



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

LGB ALLIANCE

Second Respondent

## Directions

1. The appeal in this case will reconvene on 7 November 2022 at 9.30am to hear submissions from all parties. These directions are made to facilitate the smooth running of that hearing. The parties are asked to publicise the requirements of these directions in order that steps can be taken before the hearing as set out below.

### Remote observation of the reconvened hearing

2. Having regard to the resources that were necessary to staff the CVP link, allowing remote observation of the hearing that began on 9 September 2022, I make the following directions as regards the hearing on 7 & 8 November 2022.
  - a. Any person who was permitted access to observe, all or part of, the hearing that began on 9 September 2022 will be permitted to access the

CVP link for the hearing on 7 & 8 November 2022 provided they observe from within the United Kingdom and abide by my previous directions which are repeated at paragraph 3 below.

- b. Tribunal staff will send the link and PIN for the hearing on 7 & 8 November 2022 to those observers recorded as having been given permission to observe the earlier hearing.
  - c. Any other person who wishes to observe the hearing that will take place on 7 & 8 November 2022 must make application to do so by 5pm on 3 November 2022. This is to allow HMCTS staff to process the applications in advance of the hearing. Those applications are subject to paragraph 3 below.
  - d. No observers will be admitted to observe the hearing remotely on 7 & 8 November 2022 that have not applied in accordance with paragraphs 2 (a) & 2 (c) above.
  - e. The staff at the venue will admit observers to watch the hearing in person, subject only to the capacity of the hearing room to accommodate them.
3. Applications to observe the hearing remotely are subject to the following requirements
- a. No person may receive the transmission of the proceedings unless they are within the United Kingdom. No person outside the United Kingdom may join the CVP link to watch or listen to the proceedings.
  - b. Any person who wants to watch or listen to the hearing via the CVP link provided by HMCTS, must
    - i. identify themselves to the tribunal in writing (by email) by providing their full name, home address and email address in accordance with 2 (c) above
    - ii. conduct themselves appropriately, and in accordance with the tribunal's directions, during the transmission.
  - c. No person in receipt of the transmission is permitted to record the proceedings in any format, whether by way of audio recording, visual recording, screen shot or otherwise.
  - d. Any person who wants to watch or listen to the hearing via the CVP link provided by HMCTS must indicate in writing that they understand and will comply with the requirements at a-c above before they are admitted to the CVP room.
4. The tribunal may at any time cease the provision of a remote link to the hearing.

Live tweeting

5. At the hearing on 9 September 2022 the tribunal allowed the application for live tweeting from the hearing room. This will be permitted on 7 & 8 November 2022 subject to the same conditions as below
  - a. Live-tweeting of an accurate factual account of the proceedings is in the interests of open justice.
  - b. Anyone attending has permission to live-tweet provided they do so appropriately.
  - c. Any live tweeting and reporting must (i) comply with the general law and the existing directions of this tribunal, and (ii) not interfere with the proper conduct of proceedings or evidence.
  - d. Any errors in live tweeting must be swiftly corrected by the original author.

*Lynn Griffin*

Tribunal Judge Lynn Griffin

17 October 2022