

## Can a charity assist with efforts connected with COVID-19?

Charity trustees may be considering what more they can do to assist with COVID-19. Before doing so trustees must check whether the proposed action falls within their existing charitable objectives, to do otherwise may cause mission drift. However, upon checking the objects you may find there is greater flexibility than trustees realise for example, "the relief of poverty". If the objects are not wide enough then the trustees need to obtain the Charity Commission consent to amend the existing objects, as referred to in the Charity Commission's latest guidance on COVID-19 updated on 31st March 2020. [Click here](#) to read.