by the public
- Unduly restrictive conditions such as fees and charges, where benefit is only to be gained by a section of the public.

The stated primary purpose of Campbells Ozone Therapy Trust was to raise funds to buy the equipment which delivers the [Bob Beck Protocols](#), then supply that equipment to individuals with cancer. We asked the organisation to provide independent evidence that the Bob Beck Protocols would provide public benefit in preventing or relieving the suffering of individuals with cancer.

The evidence provided to us was detail from the website of two companies that market the protocols. We decided that this evidence could not be determined as independent.

In addition, the information provided did not specify exactly how the Bob Beck Protocols would promote the relief of cancer suffers. After consideration of other potential sources of information, such as peer reviewed medical journals and other independent sources such as main UK cancer charity websites and other cancer support organisations, we were unable to locate any document or evidence to support the view that these treatments could prevent or relieve the suffering of individuals with cancer.

These treatments appear, on the basis of available evidence, to be still experimental. This means that it has not been shown that the treatments were safe or that they would work.

In addition, we must have regard to the possibility of disbenefit in the form of potential harm to would-be beneficiaries from such treatment. In particular, we considered the lack of evidence of benefit and the references on the Bob Beck Protocols marketing websites to possible side effects and a warning that one of the protocols must not be used alongside chemotherapy and other prescription drugs.

As a result, we concluded that Campbell's Ozone Therapy Trust did not satisfy the public benefit element of the charity test and we therefore refused it entry into the Scottish Charity Register.

**Campbell's Ozone Therapy Trust is not entered in the Scottish Charity Register and therefore is not a charity.**

We have taken this step because we value charitable status and the reputation of the charity sector. If you have evidence that Campbell's Ozone Therapy Trust is representing itself as a charity, please contact us on 01382 220446 or at [info@oscr.org.uk](mailto:info@oscr.org.uk)

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