

Responsibly acquitting board duties

Six questions for responsibly acquitting board duties

1. Act with reasonable care and diligence

Ask yourself - would someone who was observing me think that I was being careful and conscientious in my duties?

2. Act in the best interest and proper purpose

Ask yourself - is this decision in the best interest of my charity and does it further its charitable purpose?

3. Proper use of information & position

Ask yourself – am I using information I have obtained as a board member for the benefit of my charity or am I using it for my own interests or the interests of my family or others I have a relationship with?

Ask yourself - am I using my position as a board member for the benefit of my charity, or am I using it for my own interests, or the interests of my family, or others I have a relationship with?

4. Responsible financial management

Ask yourself – are there systems and processes in place that ensure that your charity's resources are being effectively put towards your charitable purpose and are protected from misuse?

5. Disclose and manage conflicts of interest

Ask yourself – would an independent observer be sure that I was acting in the best interests of my charity? Or might they think I was acting in my own interest?

6. Insolvency

Ask yourself – will my charity be able to pay its debts when they fall due?