

**THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008
THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2013
THE CHARITY TRIBUNAL RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010**

IN THE CHARITY TRIBUNAL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Between

MARGUERITE O'REILLY

Appellant

-and-

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Respondent

DIRECTIONS (2)

WHEREAS the Tribunal issued judicial Directions dated 09/04/2026 to the parties, including the Appellant, requiring compliance by the Appellant within 28 days of the date of the said Directions;

AND WHEREAS there has been no compliance to date by the Appellant with the said judicial Directions;

AND WHEREAS it has emerged that 'GUT HEALTH MATTERS LIMITED is an institution having its own legal personality as a limited company, but has not brought any appeal against any decision of the Respondent, in the absence of anything to the contrary, this appeal, if a valid appeal, can only be brought, if at all, by the Appellant herself, in her own name, if she has sufficient legal standing to do so, and not on behalf of GUT HEATH MATTERS LIMITED (hereafter 'the Institution') in the absence of the Institution authorising her to bring an appeal on its behalf.

IT IS DIRECTED THAT

1. the Appellant shall be afforded a further 14 days from the date of these Directions to comply with the said Directions dated 09/04/2026 (copying any reply to the Respondent at the same time), as hereby amended:

- (1) whether she accepts that her Notice of Appeal is out of time and, if so, a statement of reasons for the delay by her in making this appeal, together with any information that will assist the Tribunal in considering what steps, if any, were taken by the Respondent to notify or publish its 'final decision', that is, the definitive decision of the Respondent that is the subject of this intended appeal); when the Appellant became aware of the final decision and when did she become aware of a right to appeal the final decision and the time limit for making an appeal;
 - (2) the basis upon which she purported to be authorised to bring this appeal on behalf of the Institution, an incorporated limited liability company with its own legal personality;
 - (3) to provide a certified copy of any Minutes of a meeting(s) of the Board of the Institution authorising or directing her to make this appeal on its behalf;
 - (4) the category of Column 2 of the Table to Schedule 3 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ('the Act') into which she considers she falls, that is, whether she is, or claims to be, a charity trustee of the Institution or is a person who is, or may be, affected by the impugned decision of the Respondent (whether in her own right, or otherwise) and the reasons why that may be the case;
 - (5) the section of the Act under which she asserts the impugned decision of the Respondent is made;
 - (6) details of the final decision of the Respondent including the name of the person that decision concerns; any reference number of the Respondent and the date the final decision of the Respondent was notified to her (if that is the case);
 - (7) whether she accepts that no copy of the final decision of the Respondent was filed with her Notice of Appeal (thereby, potentially, rendering her appeal an incomplete appeal that should not be admitted for hearing on that basis, quite apart from the issue of whether her appeal should not be admitted as being out of time);
 - (8) whether she accepts that she did not, and has not, in her Notice of Appeal, if she accepts that the appeal is out of time, made any request for a direction, pursuant to Rule 3 of the Rules, for an extension of time to have her appeal admitted for hearing.
2. The Appellant is, again, strongly urged to obtain the advice and services of a representative experienced in Northern Ireland charity law to assist her in making her appeal and, in particular, in addressing the alleged 'Out of Time' issue and the 'Incomplete Appeal' issue.
 3. The Appellant is, again, advised that the Tribunal may, pursuant to Rules 5 and 6 of the Rules, strike out, or dismiss, the Appellant's purported appeal on various

grounds, including if the Tribunal is satisfied that the purported appeal discloses no reasonable grounds for bringing an appeal, subject to the Appellant having a opportunity to make representations against the making of such an Order, or if the Appellant, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with these Directions.

4. The Appellant, within the said 14 days from the date of these Directions, is invited to make representations, if any, as to why this appeal should not be struck out, pursuant to the said Rules 5 and 6 of the Rules.
5. The Appellant shall be at liberty to apply in writing (copied to the Respondent, seeking its consent, if appropriate), to vary, add to or substitute any of these Directions, so long as she does so before the time for compliance has expired and stating her reasons for such application.
6. Since the only Notice of Appeal received by the Tribunal is an appeal dated 06/02/2025 in the sole name of the Appellant and no other person, corporate or incorporate, that is the only purported appeal before the Tribunal. In particular, there is no Notice of Appeal before the Tribunal brought by the Institution.
7. Upon hearing from the Appellant in response to these further Directions, the Tribunal shall, inter alia, consider whether it may be appropriate to hold a pre-hearing review of this appeal, pursuant to Rule 13 of the Rules, having regard, in particular, to the Appellant's stated medical conditions, giving further directions appearing necessary or desirable to securing the just, expeditious and economical conduct of this appeal, or to hold a preliminary hearing, pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules if it appears to the Tribunal that any preliminary question of fact or law appears to be at issue in relation to the appeal or to determine any such preliminary question on the papers only without a hearing.

Signed: **D. McMahon**
President,
Charity Tribunal for Northern Ireland

Date: **13 May 2026**