Barth Syndrome UK Code Of Fundraising Practice

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Policy

Trustees have independent control over, and legal responsibility for, the charity's management and administration, including the issue of accepting or refusing donations and legacies.

In accordance with the values set out within the BS UK Trustee Code of Conduct, the Trustees have a legal responsibility to act at all times in the best interests of the Charity and its aims.

As such, donations and legacies will be used to assist the Charity in fulfilling its purpose of raising awareness and seeking a cure for those affected by Barth Syndrome.

In exceptional circumstances BS UK may refuse to accept, or even return, a donation if the Trustees are of the opinion that the receipt of such a donation could cause reputational damage, or arise from a source not in keeping with the values and ethos of BS UK.

In such circumstances it will be for the Trustees to determine whether or not to accept - or return - such a donation, and irrespective of the outcome of any such discussions, a record of the decision-making process will be made.

Donations arising from known or suspected criminal activities will be reported to the relevant authorities for investigation.

Vulnerable Donors

A vulnerable donor is described as someone who is, or was at the time of making a donation, in the best belief of the Trustees, incapable of making an informed decision or an individual who felt undue pressure into making a donation.

In such circumstances a donation or legacy should not be accepted from the individual. If a donation has already been made and accepted, it will be for the Trustees to determine whether or not a refund should be made. Where necessary, the Trustees may approach the Charity Commission for guidance, after taking into account the particular circumstances involved (size of donation, circumstances in which the donation was made etc.).

Again, irrespective of the outcome of any such discussions held by the Trustees, a record of the decision-making process will be made.

All fundraising activities will be undertaken in accordance with the updated code of fundraising practice - see guides from the Fundraising Regulator

Where fundraising events are being held in aid of BS UK, the board of trustees will advertise such events on social media etc., unless the trustees are of the opinion that the event could cause reputational damage or is not in keeping with the values and ethos of BS UK.