**OBSTETRIC ANAESTHETISTS ASSOCIATION**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**Charity number: 1111382**

**Company number: 05540014**

**Trustees and Executive Committee members at 30 September 2022:**

Dr C Elton– President   
Dr S Armstrong - Honorary Secretary (Appointed 28 May 2022)

Dr J Bamber - Honorary Treasurer

Dr N Lucas – President-Elect (Appointed 28 May 2022)

Dr J Campbell

Dr R Collis

Dr G Crossingham (Appointed 28 May 2022)

Dr S Griffiths

Dr D Hughes

Dr K Maclennan (Re-appointed 28 May 2022)

Dr Y Metodiev (Appointed 28 May 2022)

Dr R Russell

Dr K Stoddard

Dr M Van de Velde

Dr A Wilkinson (Appointed 28 May 2022)

**Other Committee members (non-voting) at 30 September 2022:**

Dr K Litchfield – LabourPains SC Chair

Dr F Plaat – Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) representative

Dr E Fawcett (Co-opted 28 May 2022)

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The Executive Committee who are the Directors of the charitable company (and trustees under the Charities Act 2011) present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30th September 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 18 to 20 and comply with the charity’s constitution and applicable law.

**Governing Document**

The Obstetric Anaesthetists’ Association (OAA) was formerly an unincorporated association formed under a constitution adopted on 26th March 1976, as amended on 23rd April 1999, and registered as a charity under number 272190.

On 18th August 2005, a company limited by guarantee was incorporated and granted charitable status on 20th September 2005 (Registered number 1111382). On 1st October 2005 the assets and activities were transferred from the unincorporated association to the new company.

The Memorandum and Articles of the OAA were updated in June 2009 to take account of the Companies Act 2006.

The Memorandum and Articles of the OAA were reviewed and subsequently updated in June 2021 to ensure compliance with existing legislation. This process was advised and facilitated by BDB Pitmans LLP.

**Aims and Objectives**

To promote the highest standard of management and care for the mother and baby through practice, education and training in Obstetric Anaesthesia or research in Obstetric Anaesthesia.

**Trustees and co-opted Executive Committee members**

Details of Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on page 1.

In May 2022, Dr N Lucas was elected as President-Elect (term as President to commence May 2023) and Dr S Armstrong was elected as Honorary Secretary (term commenced May 2022). Dr G Crossingham and Dr Y Metodiev were elected as Trustees, and Dr K MacLennan re-elected as a Trustee, on 28th May 2022. Dr E Fawcett as co-opted to the Executive Committee as a non-Trustee and Staff and Associate Specialist Grade representative on 28th May 2022.

In October 2021, Dr E Evans resigned as a Trustee and Honorary Secretary. Dr Zin and Ms S Standford resigned as co-opted non-Trustee members in May 2022.

**Membership**

The OAA currently has five classes of members:

1. Ordinary Members (who must be a medical practitioner practising in the UK or overseas).

2. Associate Members (these are individuals who are not medical practitioners but are interested in the objects of the OAA and are admitted by the Executive Committee at its discretion).

3. Honorary Members (these are individuals elected by ordinary members at the Annual General Meeting having first been nominated by a resolution of the Executive Committee).

4. Retired Members (ordinary members may become retired members).

5. Foreign Associate Members (these are medical practitioners practicing in a reduced fee country as designated by the OAA). This is a new category of membership added to the Regulations of the OAA on 14th March 2019.

All members are entitled to attend and speak at General meetings, but only ordinary members can vote.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The OAA is run by an Executive Committee, which comprises a President, Secretary and Treasurer (and President, Secretary and Treasurer Elect (if elected)). Unless otherwise determined by Ordinary Resolution the maximum number of Trustees forming the Executive Committee is sixteen and the minimum number of Trustees is fourteen. In addition, there is one trainee member. All officers and ordinary members hold their office for a period of three years from their election, at the end of which they shall retire but be eligible for re-election to that office for one further consecutive term of three years. The trainee member holds the office for a term of two years from the date of election, at the end of which they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election for one further consecutive term of two years. The Executive Committee may appoint co-opted members who are invited to join the committee for specific purposes but do not have Executive Committee voting rights and are not Trustees. Following the revision to The Memorandum and Articles of the OAA, the structure of the Executive Committee has been amended to include a second trainee member and a member elected from the professional group of staff and associate specialists in anaesthesia. This change was made to ensure the Executive Committee better reflected the members of the OAA.

The full Executive Committee meets three times a year. Executive Committee members are involved in at least one of the following subcommittees: Education, Labourpains (formerly ‘Information for Mothers’), Research and Grants, Surveys, Investment & Finance, Communications, Guidelines, Quality and Outcomes and ad-hoc working groups. All these subcommittees meet at least once a year and report directly to the full Executive Committee. The officers of the company meet as often as required to discuss any outstanding business of the society.

The Association of Anaesthetists (AoA, formerly the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland) are contracted to assist the Executive Committee in the day-to-day running of the OAA.

**Recruitment of Trustees**

The procedure for the nomination and election (which may be held by postal or electronic ballots) of ordinary Executive Committee members is defined in the OAA’s regulations.

The results of the election of ordinary Executive Committee members and the trainee member are declared at the Annual General Meeting following the election.

**Trustee induction and training**

New Trustees are given a short, informal training session to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. This session covers:

1. The obligations of Trustees.
2. The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity.
3. Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
4. Future plans and objectives.

**Grant making policy**

The OAA continues to promote research and education through funding grants and bursaries. The OAA administers and peer reviews applications for grants submitted by April and September with decisions on these grant applications made in May and October respectively. The grants available include three Quality Improvement and Innovation Grants funded up to £20,000 per grant, and eight Small Research grants funded up to £5,000 per grant. In addition, each year the OAA funds one Large Research Grant funded up to £60,000 which is administered and awarded by the National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia (NIAA). The terms and conditions for these grants are available on the OAA website or NIAA website.

**Grant making policy (continued)**

In addition, the OAA funds numerous education and travel bursaries including bursaries for medical student elective studies.

There were two rounds of peer-reviewed research grant applications in 2021-2022. In October 2021 there were three grant applications, two applications for OAA Small research grant and one application for a quality improvement grant. One of the Small Research Grants applications was judged meritorious and funded. There were two grant applications to the NIAA for OAA Large Grants, but the NIAA did not award a grant to either application.

In May 2022, there were two small grant applications, and one international grant application. One of the Small grant applications was successful. In addition, there was one grant application for the OAA Large Research Grant administered and reviewed by the National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia in May 2022 which was unsuccessful. The OAA awarded funds for eight travel bursaries. In total the OAA awarded grants to the value of £14,857.

**Table 1. OAA Grant Awards 2021-2022**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Award Date** | **Grant Type** | **Grant Reference** | **Name of Person/Hospital** | **Amount** |
| 29/10/2021 | Small Research Grant | SG-2021-03 | St Thomas' Hospital | **£5,000** |
| 03/02/2022 | Travel Bursary | TEG-2022-01 | Graham White | **£750** |
| 20/03/2022 | ASM Bursary | ASM-2022-01 | Dr Ramesh Bhattaria | **£1,300** |
| 20/03/2022 | ASM Bursary | ASM-2022-02 | Dr Baghu Dev Parajuli | **£1,300** |
| 14/04/2022 | Medical Student Bursary | MSB-2022-01 | Grace Williams | **£750** |
| 19/04/2022 | Travel Bursary | TEG-2022-02 | Liana Zucco | **£750** |
| 20/07/2022 | Small Research Grant | SG-2022-01 | Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital | **£4,315** |
| 17/08/2022 | Travel Bursary | TEG-2022-03 | Dr Arani Pillai | **£692** |
|  |  |  | **TOTAL** | **£14,857\*** |

**\*Note: An awardee of a ASM Bursary did not attend the ASM therefore £1,300 was written back inot OAA accounts. The total net outlay on grant expenditure for the 2021-22 year was therefore £13,557.**

**Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit**

During 2021-22 the Trustees continued the multiple activities of the OAA to deliver the key objective of promoting safety in maternity care. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities; the trustees have considered how planned activities will directly contribute to the aims and objectives of the OAA. In 2021-2022 the OAA continued its recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its programme of education and other professional activities.

*Professional and public communication*

*C*ommunications with the profession, membership and general public are recognised as valuable work for the OAA. The LabourPains subcommittee leads on communications with the general public. It is a key aspect of the OAA’s work for public benefit - to provide credible and accessible information to parents on matters pertaining to the provision of anaesthesia and analgesia at the time of childbirth. The provision of this information for parents is hosted as a separate website domain (accessible through the OAA website portal) called ‘labourpains.com’. Translations of the various information ‘leaflets’ are now available in the twenty most commonly spoken languages in the UK. This work continues to be supported by the charity organisation, ‘Translators Without Borders’. New work undertaken includes information on ‘recovering after spinal or epidural’ and ‘labour analgesia and the environment’. There is also current ongoing work on producing videos and information on the use of ‘remifentanil patient-controlled analgesia in labour’. Further major work to be undertaken include a review of the readability of information currently available on the labourpains.com website. A new website with new branding design is currently being developed for labourpains.com which may help improve the accessibility of its content to the public and health professionals. There is continuing review of the social media outreach through the Labourpains accounts on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

Communications with members, health professionals and external organisations is mediated through the Secretariat offices with OAA officers and other executive committee members collaborating on the OAA communications. The OAA uses its website and @OAAinfo Twitter account to post news and announcements.

The OAA has undertaken a policy of funding Open Access of its own research work that has been submitted and accepted for publication in peer reviewed journals. This has improved the accessibility and dissemination of important work to the wider community.

*Professional guidance and leadership*

The OAA continues to provide professional guidance and leadership nationally and internationally on issues concerning obstetric anaesthesia specifically and maternity care in general. Examples of this include contributions from OAA Executive Committee members to the Provision of Anaesthetic Services for an Obstetric Population chapter in Guidelines for the Provision of Anaesthetic Services published by the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

The OAA undertook a national survey of obstetric anaesthetic care in UK maternity units in 2021 now published in a peer review journal and funded by the OAA to be Open Access (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijoa.2022.103618>).

The OAA has assisted MBRRACE-UK to recruit national anaesthesia assessors for the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal Deaths.

**Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit (continued)**

*Professional education and training*

The provision of education to obstetric anaesthetists and allied professionals is a core activity of the OAA, and there is an annual rolling programme of meetings. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the OAA resumed face to face meetings with a successful Annual Scientific Meeting in Newport in May 2022. The OAA has also linked up with other professional societies to provide joint educational meetings on topics of mutual interest, emphasising the importance of multidisciplinary care and team working. Examples of these meetings include a joint meeting with the MacDonald Obstetric Medicine Society in March 2022. A joint meeting with the Neuro Anaesthesia and Critical Care Society (NACCS) was arranged for October 2022.

Further educational content has been added to the OAA website Learning Zone, a professional development resource for OAA members.

*Leadership in quality improvement of obstetric anaesthetic care*

The OAA provides leadership in quality improvement of obstetric anaesthetic care through the work of its subcommittees: Guidelines, Quality and Outcomes, and Surveys.

The focus of the Guidelines SC has been planning content for the Guidelines section of the new website which is currently under development and to re-appraise how the Guidelines SC can better support the needs of the membership.

The Quality and Outcomes Working SC has highlighted to the Royal College of Anaesthetists the deficit of routinely collected data on anaesthetic care which hinders quality improvement in anaesthetic care. A letter on this topic written by members of the QOSC has been published in a peer reviewed journal (Anaesthesia) in May 2022 ( [**https://doi.org/10.1111/anae.15753**](https://doi.org/10.1111/anae.15753) ). A survey of obstetric anaesthetic practice was completed and submitted for publication. This survey may help members with benchmarking with peer hospitals and with national standards so to improve care. The survey may also provide useful information to other healthcare professionals, healthcare organisations and national bodies. The QOSC has also completed in 2022 a research study to investigate disparities in obstetric anaesthetic care which has been accepted for publication in a peer review journal.

For many years OAA has provided a peer review system by which members can submit approved surveys to other members on subjects relevant to obstetric anaesthesia. The results of these surveys can provide a valuable source of information to assist with quality improvement of care. However, over the years this system has experienced frequent technical problems hindering its usefulness. The OAA survey system is currently under redevelopment to make it easier to use so to improve the membership response rate to surveys and improve the utility of the survey system for informing patient care and delivery.

**Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit (continued)**

*Leadership in quality improvement of obstetric anaesthetic care (continued)*

Outreach work of the OAA includes the establishment of a liaison group to which representative members of regional societies in obstetric anaesthesia were invited to participate. The inaugural OAA Regional Societies Liaison Group meeting was held in Summer 2018 to further develop the relationship between the OAA and UK regional obstetric anaesthesia societies. The OAA Regional Societies Liaison Group is now established with ongoing plans to develop the relationship and networking between the various organisations to support the delivery of best practice in obstetric anaesthesia nationally.

The OAA continues to contribute to several projects of national public health interest: there is OAA representation on the steering committees of the UK Obstetric Surveillance System, the RCOG ‘Each Baby Counts’ project and the UK Maternal Confidential Death Enquiries (MBRRACE-UK). We continue to be consulted by professional and governmental bodies, OAA members and the general public.

**Financial review**

Overall financial review summarised in table below:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
|  | **(Actual)** | **(Actual)** | **(Actual)** | **(Actual)** | **(Actual)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OAA subscription income | 242,265 | 232,090 | 230,706 | 251,758 | 261,511 |
| less: IJOA and Pencil Point publishing costs | (93,185) | (94,170) | (91,767) | (87,007) | (98,493) |
| less: PCH membership administration costs | (4,803) | (1,570) | (780) | - | - |
| less: AoA administration costs | (118,207) | (132,249) | (126,726) | (118,963) | (114,835) |
| **Contribution to overheads** | **26,070** | **3,921** | **11,433** | **45,788** | **48,183** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surplus on meetings including sponsorship | 102,420 | 40,366 | 6,493 | 40,705 | 60,643 |
| Research grants payable | (158,209) | (170,133) | (18,725) | (18,056) | (9,315) |
| Travel and Outreach Meetings grants payable | (5,000) | (3,750) | (750) | - | (2,192) |
| Bursaries | (13,224) | (18,300) | (1,018) | - | (3,350) |
| Grants written back/monies returned | 2,452 | 16,533 | 3,866 | - | 2,628 |
| Donations payable | (1,575) | (311) | (685) | - | - |
| **Contribution to overheads** | **(73,136)** | **(135,595)** | **(10,819)** | **22,649** | **48,414** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other income** | **111,289** | **112,680** | **128,408** | **126,837** | **151,185** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Net income before other expenditure** | **64,223** | **(18,994)** | **129,022** | **195,274** | **247,782** |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
|  | **(Actual)** | **(Actual)** | **(Actual)** | **(Actual)** | **(Actual)** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other direct costs (printing, videos, education etc) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Management, administration and governance | (88,670) | (116,237) | (79,166) | (59,651) | (84,003) |
| **Net surplus/(deficit) for year**  **(excluding gains on investments)** | **(24,447)** | **(135,231)** | **49,856** | **135,623** | **163,779** |

**Investment policy**

The OAA’s policy is for its portfolio of investments to be managed on a ‘medium-low’ risk basis for long-term growth without investing in companies whose prime area of business is Tobacco, Gambling or Armaments. The total value of investments increased by 4.7% in 2019, 4.6% in 2020 but only 2.4% for 2021. For the year ended 30th September 2022 the investment portfolio lost 10% (£118,760) of its net value.

There are no restrictions on the OAA’s power to invest. The Executive Committee is responsible for investing any amounts surplus to the organisation’s immediate requirements as they deem fit. The investments are actively managed by investment brokers Charles Stanley.

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the OAA to maintain unrestricted funds, some of which are designated for the funding of research and other grants. The OAA commits to support several grants. The potential total liability for grant awards is £177,500 per annum although the actual expenditure is dependent on the number and quality of grant applications which cannot be predicted. The grant award policy is kept under regular review to ensure that OAA funds allocated towards research and grants are utilised for maximum benefit to improving patient care.

All funds are maintained at a level which is sufficient to safeguard the current level of the OAA’s commitments during periods of unforeseen variation of income and to allow for future investment in projects that will enable the organisation to further achieve its objectives of improving care in obstetric anaesthesia. The recent economic consequences following the COVID-19 pandemic and current war in the Ukraine, with increased economic inflation and the cost-of-living crisis has demonstrated the value of this prudent strategy, particularly as the OAA investment portfolio has lost 10% of its value in the past year. The performance of the investment portfolio in the forthcoming financial year will be uncertain. As OAA income is completely reliant on membership subscriptions and surplus income from its educational events, our current reserves provide organisational financial stability and reassurance during these unpredictable times.

Since 2017-2018, the OAA has used the unrestricted funds to meet its commitments to grant awards and administrative costs. The reserves have also allowed the OAA to invest in the upgrade and redesign of its digital platform so that is fit for purpose in the future and will allow the OAA to continue to function effectively. The capital digital transformation costs are estimated to be £370,419 on completion estimated for June 2023. The unrestricted funds have helped the cash flow to support expenditure on the digital transformation.

**Reserves policy (continued)**

The OAA has also devoted funds to support professional education of obstetric anaesthetists in other countries as a contribution to improving maternal health and care world-wide. In addition, the OAA has allocated funds to quality improvement projects including partnerships with other national organisations such as the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit.

At present, the OAA is maintaining unrestricted reserves sufficient to service current expenditure and investment in research requirements for 3-5 years assuming no surplus income to replace reserves expenditure. This is in the range of £1,500,000 to £1,900,000. This is on the basis that future surplus income from courses cannot be assumed, and the current number of members and subscription income is not guaranteed. This reserves policy will be kept under review, particularly if the organisation’s income improves in the future.

**Risk management**

The Executive Committee regularly reviews organisational risks and systems with advice and support from the Secretariat supplied by the Association of Anaesthetists. An example of this process is that in 2019, the OAA commissioned the consulting firm Adapta to examine the organisation’s risks and systems with regards to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The implementation of new membership and event ‘customer relationship management’ (CRM) systems will facilitate implementation and adherence of good GDPR compliance.

**Future plans**

The Executive Committee intends for the OAA to continue operating in the same way for the foreseeable future, through continuing to run courses and obtain subscriptions from members to promote the highest level of standard of management and care for the mother and baby through practice education and training in obstetric anaesthesia, and research in obstetric anaesthesia.

To improve the value and effectiveness of the OAA to its members and the wider community of health professionals and the public, the OAA has embarked on a redesign of its membership systems, websites, and its digital platform for events (including abstracts submissions to its Annual Scientific Meeting and surveys). This redesign has required a considerable financial investment which the OAA is well placed to do because of its prudent reserves policies. This digital transformation project is on track to be completed by June 2023.

**Statement of Trustees responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of Obstetric Anaesthetists’ Association for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Annual Report (including the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

* select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
* observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
* make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

**Statement of Trustees responsibilities (continued)**

* state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
* prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

* there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company’s auditor is unaware; and
* the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

**Provision of information to Auditors**

Each of the persons who are Executive Committee members at the time when this Executive Committee’s Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that committee member is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company’s auditors are unaware; and

* that committee member has taken all steps that ought to have taken as a committee member in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable company’s auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable company’s auditors are aware of that information.

**Auditors**

The auditors, Moore (South) LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statements of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 2023 and signed on their behalf:

Dr James H Bamber

Honorary Treasurer

Obstetric Anaesthetists’ Association

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Obstetric Anaesthetists Association (the ‘charitable company’) for the year ended 30 September 2022 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, Balance sheet and related and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

* give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company’s affairs as at 30 September 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
* have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
* have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC’s Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees’ use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

**Other information (continued)**

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

* the information given in the trustees’ annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
* the trustees’ annual report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees’ annual report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

* the charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
* the charitable company’s financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
* certain disclosures of trustees’ remuneration specified by law are not made; or
* we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit ; or
* the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the trustees’ annual report and from preparing a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees’ responsibilities statement set out on page 9-10, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council’s website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor’s report.

**Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

**Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Our approach was as follows:

* The engagement partner selected staff for the audit who had appropriate knowledge of the client and who had the required competence and skills to be able to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations.
* We assessed the risk of irregularities as part of our audit planning, and ongoing review, including those due to fraud, management override was identified as a significant fraud risk. This is due to the ability to bypass controls through inappropriate expenditure and accounting policies adopted.
* Completeness and cut off of income was identified as a significant risk to the audit, as income may not be recognised in accordance with the SORP.
* The entity awards grant funding, the correct inclusion of which was identified as a significant risk due to the risks associated completeness and cut off of expenditure.
* We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charity and we considered the most significant to be Charites Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council. We considered how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
* We enquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations. Consideration was also made of the internal controls in place to mitigate the identified risks.
* We assessed the control environment, documenting the systems, controls and processes adopted. The audit approach incorporated a combination of controls where appropriate, analytical review and substantive procedures involving tests of transactions and balances. Any irregularities noted were discussed with management and additional corroborative evidence was obtained as required.
* We obtained an understanding and assessed the impact of Covid-19 on the operations of the charitable company and adapted our audit approach accordingly. We enquired and obtained evidence to support the going concern assumption, dovetailed with work undertaken on management override.

To address the risk of fraud through management override we:

• performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;

• tested journal entries to identify any unusual transactions;

• tested items of expenditure to ensure that they were valid and appropriate;

• assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and

• reviewed the disclosures within the financial statements to ensure they meet the requirements of the

accounting standards and relevant legislation.

**Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)**

In response to the risk of irregularities with regards to completeness and cut off of income we:

• completed analytical work, to include comparison with prior periods;

• reviewed the basis for management’s deferred income calculations ensuring the appropriate application of accounting policies;

• performed a proof in total of income from source documentation to accounting records to ensure income is complete and recognised in the correct accounting period; and

• reviewed minutes of trustees’ meetings and confirmed income sources mentioned were included correctly within the financial statements.

In response to the risk of irregularities with regards to completeness and cut off of grant expenditure we:

• obtained a listing of grants payable during the period ensuring they were appropriately reflected with the financial statements;

• obtained third party confirmation of receipt to ensure that the grant has been made to a bona-fide individual or entity;

• reviewed conditions attached to research grants ensuring that conditions have been met prior to recognition within the financial statements; and

• reviewed minutes of meetings to ensure that all grants committed have been included with the financial statements.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company’s members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and, in respect of the consolidated financial statements, to the charity’s Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company’s Members and Trustees those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor’s report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charitable company, the charitable company’s members, as a body, and the charity’s Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Matthew Bather, Senior Statutory Auditor Date:

For and on behalf of Moore (South) LLP

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Priory House

Pilgrims Court

Sydenham Road

Guildford

Surrey GU1 3RX

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Notes | **Total** |  | **Total** |
|  | **Unrestricted Funds** |  | **Unrestricted Funds** |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **INCOME FROM** | | | |  |  | |  |
|  | | | |  |  | |  |
| Charitable activities | **3** | | | 311,458 |  | | 202,664 |
| Other trading activities | **4** | | | 381,419 |  | | 339,696 |
| Investment income | **5** | | | 31,277 |  | | 38,899 |
|  | | | | ------------------------------- |  | | ------------------------------- |
| **Total income** | | | | 724,154 |  | | 581,259 |
|  | | | | ========================================= |  | | ========================================= |
|  | | | |  |  | |  |
| **EXPENDITURE ON** | | | |  |  | |  |
| Raising funds | **6** | | | 10,911 | |  | 11,421 | |
| Charitable activities | **7** | | | 539,351 | |  | 430,539 | |
| Other | **8** | | | 10,113 | |  | 3,676 | |
|  | | | | ------------------------------- |  | | ------------------------------- |
| **Total expenditure** |  | | | 560,375 | |  | 445,636 | |
|  | | | | ========================================= |  | | ========================================= |
|  |  | | |  |  | |  |
| Net (losses)/gains on investments | **14** | | | (138,826) |  | | 167,638 |
|  |  | | |  | |  |  | |
| Net incoming resources |  | | | 24,953 | |  | 303,261 | |
|  | | | | ------------------------------- |  | | ------------------------------- |
| Net movement in funds | | | | 24,953 |  | | 303,261 |
|  | | | |  |  | |  |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | |  |  | |  |
| Total funds brought forward | | 18 | | 1,905,894 |  | | 1,602,633 |
|  | | | | ------------------------------- |  | | ------------------------------- |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | 18 | | | 1,930,847 |  | | 1,905,894 |
|  | | |  | ========================================= | |  | ========================================= | |

The notes on pages 18 to 29 form part of theses financial statements

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** | | **2021** | |
|  |  | |  | |
| **Note** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |

**Fixed assets**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Intangible asset | **13** |  | 324,496 |  | 121,641 |
| Investments | **14** |  | 1,097,498 |  | 1,216,191 |
|  | | | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
|  |  |  | 1,421,994 |  | 1,337,832 |
|  | |  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**Current assets**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Debtors | **15** | 272,492 |  | 235,742 |  |
| Cash at bank and in hand |  | 645,412 |  | 651,143 |  |
|  | | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |  |
|  | | 917,904 |  | 886,885 |  |
| **Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year** | **16** | (409,051) |  | 318,823 |  |
|  |  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |  |
| **Net current assets** | |  | 508,853 |  | 568,062 |
|  | | | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
| **Total assets less current liabilities** | |  | 1,930,847 |  | 1,905,894 |
|  | |  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**Charity Funds**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
| **Unrestricted Funds** | **18** |  | 1,930,847 |  | 1,905,894 |
|  | |  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

For the year ending 30th September 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. However, the members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board:

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Dr James H Bamber

Honorary Treasurer

Approved by the Board on 16th March 2023

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|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** | | **2021** | |
|  |  | |  | |
| **Note** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |

**Cash flows from operating activities**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | **22** |  | 185,980 |  | 166,070 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Cash flows from investing activities**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Dividends received |  | | 31,277 |  | 38,899 |  |
| Proceeds from sale of investments |  | | 66,205 |  | 242,707 |  |
| Purchase of investments |  | | - |  | (118,344) |  |
| Purchase of intangible fixed asset |  | | (202,855) |  | (121,641) |  |
|  | | | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |  |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | |  | (105,373) |  | 41,621 |
|  | | | | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
| **Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period** | |  |  | 80,607 |  | 207,691 |
|  | | |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period | |  |  | 666,518 |  | 458,827 |
|  | | | | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period** | |  |  | 747,125 |  | 666,518 |
|  | | |  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **2022** | **2021** |
|  | | **£** | **£** |
|  | |  |  |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 645,412 | 651,143 |
| Cash held by stockbroker | | 101,713 | 15,375 |
|  | ------------------------------- | | ------------------------------- |
| **Total cash and cash equivalents** | | 747,125 | 666,518 |
|  | ========================================= | | ========================================= |

The notes on pages 18 to 29 form part of theses financial statements.

**1.** **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a)** **Company Status**

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The company is incorporated in England & Wales. The directors of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company. The address of the registered office is given on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity’s operations and principal activities are explained in the Trustees Report.

**(b) Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), FRS102 section 1A, Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency and have been rounded to the nearest pound.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

**(c) Going Concern**

The Trustees have prepared detailed budgets and forecasts and on review of these consider that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis which assume that the Charity will continue to exist for a period of at least twelve months from the date the audit report is signed.

**(d)** **Incoming Resources**

Income from Charitable activities includes course registration fees, along with course and meeting sponsorship and is recognised when the Charity is entitled to the income. Income received for courses post year end is deferred.

Income from other trading activities includes subscription income which is received for the calendar year, amounts relating to periods beyond the year end are treated as deferred income. Royalty income is recognised when the Charity is entitled to the income, it is virtually certain that the resource will be received and when the value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

**1.** **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(e)** **Resources Expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the obligation can be measured reliably.

* Costs of raising funds comprise the costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio activities.
* Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries. It includes grants payable which are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the company. Single or multi-year grants are accounted for when either the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant without condition, or the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and any condition attaching to the grant is outside of the control of the Charity.
* Other expenditure represents those costs not falling into any other heading.

**(f) Allocation of Support Costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly relate to either cost of raising funds or charitable activities. These costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Charity on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly whilst others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**(g) Intangible Fixed Assets**

Software is initially recognised at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is recognised so as to write-off the cost less their residual values, over their useful lives.

As the intangible assets acquired in 2021 and 2022 are yet to be brought into use, no amortisation has been accounted for in either year. The useful life of the assets will be assessed following project completion.

**(h) Fixed Asset Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at cost, which is transaction price less transaction costs. Subsequently, the investments are included at closing mid market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**(i) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**(j) Cash at Bank and in Hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.** **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(k) Current Asset Investments**

Current asset investments include cash or cash equivalents with a maturity of greater than three months but less than one year, from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit.

**(l) Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**(m) Financial Instruments**

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**(n) Foreign Exchange Transactions**

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

**(o)** **Funds**

1. Unrestricted funds are donations and other income resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
2. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Executive Committee for particular purposes.
3. Digital Platform – this fund has been set up to specifically designate funds allocated to the digital platform project. The cost of the project is funded by general funds.
4. Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

**(p) Taxation**

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

**2. JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

In the application of the charitable company’s accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustees do not believe there are any judgements or estimates.

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Course registration fees | 311,458 |  | 202,664 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**4. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
| OAA subscriptions | 261,511 |  | 251,758 |
| Royalties | 118,858 |  | 87,488 |
| Other income | 1,050 |  | 450 |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
|  | 381,419 |  | 339,696 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**5. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Dividends | 31,277 |  | 38,899 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**6. RAISING FUNDS**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Investment Manager fees | 10,911 |  | 11,421 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**7. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Courses and meeting expenses | 250,815 |  | 161,959 |
| International Journal of Obstetric Anaesthesia  and Pencil Point Newsletter | 98,493 |  | 87,007 |
| Website | 32,159 |  | 32,562 |
| IT Costs | 7,075 |  | - |
| Grants (note 10) | 12,229 |  | 18,056 |
| External conference costs | - |  | 802 |
| Support costs (note 9) | 138,580 |  | 130,153 |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
|  | 539,351 |  | 430,539 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**8. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022**  **£** |  | **2021**  **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Audit fees | 7,350 |  | 7,000 |
| Accountancy fees | 1,955 |  | 2,516 |
| Under/(Over) accrued in previous year | 808 |  | (1,680) |
| Legal Fees | - |  | (4,160) |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
|  | 10,113 |  | 3,676 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

The costs above relate to the governance costs of the charity.

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022**  **£** | |  | **2021**  **£** |
|  |  | |  |  |
| Postage and stationery | 1,863 |  | | 18 |
| Bank and credit card charges | 14,584 |  | | 8,842 |
| Committee meeting expenses | 7,298 |  | | 2,330 |
| Membership administration | 114,835 |  | | 118,963 |
|  | -------------------------------- |  | | ------------------------------- |
|  | 138,580 |  | | 130,153 |
|  | ========================================= |  | | ========================================= |

**10. GRANTS PAYABLE**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| These constitute commitments made in the year |  |  |
|  | **2022** | **2021** |
|  | **£** | **£** |
|  |  |  |
| Research grants | 9,315 | 18,056 |
| Bursaries | 3,350 | - |
| Travel grants | 2,192 | - |
|  | ------------------------------- | ------------------------------- |
| Total grants payable | 14,857 | 18,056 |
| Grants written back | (2,600) | - |
| Monies returned | (28) | - |
|  | ------------------------------- | ------------------------------- |
| Total grants | 12,229 | 18,056 |
|  | ========================================= | ========================================= |

All research grants are made to research teams, bursaries and travel grants are made to individuals.

**10. GRANTS PAYABLE (continued)**

Grants to Institutions

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **£** |  |
| Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust | 9,315 |  |
|  | ------------------------------- |  |
|  | 9,315 |  |
|  | ========================================= |  |

During the year grants for £1,300 (2021: £Nil) to Institutions were written back as the funds were not requested.

All grants to institutions are made for research into the care of mothers and babies in line with their objectives. Grants to individuals are to allow practitioners from developing countries to attend workshops and educational courses to improve the care they provide, who otherwise do not have the means to be able to attend.

**11. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COSTS**

The Executive Committee members or persons with whom they have family or business connections have not received remuneration, directly or indirectly, from the charity.

During theperiod expenses were reimbursed to members of the Executive Committee as follows:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Travel and subsistence costs refunded to 12 members |  |  |  |
| (2021 – 2 members) | 6,569 |  | 115 |
|  | ========================================== |  | ========================================== |

At 30 September 2022 there was £Nil in creditors (2021 - £Nil).

**12. STAFF COSTS**

The charity has no employees.

**13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Software** |  |
|  | **£** |  |
| **COST** |  |  |
| Bought forward | 121,641 |  |
| Additions in year | 202,855 |  |
|  | ------------------------------- |  |
| Carried forward | 324,496 |  |
|  | ========================================= |  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **AMORTISATION** |  |  |
| Bought forward | - |  |
| Charge for year | - |  |
|  | ------------------------------- |  |
| Carried forward | - |  |
|  | ========================================= |  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **NET BOOK VALUE** |  |  |
| As at 30 September 2022 | 324,496 |  |
|  | ========================================= |  |
| As at 30 September 2021 | 121,641 |  |
|  | ========================================= |  |
| See note 21 for details of capital commitments in respect of intangible assets. | | |

**14. INVESTMENTS**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Opening market value | 1,200,816 |  | 1,157,541 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Additions | - |  | 118,344 |
| Disposals | (66,205) |  | (242,707) |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
|  | 1,134,611 |  | 1,033,178 |
| Total (loss)/gain on revaluations and disposals | (138,826) |  | 167,638 |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
| Closing market value | 995,785 |  | 1,200,816 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Cash available to invest | 101,713 |  | 15,375 |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
| Total of investments | 1,097,498 |  | 1,216,191 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**14. INVESTMENTS (continued)**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Market**  **Value** |  | **Market**  **Value** |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
| **Quoted investments** |  |  |  |
| Fixed interest | 96,613 |  | 107,176 |
| Equities | 778,428 |  | 928,065 |
| Property | 29,487 |  | 67,781 |
| Alternatives | 91,257 |  | 97,794 |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
|  | 995,785 |  | 1,200,816 |
| **Other** |  |  |  |
| Monies held by investment managers | 101,713 |  | 15,375 |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
|  | 1,097,498 |  | 1,216,191 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

The investment income was derived from the investments listed above.

The investments in the year which accounted for more than 5% of the portfolio’s value are:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** | |  | | **2021** | |
|  |  | |  | |  | |
|  | |  | |  | |  |
| Schroder US Equity Inc Maximiser | | 5.8% | |  | | - |
| Schroder Int Selection Fund Asian Total Return | | 5.1% | |  | | - |

In 2021 there were no investments which accounted for more than 5% of the portfolio value.

The following represents the split of investments held in the United Kingdom and overseas:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** | |  | | **2021** | |
|  | **£** | |  | | **£** | |
|  | |  | |  | |  |
| Investments held in the United Kingdom | | 433,754 | |  | | 548,650 |
| Investments held overseas | | 562,031 | |  | | 652,166 |
|  | | ------------------------------- | |  | | ------------------------------- |
|  | | 995,785 | |  | | 1,200,816 |
|  | | ========================================= | |  | | ========================================= |

**15. DEBTORS**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2022** |  | **2021** |
|  | **£** |  | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |
| Trade debtors | 17,505 |  | - |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 254,987 |  | 235,742 |
|  | ------------------------------- |  | ------------------------------- |
|  | 272,492 |  | 235,742 |
|  | ========================================= |  | ========================================= |

**16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **2022** | |  | | **2021** |
|  | | **£** | |  | | **£** |
|  | |  | |  |  | |
| Trade creditors | | 25,138 | |  | 99,657 | |
| Grants payable (note 17) | | 52,577 | |  | 57,682 | |
| Deferred income | | 211,954 | |  | 85,669 | |
| Accrued expenses | | 119,382 | |  | 75,815 | |
|  | | ------------------------------- | |  | ------------------------------- | |
|  | | 409,051 | |  | 318,823 | |
|  | | ========================================= | |  | ========================================= | |

Included in deferred income are amounts of £62,894 (2021 - £67,349) relating to subscriptions received in advance as well as course and sponsorship fees of £149,060 (2021 - £18,320) relating to post year end events. All brought forward amounts were released in the year.

**17. RECONCILIATION OF GRANT COMMITMENTS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **2022** | | **2021** |
|  | | **£** | | **£** |
|  | |  | |  |
| Balance owing at 1st October 2021 | | 57,682 | | 49,562 |
| Commitments made in period (note 10) | | 14,857 | | 18,056 |
| Registration fees waived | | - | | - |
| Grants written back (note 10) | | (2,600) | | - |
| Payments in period | | (17,362) | | (9,936) |
|  | ------------------------------- | | ------------------------------- | |
| Balance owing at 30th September 2022 (note 16) | | 52,577 | | 57,682 |
|  | ========================================= | | ========================================= | |

**18. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Designated Funds** | | | | **General** | **Total** |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Fund** |  |
| **Infrastructure** | | **Grants** | **Digital** | **Unrealised** |  |  |
|  | **Fund** | **Fund** | **Platform** | **Gains on** |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Investments** | |  |  |
|  | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At 1st October 2021 | 150,000 | 747,845 | 121,641 | 468,346 | 418,062 | 1,905,894 |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resourcesfor the period | - | - | - | - | 163,779 | 163,779 |
| Addition of intangible asset | - | - | 202,855 | - | (202,855) | - |
| Transfer grants committed in period | - | (12,229) | - | - | 12,229 | - |
| Transfer of funds as designated grants | - | 32,362 | - | - | (32,362) | - |
| Total loss on revaluations and disposal of investment assets | - | - | - | (138,826) | - | (138,826) |
|  | ---- -- ------------------- | ---- -- ------------------- | ------------------------ | -------- -- --------------- | -------- -- --------------- | -------- -- --------------- |
| At 30th September 2022 | 150,000 | 767,978 | 324,496 | 329,520 | 358,853 | 1,930,847 |
|  | ===================================== | ===================================== | =============================== | =================================== | =================================== | ===================================== |

**Unrestricted funds at 30 September 2021**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Designated Funds** | | | | **General** | **Total** |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Fund** |  |
| **Infrastructure** | | **Grants** | **Digital** | **Unrealised** |  |  |
|  | **Fund** | **Fund** | **Platform** | **Gains on** |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Investments** | |  |  |
|  | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| At 1st October 2020 | 150,000 | 1,020,699 | - | 300,708 | 131,226 | 1,602,633 |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resourcesfor the period | - | - | - | - | 135,623 | 135,623 |
| Addition of intangible asset | - | - | 121,641 | - | (121,641) |  |
| Transfer grants committed in period | - | (18,056) | - | - | 18,056 | - |
| Transfer of funds as designated grants | - | (254,798) | - | - | 254,798 | - |
| Total profit on revaluations and disposal of investment assets | - | - | - | 167,638 | - | 167,638 |
|  | ---- -- ------------------- | ---- -- ------------------- | ------------------------ | -------- -- --------------- | -------- -- --------------- | -------- -- --------------- |
| At 30th September 2021 | 150,000 | 747,845 | 121,641 | 468,346 | 418,062 | 1,905,894 |
|  | ===================================== | ===================================== | =============================== | =================================== | =================================== | ===================================== |

1. Infrastructure Fund - this fund has been set up to ensure that the charity has funds available to cover the costs of unforeseen changes in administration circumstances.
2. Grants Fund – this fund has been set up to ensure that the charity has set aside sufficient funds to ensure that it can continue paying grants even in a difficult economic climate.

To this end surpluses are regularly invested by our investment brokers, Charles Stanley. The aim is to eventually be able to fund future grants out of investment income generated.

c. Digital Platform – this fund has been set up to specifically designate funds allocated to the digital platform project. The cost of the project is funded by general funds. See intangibles asset note 13.

d. The general fund is intended to cover operational expenses for the next 6-12 months. Expenses

relating to courses and meetings are not covered by this fund as the course income is designed to

cover these costs. The cost of grants and donations is covered by the grants fund.

**19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

**Year ended 30 September 2022**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Infrastructure** | **Grants** | Digital | Unrealised | **General** | **Total** |
|  | **Fund** | **Fund** | **Platform** | **gains on** | **Fund** |  |
|  | **(Designated)** | **(Designated)** | **(Designated)** | **Investments**  **(Designated)** |  |  |
|  | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intangible fixed assets | - | - | 324,496 | - | - | 324,496 |
| Investments | - | 767,978 | - | 329,520 | - | 1,097,498 |
| Debtors | - | - | - | - | 272,492 | 272,492 |
| Short term deposits and cash balances | 150,000 | - | - | - | 495,412 | 645,412 |
| Creditors | - | - | - | - | (409,051) | (409,051) |
|  | ---- -- ------------------- | ---- -- ------------------- | ---- -- ------------------- | ----------------------- | ---- -- ------------------- | -------- -- --------------- |
|  | 150,000 | 767,978 | 324,496 | 329,520 | 358,853 | 1,930,847 |
|  | ====================================== | ====================================== | ====================================== | ================================ | =================================== | =================================== |

**Year ended 30 September 2021**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Infrastructure** | **Grants** | Digital | Unrealised | **General** | **Total** |
|  | **Fund** | **Fund** | **Platform** | **gains on** | **Fund** |  |
|  | **(Designated)** | **(Designated)** | **(Designated)** | **Investments**  **(Designated)** |  |  |
|  | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** | **£** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intangible fixed assets | - | - | 121,641 | - | - | 121,641 |
| Investments | - | 747,845 | - | 468,346 | - | 1,216,191 |
| Debtors | - | - | - | - | 235,742 | 235,742 |
| Short term deposits and cash balances | 150,000 | - | - | - | 501,143 | 651,143 |
| Creditors | - | - | - | - | (318,823) | (318,823) |
|  | ---- -- ------------------- | ---- -- ------------------- | ---- -- ------------------- | ----------------------- | ---- -- ------------------- | -------- -- --------------- |
|  | 150,000 | 747,845 | 121,641 | 468,346 | 418,062 | 1,905,894 |
|  | ====================================== | ====================================== | ====================================== | ================================ | =================================== | =================================== |

**20. CONTROLLING PARTY**

There is no ultimate controlling party.

**21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

At the year end, the charity had capital commitments of £111,900 (2021: £239,220) in respect of the Digital Platform project.

**22. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **2022** | | **2021** |
|  | | **£** | | **£** |
|  | |  | |  |
| **Net income/(loss) for the year** | | 24,953 | | 303,261 |
| Losses/(Gains) on investments | | 138,826 | | (167,638) |
| Dividends received | | (31,277) | | (38,899) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in debtors | | (36,750) | | 3,821 |
| Increase in creditors | | 90,228 | | 65,525 |
|  | ------------------------------- | | ------------------------------- | |
| **Net cash flow from operating activities** | | 185,980 | | 166,070 |
|  | ========================================= | | ========================================= | |