

The Gate Way For The Less Privileged, Scottish Charity number SC048911

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

1. Introduction

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) is making inquiries into The Gate Way For The Less Privileged (the charity) under section 28 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act). OSCR has taken precautionary and protective action by directing the charity in terms of section 28(3) of the 2005 Act not to undertake any activities for a period of six months pending further inquiries by OSCR.

2. Background

The Gate Way For The Less Privileged was awarded charitable status on 14 December 2018. OSCR opened an inquiry into the charity in January 2024 on receipt of concerns that public fundraising collections had been taking place by one of the charity trustees without fulfilment of the legal duty to report on the amount of money collected to the relevant local authority.

OSCR contacted the charity to seek information about:

- Who the charity trustees were
- The activities being undertaken by the charity in furtherance of its charitable purposes
- How charitable assets were being used

Despite repeated attempts to obtain the required information from the charity, including through use of our formal powers, OSCR has not received this.

The trustees have stated that the charity has undertaken limited activities. However, OSCR has received information to suggest that the charity has continued to fundraise via public collections in different local authority areas across Scotland.

The charity is also significantly overdue in submitting its 2023 and 2024 Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts with OSCR. It has also recently become overdue with the filing of its 2025 Annual Return and Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts.

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3. Action

As a result of inquiries to date, it is not clear what activities the charity is undertaking in furtherance of its purposes and OSCR is concerned that the charity's assets may be at risk. OSCR needs to undertake further inquiries into the charity's governance and recent activities. Our inquiries are ongoing and this direction does not pre-empt the outcome of these inquiries.

However, given the seriousness of the situation, OSCR considers it appropriate to direct the charity not to undertake any activities, including fundraising activities, whilst our inquiries are ongoing.

This direction is valid for six months and expires on **30 July 2026**. The direction can be revoked or varied by OSCR during that period if it is determined appropriate to do so.

OSCR
30 January 2026

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