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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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*By email*

Your ref:  
Our ref: LW/c-081886/FOI

Date: 5 April 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

## Your Freedom of Information request response

Thank you for your request for information received by the Charity Commission 17 March 2023. You asked:

- “1. Has the Church of Scientology appealed, or made any attempt to overturn the Charity Commission’s 1999 decision?**
- 2. Have the Church of Scientology made any subsequent applications to be considered for Charity status, since 1999?**
- 3. Are there any ongoing dialogues between the Charity Commission and the Church of Scientology, if so I would like to understand the context of these, and if possible, see any evidence of such conversations - emails, letters etc.**
- 4. Narconon is currently a registered Charity in the UK. Are there any other Scientology-related groups that have applied, been accepted, or rejected, for charity status in the UK? The groups I am particularly interested in are: Youth for Human Rights; Crimonon; Foundation for a Drug Free World; Applied Scholastics; United for Human Rights and Citizens Commission on Human Rights**
- 5. What safeguards are in place, and what is the process the Charity Commission would go through should the Church of Scientology apply for Charity Status again? How would the Charity Commission go about**

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**speaking to former members, survivors and victims of Scientology's malpractices and abuse, as part of the review process?"**

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I confirm this information is not held by the Commission.

**"1. Has the Church of Scientology appealed, or made any attempt to overturn the Charity Commission's 1999 decision?"**

I confirm this information is not held by the Commission. I have searched the unregistered Organisation's records and confirm the Commission does not hold any records of the Church of Scientology contacting the Commission to appeal or overturn the Commission's 1999 decision.

**2. Have the Church of Scientology made any subsequent applications to be considered for Charity status, since 1999?"**

I confirm this information is not held by the Commission. I have searched the unregistered Organisation's records and confirm the Commission does not hold any records of any subsequent applications for charity status from the Church of Scientology.

**3. Are there any ongoing dialogues between the Charity Commission and the Church of Scientology, if so I would like to understand the context of these, and if possible, see any evidence of such conversations - emails, letters etc.**

I confirm this information is not held by the Commission. I have searched the unregistered Organisation's records and confirm the Commission does not hold any records of ongoing dialogues between the Church of Scientology and the Commission. I confirm no emails or letters are held.

**4. Narconon is currently a registered Charity in the UK. Are there any other Scientology-related groups that have applied, been accepted, or**

**rejected, for charity status in the UK? The groups I am particularly interested in are: Youth for Human Rights; Crimonon; Foundation for a Drug Free World; Applied Scholastics; United for Human Rights and Citizens Commission on Human Rights**

I confirm this information is not held by the Commission. I have searched Commission records and confirm that none of the Organisations you have mentioned above have charity status or have made applications to become registered by the Charity Commission.

**5. What safeguards are in place, and what is the process the Charity Commission would go through should the Church of Scientology apply for Charity Status again? How would the Charity Commission go about speaking to former members, survivors and victims of Scientology’s malpractices and abuse, as part of the review process?”**

I confirm the Commission does not hold this information. I confirm the Commission does not have any safeguards in place should the Church of Scientology make another application for charity status.

All Organisations applying for charitable status would need to follow the procedures set out in our publication Set up a charity: Register a charity:

[Set up a charity: Register your charity - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or the decision which has been reached, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests must be submitted within two months of the date of this response and should be addressed to the Charity Commission at PO Box 211, Bootle, L20 7YX (email: [DPIR@charitycommission.gov.uk](mailto:DPIR@charitycommission.gov.uk)).

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you are able to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our review procedure. The ICO can be contacted at the Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water

Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF (email: [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#)).

Please do not reply to this email. Please use the email address [FOIRequests@charitycommission.gov.uk](mailto:FOIRequests@charitycommission.gov.uk) if you wish to submit another FOI.

Yours sincerely



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