



Charities

A summary of our services



Our advice adds value to charities of any size

Our team has extensive experience in the challenges that face charities in the modern world – whether in terms of achieving the initial charitable registration status, ensuring the charity and its trustees continue to meet the raft of regulatory requirements or resolving commercial or internal conflicts.

As with many of our areas of expertise, our Charities team has evolved over the years and has become an increasingly important part of our business. We pride ourselves on our diverse sector offering, which includes specialist charity law expertise and knowledge.

We have vast experience in the most complex of matters pertinent to charitable and not-for-profit organisations. We thrive on being able to assist organisations in resolving intricate issues and disputes whether relating to governance, business as usual operations or potential transactional deals. As well as being able to look after the legal and commercial needs of any charity, we also assist trustee boards in relation to their duties

and regulatory requirements so they can focus on delivering the work that really matters.

We often help with matters where trustees have previously been poorly advised, such as in terms of regulatory compliance, Charity Commission requirements and expectations, land, property and asset ownership transfers and management, grants and subsidy schemes, ecclesiastical matters and the like. We can confidently give trustees support on these issues and we have the sector knowledge and expertise to unravel the most disconcerting of situations, alongside providing pragmatic advice on more standard concerns.

Our charities services

The work we undertake is as varied as the charities for whom we act. From formation through to growth, expansion and mergers, we have the skills to help.



HOW WE CAN HELP YOU:

- Setting up of a charity and general charity formation and governance
- Incorporation of charities and trustee bodies
- Advice on compliance and interaction with corporate and charity regulators, including advice on charity mergers
- Mergers and collaborative working, distribution agreements and manufacturing agreements
- Funding issues and commercial arrangements
- Commercial contracts and procurement
- Administration of estates (including buying and selling charitable land)
- Advice on effective legacy administration, including assisting charities in defending litigation arising out of will disputes from disappointed beneficiaries
- Charity Commission registration
- Creation, administration and variation of charitable trusts
- Trustee advice, remuneration and insurance, trustee disputes
- Employment advice including service contracts, employment and consultancy contracts and advice on employee disciplinary processes
- Acquisition disposal, letting and development of property (buying, selling or leasing property)



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