



Appeal number: CA.2021.0013

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
GENERAL REGULATORY CHAMBER
(CHARITY)

MERMAIDS

Appellant

v

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

First
Respondent

And

THE TRUSTEES OF LGB ALLIANCE

Second Respondent

DIRECTIONS

1. This appeal is listed to be determined at a 6-day face to face hearing in London on 9-16 September 2022. The matter is listed to be heard at Field House.
2. All issues in dispute between the parties will be determined by the Tribunal at that hearing. As determined by the Chamber President, the tribunal panel will consist of
 - Tribunal Judge Lynn Griffin – presiding judge of the panel
 - Tribunal Judge Joe Neville
3. I note the appellant's change in representation, notified on 16 August 2022 from Bindman's solicitors to the Good Law Practice.
4. The following matters fall to be resolved before the hearing
 - a. Whether there will be a hybrid hearing, allowing observation and/or

witness attendance remotely in the event of a positive covid result

- b. Whether, in the light of the change of representation, the Appellant maintains previous request to share witness statements and if so how that application is affected, if at all, by the change of representation (factually or legally).
5. The outstanding steps in the preparation of this case seem to be the lodging of final bundles and an agreed proposed reading list for the Tribunal, with a chronology, a schedule of agreed facts and a list of issues to assist the Tribunal. These should all be with the Tribunal no later than 5pm on 2 September 2022.
 6. I note that the Appellant told the tribunal that they would not be able to take instructions on the issue of a hybrid hearing before today. Any submissions of BOTH issues from the appellant should be sent to the tribunal by 5pm on 2nd September 2022. The other parties may make further submissions by that date and time if they wish. I will be taking a decision on these issues on 5 September 2022.
 7. Having received the skeleton arguments I note that the parties do not appear to regard the issue of the proper identification of the second respondent as contentious and therefore unless there are submissions to the contrary received by 5pm on 2nd September 2022 I am minded to make a direction on 5 September to substitute "LGB Alliance", meaning the incorporated body, a company limited by guarantee, no. 12338881) as the second respondent in place of the Trustees of LGB Alliance.

Lynn Griffin

Tribunal Judge Lynn Griffin

30 August 2022