<u>Regulator appoints interim managers to</u> <u>two charities under inquiry</u>

The Charity Commission has appointed interim managers to manage the property and affairs at The Jalloh Charitable Trust (1145466) and The Deacons Charitable Trust (1142038).

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.

<u>Statutory inquiries</u> were opened into the two charities, which share connected trustees, earlier in 2019. The inquiries were prompted by concerns about the trustees' compliance with charity law, related party transactions and the management of conflicts of interest.

The inquiries continue to have concerns about a number of serious regulatory issues at the charities, including substantial outstanding loans to a trustee, and have therefore appointed Karen Spears and Steven Law of RSM Restructuring Advisory LLP as interim managers of both charities.

Karen Spears and Steven Law will carry out their work to the exclusion of the trustees, in order to allow the charities to be properly managed.

The inquiries continue, and the Commission intends to report on its findings on conclusion. Reports of previous inquiries are available on $\underline{GOV.UK}$.

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. The appointments are a temporary and protective power that will be reviewed at regular intervals. They will continue until the Commission makes a further order for its variation or discharge.