



Trustees and Their Responsibilities

Directors are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as Trustees, Directors, Board Members, Governors or Committee Members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases.

1) Directors have and must accept ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the company and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and delivering the outcomes for which it has been set up.

Compliance – Directors Must:

(2) Ensure that WCS Care Group Ltd complies with charity law, and with the requirements of the Charity Commission as regulator; in particular ensure that WCS Care Group Ltd prepares reports on what it has achieved and annual returns and accounts as required by law.

(3) Ensure that WCS Care Group Ltd does not breach any of the requirements or rules set out in our governing document and that it remains true to the charitable purpose and objects set out there.

(4) Comply with the requirements of other legislation and other regulators of the company.

(5) Act with integrity, and avoid any personal conflicts of interest or misuse of company funds or assets.

Duty of Prudence – Directors Must:

6) Ensure that the company is and will remain solvent.

7) Use charitable funds and assets wisely, and only in furtherance of the company's objects.

8) Avoid undertaking activities that might place the company's endowment, funds, assets or reputation at undue risk.

9) Take special care when investing the funds of the company, or borrowing funds for the company to use.

Duty of Care – Directors Must:

10) Use reasonable care and skill in their work as Trustees, using their personal skills and experience as needed to ensure that the charity is well-run and efficient.

11) Consider getting external professional advice on all matters where there may be material risk to the charity, or where the Trustees may be in breach of their duties.