<u>Press release: New charity</u> <u>investigation: Fadak Media Broadcasts</u>

The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales, has opened a new statutory inquiry into Fadak Media Broadcasts, registered charity number 1165143. The investigation was opened on 24 August 2017.

The charity has objects to advance the Islamic religion, to advance the education of the public in the Islamic religion, and to promote religious harmony.

On 4 August 2017 the Commission received a serious incident report from the charity in regards to suspicion of significant unauthorised payments from within the charity. The report has raised serious regulatory concerns about the management and administration of the charity, and whether the trustees have sufficient oversight of the charity's finances.

An inquiry has therefore been opened to assess whether:

- the trustees have exercised sufficient oversight and control of the charity's assets and whether there is any ongoing risk to charitable assets
- the trustees are capable of discharging their legal duties and responsibilities in relation to the financial and general governance of the charity, including oversight of the charity's staff
- there has been any misappropriation of the charity's assets and if so whether it is in the interest of the charity to pursue restitution

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 <u>available on GOV.UK</u>.

The charity's details can be viewed on the Commission's <u>online charity search</u> <u>tool</u>

- The Charity Commission is the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales. To find out more about our work, see our <u>annual</u> <u>report</u>.
- 2. Search for charities on our online charity search tool
- 3. 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.