



Case Reference: CA/2021/0013

**First-tier Tribunal
General Regulatory Chamber
Charity**

Before

TRIBUNAL JUDGE NEVILLE

Between

MERMAIDS

Appellant

and

**(1) THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND & WALES
(2) THE TRUSTEES OF LGB ALLIANCE**

Respondent

CASE MANAGEMENT DIRECTIONS

On considering the correspondence today between the parties, and with the Tribunal:

1. 9 April 2022 is the first day of the hearing, not a reading day. It is expected that counsel will attend Field House in time for a 10am start.
2. Judge Griffin's directions set out several issues to be considered at the start of the hearing:
 - a. Whether to substitute the company, LGB Alliance, for the current second respondent [and any consequential directions];
 - b. The second respondent's application to adduce a further witness statement;
 - c. [Both the timing and principle of] publication of documents to the public;
 - d. Any outstanding issues over disclosure of documents to the Good Law Project, and any conditions that should be attached to that disclosure;
 - e. The trial timetable.

To the above can now be added:

- f. Whether the Tribunal should permit any witness or representative to *participate* in the hearing remotely, and any consequential directions;
 - g. Any remaining necessary directions concerning remote *observation*, and in particular any application for permission to 'live tweet' (or otherwise contemporaneously transcribe or summarise) the proceedings;
 - h. Any issues arising from the amendment of witness statements on 2 September 2022.
3. The parties will be expected to assist the Tribunal in resolving those issues without disproportionate expense of time. In particular the Tribunal expects the parties to have identified the extent to which they are in dispute, and the relevant legal provisions and authorities. An agreed note would be of assistance.
4. Clarification has been sought as to the scope of paragraph 12 of the directions dated 6 September 2022. The directions are clear. Putative observers should assume that no individual will be admitted to the CVP room by the hearing clerk without having previously complied with the directions' requirements, notwithstanding that individual's connection to the proceedings or previous in-person attendance. It is acceptable for a solicitor representing a party to submit a list of observers accompanied by the information required for each of them, and a professional assurance that each observer has provided the confirmation required by paragraph 11(d). The CVP link must not otherwise be shared with third parties, who instead should be directed to the Tribunal's website¹.

Signed

Judge Neville

Date:

7 September 2022

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-regulatory-chamber-cases-listed-for-hearing>