

CHARITIES REGULATOR FOI REQUESTS 2020

No.	Month	Category of Request	Query Re:	Date Received/Assigned	Date Resolved	Personal (P)/Non-persona (NP)	Decision
01	January	Journalist	<p>1. All charities struck off the charities register, where this strike off was involuntary. Reasons for the strike off in these cases (where the strike off was involuntary).</p> <p>2. Records showing the number of concerns investigated relating to Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs).</p> <p>3. In the case of AHBs where the concern was founded - I would like to request records showing what that concern was and what action was taken by the charities regulator as a result.</p>	08/01/2020	09/03/2020	NP	Refused
02	December	Public	<p>A copy of a recent report that was submitted to the Charity Regulator in December 2019 by ChildFund Ireland in response to concerns that had been brought to the attention of the Charity Regulator in Jan/Feb 2019. Smith and Williamson were commissioned to write the report on behalf of ChildFund Ireland.</p>	09/12/2019	29/01/2020	NP	Refused
03	January	Public	<p>Copies of All discussions by members of the CRA board in relation to the delays in publication of the NUI Galway Foundation' report.</p>	14/01/2020	10/02/2020	NP	Refused
04	January	Journalist	<p>'Proposal No 1 Documents In relation to the Cypres Scheme or any other scheme or proposal put forward to the Charity Regulator in relation to the above fund that outlines the proposal and its purpose.</p>	15/01/2020	12/02/2020	NP	Part-Granted

			<p>Any documents that reveal the proposer(s) of such scheme</p> <p>Any Documents including minutes, notes, that disclose the outcome of such proposal.</p> <p>Any documents, including minutes, notes that outline the reason for the rejection of such proposal.</p> <p>Any document that demonstrate any relationship that the Bishop of Cork and Ross and Lord Carbery have to the fund currently held by the Charity Regulator and to the Cypres Scheme or proposal</p> <p>Proposal No 2</p> <p>Documents , including emails, outlining the most recent scheme/proposal and its purpose</p> <p>Any Document outlining the proposer(s) of this scheme</p> <p>Documents, including emails, notes that disclose the outcome of the most recent proposal and any conditions or restrictions imposed on the scheme</p> <p>Any Document that demonstrates any relationship that the Bishop of Cork and Ross and Lord Carbery have to the fund currently held by the Charity Regulator and to the most recent proposal.</p> <p>Any Document that reveals how much is in the fund.'</p>				
05	January	Journalist	<p>Minutes of meetings of the Authority and executive management team of the Charities Regulator including copies of papers distributed at/for these meetings. The period of the meetings would be 1 May 2019 to 21 January 2020.</p>	21/01/2020	12/03/2020	NP	Part-Granted

06	January	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current supplier of your First Aid Kits and Supplies and the expiry date of the contract with this supplier • The name and contact details of the person responsible at your organisation for the provision of First Aid Kits and Supplies 	27/01/2020	28/01/2020	NP	Response provided outside FOI
07	February	Journalist	Records showing how many charities were referred on to the Revenue Commissioners in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and reasons for those referrals.	19/02/2020	03/03/2020	NP	Refused
08	February	Public	Any communications, reports or documents from those representing Scouting Ireland that relate to Scouting Ireland scout groups sign up to be individual charities. Either electronic or hard copy.	21/02/2020	09/03/2020	NP	Part-Granted
09	February	Journalist	All minutes of board meetings held during 2019	14/02/2020	13/03/2020	NP	Response provided outside FOI
10	February	Journalist	Records showing how many charities were referred on to the Gardai in 2019 and reasons for those referrals.	19/02/2020	12/03/2020	NP	Granted
11	March	Public	Copies of all correspondence, emails, reports, opinions and minutes of meetings with Scouting Ireland since 1st September 2019 in the negotiations with the Charity Regulator on their new structures.	02/03/2020	25/03/2020	NP	Part-Granted
12	April	Public	The documentation held by the Charity Regulator in relation to the applications from Kagyu Buddhism Ireland RCN: 20044985) and Zen Buddhism Ireland (RCN: 20155384) and any subsequent documentation that explains how they achieved charitable status. Please include within the scope of my request any	14/04/2020	11/05/2020	NP	Part-Granted

			other policy document in use by the Regulator when determining whether or not an organisation does in fact qualify as a 'religion'.				
13	May	Journalist	Any correspondence, including memos, letters, and emails, between the Charities Regulator and management at Pieta House (CHY16913) between December 2019 and April 2020 in relation to governance of the charity. I would also like to submit a request to the Charities Regulator under FOI for any complaints, written or email, received in relation to Pieta House in the same period	07/05/2020	29/05/2020	NP	Part-Granted
14	May	Journalist	Records relating to St Vincent's Holdings (CLG), CHY number CHY14187, RCN 20204684, including: 1. Its constitution. 2. The names of its trustees. 3. Its declared sources of income. 4. Correspondence discussing any request for, or decision to, exclude it from the Charities Regulator's normal disclosure of information. The period of time for which data is sought: February 2019 - May 2020	11/05/2020	14/06/2020	NP	Part-Granted
15	June	Journalist	Copies of all board minutes from board meetings from September 2018 to date.	16/06/2020	14/07/2020	NP	Part-Granted
16	June	Public	A copy of all complaints, inquiries or queries received by the Charities Regulator in respect of Serv Blood Bike Leinster in any format since 2014.	17/06/2020	13/07/2020	NP	Part-Granted
17	July	Public	Re: Sale of property by Union of Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - North Eastern Province	07/07/2020	05/08/2020	NP	Part-Granted

			I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 requesting any and all files and/or documents relating to the above decision dated 25 June 2020 and your letter dated 30 June 2020.				
18	July	Public	All records relating to concerns raised about Cavan Lighthouse, including all internal files and correspondence.	27/07/2020	24/08/2020	NP	Part-Granted
19	July	Journalist	copies of the minutes of all board (or similar authority) meetings from January 2020 to June 2020	29/07/2020	25/08/2020	NP	Part-Granted
20	August	Public	N/A	04/08/2020	27/08/2020	P	Part Granted
21	August	Public	N/A	21/08/2020	31/08/2020	P	Withdrawn
22	September	Public	<p>1. any and all documents and/or files, maps and correspondence relating to the appointment of Presentation Sisters - North East Province as Trustees by order given under the Common Seal of the Charities Regulatory Authority dated 23/8/2018 in relation to Charity number 20015350. The order states that it relates to the land and premises in the conveyance dated 14/7/1911 known as the Presentation Convent, New Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. Reference is made to maps attached to Deeds dated 1853 and 1854.</p> <p>2. Any and all documents and/or files, maps and correspondence relating to the other joint tenants in fee simple on the Deed referred to dated 14/7/1911, as to whether their present-day successors were consulted, and their responses, about the appointment of Presentation Sisters as Trustees in 2018 of the land and premises in the conveyance dated 14/7/1911 known as the Presentation Convent, New Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.</p>	09/09/2020	06/10/2020	NP	Part-Granted

			3. Any and all documents and/or files, maps and correspondence relating to the necessity to appoint the above-named Presentation Sisters as Trustees of Presentation Convent, New Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 in 2018 when they were already Trustees of all Presentation Order properties in their North East Province, of which Clondalkin is a part				
23	October	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many new constitutions has Charity Regulator approved after its creation in 2014 for the charity type “Company”? The charity regulator website does not seem to have all the constitutions listed. For example, Apurva Charity Company Limited by Guarantee (Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20203914) have no constitution listed on the site. • How many of these new constitutions approved after 2014 do not have the standard clauses incorporated into their constitution? For example, Vedic Hindu Cultural Centre (VHCCI), Ireland CLG (Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20149666) does not have all the standard clauses incorporated in their constitution. • How many of these new constitutions have the standard clauses incorporated? • How long in average (i.e. days/months/years) does the charity regulator give the charity with these new constitutions to adopt the standard clauses if not already incorporated? • How many of these new constitutions have been approved with no provision for election of Directors/Trustees by their members? 	29/10/2020	13/11/2020	NP	Refused

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these charities with new constitutions have not submitted an audited account to the CRO/Charity Regulator, despite having income greater than €100K? For example, The Vedic Hindu Cultural Centre, Ireland CLG, year 2018 accounts submitted are unaudited. 				
24	November	Public	The details (constitution and abridged accounts) of the "Bhartiya Sanskritik Society" charity which operated between 2012 and 2015. If possible, release it like a regular charity on the charity regulator website.	02/11/2020	20/11/2020	NP	Refused