



An Rialálaí  
Carthanas  
Charities  
Regulator

Mr. Liam Crowley, Chairperson  
The Saoirse Foundation  
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**The Saoirse Foundation - RCN 20075163 (the Charity)**

Dear Mr. Crowley,

A key role of the Charities Regulator is to monitor and ensure compliance by charitable organisations with the provisions of charities legislation, in particular, the Charities Act 2009. As you are aware, a number of concerns were raised with the Regulator in respect of the Saoirse Foundation.

In this context the Charities Regulator has engaged with the charity. This engagement has included obtaining information and documentation from the charity, in addition to meeting with charity trustees.

We specifically note the governance review commissioned by the charity in September 2015 conducted by external consultants. This review identified a number of significant issues which required attention to improve governance in the charity.

Based on the actions taken by the Charity trustees to address the issues identified in the review, and confirmation with regard to the finalisation of matters being addressed by other enforcement bodies, we have deemed it appropriate to close the concerns the Regulator received in respect of the charity.

Ultimately, the trustees are charged with the responsibility of controlling and managing the charity. A key trustee duty is to ensure that you act in your charity's best interest, in that you must do what you and your co-trustees (and no one else) decide will best enable the charity to carry out its purposes.

I would ask that you bring this letter to the attention of all of the charity trustees.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Malone  
Head of Compliance and Enforcement