

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1071732
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2024

Respective responsibilities of management committee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under Section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements.
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Registered Charity number
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Difficult Airway Society

Accounts

30th June 2024

Difficult Airway Society
Accounts for the year ended
30th June 2024

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Difficult Airway Society
Receipts and Payments Account
for year ended 30th June 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Membership Income	61,698	76,034
Interest Received	1,629	570
	63,327	76,604
Expenditure		
Travel expenses	4,793	9,755
AAGBI Services to Specialist Societies	39,615	26,768
DAS alert cards	2,825	2,922
NMA		10,200
Other professional services	35	35
Website	41,565	7,200
Bank charges	104	145
Guideline survey	2,819	1,714
Accountants fees	1,140	930
Software	793	144
Postage and stationery	198	
DAS prize	200	
CWM Grant		2,355
NIAA Grant		4,902
Total Expenditure	94,086	67,070
Other operating income		
Karl Storz		5,000
Kent Health	4,276	318
Pentland Mediacal	200	
Abbey Tours	71,000	
Ass of Anaesthetist	32,415	
Intersurgical Ltd	7,500	
	115,391	5,318
Surplus/Deficit for the year	84,632	14,852

**Difficult Airway Society
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 30th June 2024**

		2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	4	81,720			81,720
Cash at bank	7	501,917			417,134
		583,637		-	498,854
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(990)			(840)
Total assets less current liabilities			582,647		498,014
Net assets		582,647		498,014	
Represented by:					
Restricted funds	6	14,970			50,123
Unrestricted Funds		486,946			367,011
Surplus/deficit for the year		84,632			14,853
Surplus brought forward		225,883			225,883
Movement in unrestricted funds		(229,786)			(159,856)
Funds carried forward		582,647		498,014	

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf by

Fauzia Mir

Dated

Fauzia Mir
11/02/25.

The notes on page 6 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the Accounts
for year ended 30th June 2024

4 Debtors	2024	2023
DAS 2020	35,200	35,200
Conference Partner	26,520	26,520
DAS start up 2022	20,000	20,000
	<u>81,720</u>	<u>81,720</u>
5 Accruals		
Sinclair Accounting Co Ltd	990	840
	<u>990</u>	<u>840</u>
6 Restricted Funds		
NIAA Liverpool 2010 - Premium acc 127	6,979	6,885
Cardiff 2012	7,591	7,488
Adept 1 Project	400	35,751
	<u>14,970</u>	<u>50,123</u>
7 Bank Accounts		
DAS deposit - Barclays acc 881	83,037	81,926
DAS Current - Barclays acc no 531	390,366	263,454
PayPal Account	13,544	21,630
NIAA Liverpool 2010 - Premium acc 127	6,979	6,885
Cardiff 2012 - Premium acc 006	7,591	7,488
ADEPT1 account	400	35,751
	<u>501,917</u>	<u>417,135</u>

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Notes to the Accounts
for year ended 30th June 2024

1 Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in

2 Statement of Management Committees Responsibilities

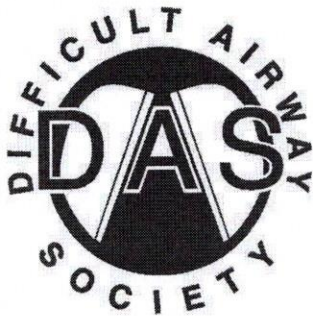
Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the management committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting for Charities" and with applicable Accounting Standards, 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 assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The management committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act . They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities

3 Management Committees Remuneration

The Management Committee were not entitled to and received no remuneration from the charity during the year.



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Minutes of the Annual Members Meeting

29th November 2024, 8:00-8:30am

Guildhall, London

Present

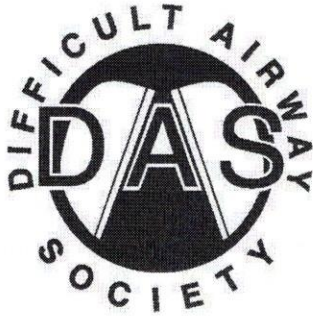
Imran Ahmad (IA)	DAS President
Ravi Bhagrath (RB)	DAS Honorary Secretary/Workshop Lead
Fauzia Ahmad Mir (FM)	DAS Honorary Treasurer
Alistair McNarry (AMcN)	DAS Professor
Kariem El-Boghdadly (KEB)	Scientific Officer
Kate Rivett (KR)	Lay Member
Gunjeet Dua (GD)	Education Lead
Abhijoy Chakladar (AC)	Surveys Coordinator
Craig Johnstone (CJ)	Joint IT Lead
Cyrus Razavi (CR)	Joint IT Lead
Achuthan Sajayan (AS)	Social Media Lead/Difficult Airways Database (DAD) Lead
Moon-Moon Majumdar (MMM)	Trainee Representative
Natalie Silvey (NS)	Trainee Representative

In attendance

Olivia D'Souza (OD)	Association of Anaesthetists, Membership Administrator
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Apologies

Tom Lawson (TL)	Education Lead
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1. Welcome and apologies - RB

RB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

RB referred to last year's minutes, stating that electronic copies are available.

RB delivered a brief outline of the meeting.

2. Approval of last meeting's minutes - RB

There are electronic meeting minutes to be distributed.

At the AMM in Birmingham (29th November – 1st December 2023), 28 DAS members attended, representing less than 1% of total membership.

At the AMM in London (28th – 29th November 2024), 11 members were in attendance.

RB recognised that DAS members need to be encouraged to attend future AMMs.

3. Executive committee - RB

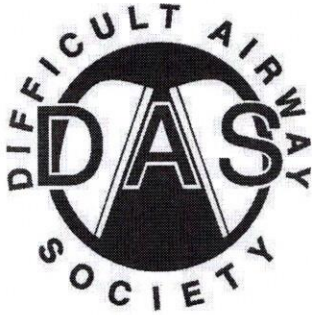
IA and RB are coming to the end of their terms on the DAS committee.

FM will remain on the committee for a further two years.

RB noted the co-opted members of the committee to be:

- Professor O'Sullivan
- Dr Sudan - RCoA Airway Rep,
- Achuthan Sajayan – DAS registry and Social Media
- Kariem El-Boghdadly – Scientific Officer
- Abhijoy Chakladar – Survey Coordinator
- Gunjeet Dua – Education and Webinar Lead
- Craig Johnson – IT Lead
- Cyrus Razavi – IT Lead
- Moon-Moon Majumdar – Current Resident Representative
- Nisha Abraham-Thomas - Current Resident Representative
- Kate Rivett – Lay Member

4. President's Report – IA



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IA is to finish his term as President on the 1st January 2025 and was pleased to announce that Alistair McNarry has been elected as the new President of DAS.

RB has been elected as Secretary again for a second term. Around 10% of DAS membership voted in the election which is roughly the same as in previous years.

4.1 DAS Professorship – IA and KEB

IA announces the appointment of the DAS Professorship and noted the amount of work involved in this with recognition of it being a difficult, time-consuming process.

KEB elaborates that the process is rigorous and takes many months, noting that five - six DAS committee members review the application form, with a minimum of two external reviewers, and a minimum of two referees.

KEB announces that Alistair McNarry is now Professor McNarry and the Professorship is awarded with recognition of achievements and contributions to the speciality.

IA gives congratulations.

4.2 DAS Education – IA

DAS Education is led by KEB, GD, and TL.

IA noted recognition of three webinars run by GD in 2024, with healthy registration at each, and references webinars planned for 2025.

4.3 DAS Publications - IA

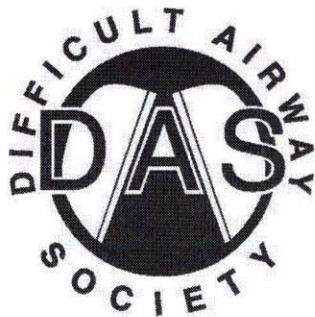
The DAS ethics guidelines/statement will be available on DAS website shortly.

IA noted that DAS's Spine Injury guidelines were published in Anaesthesia earlier this year, with other bodies.

4.4 Intubation Guidelines - IA

There will be an update on the Intubation guidelines at the 2024 ASM. IA noted there is less than a year before publication date.

IA noted work on other guidelines such as Ethics, and collaborative work with other societies on Paeds guidelines.



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4.5 Collaborations - IA

Last year DAS collaborated with all major airway societies. DAS (co)-organised RAM in Borneo and contributed to many global events in 2024.

WAAM will be taking place in Florence, 5-8th November 2025.

4.6 Patient Oriented work - IA

IA noted KR's phenomenal work on patient information which is available on DAS website.

4.7 Airway Leads – IA

Sandeep Sudan (SS) will be hosting an Airway Leads day in March 2025.

4.8 DAS Ventures – IA

IA noted further DAS ventures such as the Airway Database, Collaborative Webinars, DAS Fellows, and the ATOM Project.

4.9 Farewells - IA

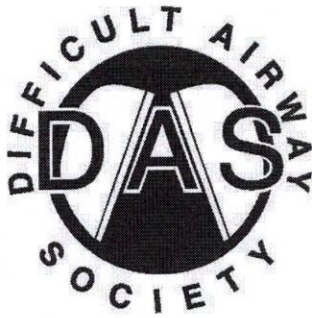
IA noted his thanks to committee members who have come to the end of their term

- Kate Rivett - her work as Lay member of the committee
- Abhijoy Chakladar – his work as Survey Coordinator
- Tom Lawson – his work as Education Lead
- Moon-Moon Majumdar – as Resident.

5. Secretary's Report – RB

5.1 Resident Representative

RB noted that as MMM is stepping down there was a rigorous interview process for the new Resident representative. Ten applications were received, five of whom were interviewed.



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RB was pleased to announce the appointment of Naomi Gostelow (NG) DAS's new Resident representative. Nisha Abraham-Thomas will be staying on the committee as Resident representative for a further year.

5.2 Awards – RB

RB noted that awards were presented at the DAS Gala Dinner.

The McEwen Medal was awarded to Dr Mary Mushambi.

The Adrian Pearce Award inaugural recipient was Mark Stacey.

5.3 Constitution – RB

The DAS constitution has been updated following a review scheduled every five to seven years. It has been six years since the last review took place; this involved updating terminology and clarity. The Executive Committee worked together over the summer with AMcN contributing significantly to the process of updating the constitution.

5.4 eFONAr Registry – RB and AMcN

The registry is close to going live in the next couple of months, following many unexpected problems along the way. Proper ethical approval gained in England and Wales, with Scotland and Northern Ireland believed to follow.

RB thanks AMcN for the update.

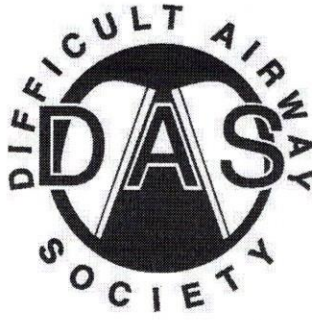
5.5 2024 Trainee Infographic Competition – RB

RB commended the Trainee Infographic Competition winners, Dr Marcus Hands and Dr Jan Hansel. Other entries praised for high quality.

6. Treasurer's Report – FM

FM presented the figures from the end of the financial year (30th June).

The main expenditures were the new DAS website, the new CRM system delivered by VeryConnect, designed to provide a safer, more confidential system for holding DAS user data. A further expenditure was on the DAS Database which will provide a secure platform for patient data.



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6.1 DAS ASM - FM

The DAS London ASM 2024 is a fully booked event, with 700 delegates which is the maximum capacity.

FM noted that the next DAS ASM 2026 will be held in Wales.

6.2 DAS Membership - FM

FM noted that DAS Membership is currently at a total of 2447. In 2024 DAS have received 346 new members.

7. NEW DAS WEBSITE - RB

The new DAS website is live with new content being added and developments still taking place. It is a much nicer, fresher, easier experience for members to join and navigate.

CJ and CR were thanked for their work

8. Scientific Officer Report – RB

RB notes that KEB had to leave to attend another meeting, so RB presents KEB's report.

8.1 DAS Fellows

RB noted that this will be going live and both on the website and emailed to all members.

8.2 National DAS project

This project is still ongoing with updates to come, and progress still being made.

8.3 DAS Grants

Three DAS direct grant applications made this year, one for £1000 which was rejected, one for £5000 in interim stage, and one for £14,000.

RB welcomed ideas for future grants and to contact KEB.



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8.4 NIAA Grants

One large and one small grant awarded.

9. Meeting Summary – RB

RB summarises the meeting noting, WAAM 2025, an increase in DAS memberships, website development, the eFONAr registry, a new executive and new resident member.

10. AMcN – Thanks

AMcN records the societies gratitude to IA and notes his hard work and the phenomenal job he has done. AMcN noted that IA will be Past President for the next year.

Closing remarks and thanks delivered by RB.

