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Charity regulator investigation into charity which failed to submit accounts for 4 years

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The Charity Commission has opened a statutory inquiry into Jalalabad Association ([1012090](#)) to look into concerns over potential mismanagement in the administration of the charity.

The charity, whose objects include the advancement of the religion of Islam throughout the Hereford and Worcester area, was previously included in a class statutory inquiry after failing to fulfil its statutory duty to submit its necessary financial information to the Commission for 5 consecutive years.

As part of the class inquiry the Commission made an order under section 84 of the Charities Act compelling the trustees to provide, within a specified time frame, the outstanding information and to undertake a review, implementing changes to the charity's procedures and practices around the preparation and submission of financial information. The trustees failed to comply with this order, but eventually submitted a set of accounts and a trustees' report for the financial year ending 31 March 2013, 1735 days late.

The trustees continue to be in default of their statutory duty to file annual returns and accounts with the Commission, with information for the years 2012 and 2014 – 2017 still outstanding.

As a result of the trustees' continued non-compliance, the Commission opened a separate statutory inquiry into the charity on 12 December 2018 to examine the following regulatory issues:

- the extent to which the trustees are complying with their legal duties in respect of their administration, governance and management of the charity, and in particular:
  - the extent to which a properly appointed board of trustees is exercising proper and adequate oversight over the charity's affairs
  - the charity's financial management, include its financial controls
  - its compliance with legal obligations for the preparation and filing of the charity's accounts and other information and returns

- the extent to which the trustees have complied with previously issued regulatory guidance and the order made under section 84 of the Charities Act in the previous inquiry

It is the Commission's policy, after it has concluded an inquiry, to publish a report detailing what issues the inquiry looked at, what actions were undertaken as part of the inquiry and what the outcomes were. Reports of previous inquiries by the Commission are available on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk).

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## Notes to Editors

1. Section 46 of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission the power to institute inquiries. The opening of an inquiry gives the Commission access to a range of investigative, protective and remedial legal powers.
2. Section 84 of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission the power to direct specified action by trustees where it is satisfied that misconduct or mismanagement has occurred or there is a need to protect the charity's property.
3. The Charity Commission is the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales. To find out more about our work see the [about us](#) page on GOV.UK.
4. Search for charities on our [check charity](#) tool.

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An emergency exercise will take place at Dounreay on the morning of Thursday 17 January. The site alert will be sounded to initiate the exercise.

This notice is to inform the public not to take any action on hearing the alarm.

Any queries relating to this notice should be made to the emergency arrangements team on 01847 802535.

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## News story: Chief Constable appointment

The Chairman of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority, Vic Emery OBE, is delighted to announce the appointment of the new Chief Constable.

Deputy Chief Constable Simon Chesterman will take over the role of Chief Constable from Mike Griffiths in April 2019.

Vic Emery said: "The recruitment process for the new Chief Constable over the last few months has been very competitive with over 20 candidates applying. As part of the recruitment for this Executive appointment we held an employee staff panel for the first time for the five shortlisted candidates and I'd like to publicly thank those officers and staff who helped in this process.

"DCC Chesterman has a wealth of strategic and operational policing experience that I believe will be core to meeting the future challenges the CNC will face. I'm looking forward to working closer with him and know he shares my ambition to make the constabulary recognised nationally and internationally as the leading organisation for armed protective security.

"He takes over from Chief Constable Mike Griffiths in April 2019 and I thank him again for his dedicated service of leading the Constabulary for the last 7 years. He continues to see us through unprecedented change and growth."

DCC Simon Chesterman said: "I am honoured to have been selected to lead the CNC as the next Chief Constable and humbled by the support people have given me. The CNC is pivotal in delivering national security and protecting the public and I am looking forward to working with officers, staff, the Police Authority and our partners to shape our future and lead the force forward. In the meantime, my focus remains on supporting Chief Constable Mike Griffiths."

Chief Constable Mike Griffiths said: "I am delighted to be handing this rewarding role to someone who knows the Constabulary and our diverse partners so well.

"Simon has a wealth of experience both in terms of understanding the challenges faced by counter terrorism policing and an inclusive approach to partnership working. Simon is well liked and respected throughout the wider policing community and his appointment will ensure a smooth transition for the force.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the CNC, and I remain fully committed

to leading this great organisation until my departure in March. We all have a very important role within counter terrorism policing and the civil nuclear industry to deliver and during the next few months that is my focus."

Simon has almost 35 years' operational policing experience. He joined Thames Valley Police in 1984 and transferred to West Mercia Police as an ACC in 2007 having successfully completed the Strategic Command Course. He became West Mercia's Deputy Chief Constable in 2011 and then transferred to the CNC in 2014.

In 2008 Simon was selected as the NPCC lead for Armed Policing, a portfolio he still leads. He is an experienced specialist firearms commander and is part of the UK's chief officer CT Command cadre. He was awarded the Queens Police Medal in the 2012 New Year's Honours list, for distinguished service.