

Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

Inquiry report made under Section 33 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Harvest Ministries Limited (SC004545)

OSCR has concluded its inquiry into Harvest Ministries Limited. The inquiry examined the charity's handling of safeguarding concerns and the oversight exercised by the charity trustees, including governance, decision-making and record-keeping arrangements.

OSCR's inquiry identified weaknesses in the charity's safeguarding governance and oversight. These included deficiencies in the charity's safeguarding procedures, the assessment and documentation of safeguarding risks, charity trustee decision-making, record keeping and the identification and management of conflicts of interest.

The charity trustees have taken steps to improve their safeguarding arrangements, including reviewing policies and procedures and obtaining external safeguarding advice. However, further work is required to strengthen safeguarding governance and oversight. OSCR has therefore made recommendations to support the charity's trustees in addressing those areas. We have decided to close the inquiry to allow the charity trustees time to consider and implement those recommendations.

This inquiry highlights the importance of charity trustees ensuring that safeguarding concerns are appropriately identified, recorded, assessed and managed through clear and accountable decision making. Charity trustees must ensure that the welfare of those at risk remains a primary consideration and that any conflicts of interest are identified and appropriately managed.

[OSCR's safeguarding guidance](#) sets out the responsibilities of charity trustees in relation to safeguarding and should be considered by any charity working with vulnerable beneficiaries.

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