## <u>Charity Commission appoints interim</u> <u>manager to CAWRM Ltd</u>



The Charity Commission has appointed an interim manager to the charity <u>CAWRM</u> <u>Ltd</u>, also known as Jerusalem Merit, which aims to relieve poverty and financial hardship, in particular among refugees in the Middle East.

Gordon Reid of Barlow Robbins Solicitors was appointed under section 76(3)(g) of the Charities Act 2011 on 14 January 2020. His role will be to assess specific issues, including the charity's relationship with a third-party company, and the charity's viability.

The charity's trustees will remain responsible for the general running of the charity while the IM conducts his work. Interim managers are appointed as a temporary and protective measure where the Commission has identified misconduct and/or mismanagement in the administration of a charity, or where there is a need to protect a charity's property.

The Commission opened an inquiry into <u>CAWRM</u> in November 2018 to investigate serious regulatory concerns about the charity's management and finances. The investigation continues.

## **Ends**

## **Notes to Editors**

- 1. Section 76(3)(g) of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission power to appoint interim managers to a charity.
- 2. This appointment is a temporary and protective power that will be reviewed at regular intervals. It will continue until the Commission makes a further order for its variation or discharge.
- 3. Once the inquiry has concluded the Commission intends to publish a report setting out its findings. Reports of previous inquiries are available on GOV.UK.

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