

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

England & Wales · Charity number 1075316

## Details

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**Other names** STIRF

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1999-04-30

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) TO ENHANCE THE CARE AND WELL BEING OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SEXUALLY ACQUIRED INFECTION INCLUDING HIV BY FACILITATING ADVANCEMENT IN MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE(2) TO FUND RESEARCH TO ADVANCE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE OF SEXUALLY ACQUIRED INFECTION INCLUDING HIV AND TO DISSEMINATE AND PUBLISH SUCH RESEARCH(3) TO PROMOTE THE DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE ON SEXUAL HEALTH BY ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THE PUBLICATION OF RESEARCH AND MEDICAL REVIEWS IN THIS FIELD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

**Activities:** Funding research in HIV: currently funding research in metabolic diseases and causes of blood eosinophilia  
Funding for Sexually Transmitted Diseases: invitation sent to local centres  
Funding for HIV course in Russian federation to health care workers: due for 2009

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Birmingham City
- Coventry City
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Solihull
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£51,154	£960	-	-
2024-04-05	£122,977	£97,283	-	-
2023-04-05	£259	£23,068	-	-
2022-04-05	£45,545	£31,406	-	-
2021-04-05	£44,044	£34,291	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr ADRIAN PALFREEMAN		2019-11-01
Dr MOHSEN SHAHMANESH		
Dr Matthew Page		2019-11-01
Dr Rachel Caswell		2019-11-01
Louise Jackson		2018-11-27
PROFESSOR JONATHAN DENYS CRAWFORD ROSS		

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Annual Report 2024-25**  
**Sexually Transmitted Infections Research Foundation**  
**(STIRF) Charity Number 1075316**

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

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# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025*

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's objectives are:-

- to enhance the care and well being of individuals with sexually acquired infection including HIV by facilitating advancement in medical knowledge;
- to fund research to advance medical and scientific understanding and knowledge of sexually acquired infection including HIV and to disseminate and publish such research; and
- to promote the dissemination of knowledge on sexual health by encouraging and facilitating the publication of research and medical reviews in this field of medical practice.

### **Public Benefit**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

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### **Reserves Policy**

*The charity's reserves at year end were £206,490 (2024: £156,296); all of these funds are unrestricted and available for general use. The charity aims to hold in reserves adequate funding to cover all immediate and committed costs that fall due.*

### **Trustees and governance**

*Current Board of Trustees consist of six persons. There were no changes. Ms Leslie Organ continued to provide valuable secretarial assistance to the Hon Secretary.*

### **Future developments**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The trustees who served during the year were:

Dr M Shahmanesh  
Professor J D C Ross  
Dr A Palfreeman  
Dr M Page  
Dr R Caswell  
Professor L Jackson

Current Board of Trustees consist of six persons.

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025*

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### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Dr R Caswell**

Trustee

Dated: 14 Jan 2026  
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# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

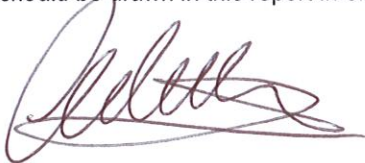
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Garry Rutter FCA  
The Oakley  
Kidderminster Road  
Droitwich  
Worcestershire  
WR9 9AY

Dated: 15/01/2026

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	50,000	121,952
Investments	3	1,154	1,025
<b>Total income</b>		51,154	122,977
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	4	960	97,283
<b>Total expenditure</b>		960	97,283
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		50,194	25,694
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 6 April 2024		156,296	130,602
<b>Fund balances at 5 April 2025</b>		206,490	156,296

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
(STIRF)**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 5 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		206,490		156,296	
<b>Net current assets</b>			206,490		156,296
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9	206,490		156,296	
			206,490		156,296

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 14 Jan 2026

*R Caswell*

Dr R Caswell  
Trustee

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) is an unincorporated charity.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under a receipts and payments convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

All income is recognised on receipt in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenses are included in the financial statements when they have been paid in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	50,000	121,952

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

### 3 Investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest received	1,154	1,025

### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2025	Unrestricted 2024
	£	£
<b>Direct costs</b>		
PHD Studentship	-	96,347
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)</b>		
Support	432	432
Governance	528	504
	<u>960</u>	<u>97,283</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>960</u>	<u>97,283</u>

### 5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Website costs	432	-	432	432
Independent Examiners Fee	-	528	528	504
	<u>432</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>936</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>432</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>936</u>

All support costs are attributable to the single charitable activity and have therefore been allocated in full to this activity.

Independent examiners fees of £528 were incurred during the year (2024: £504).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

<b>6</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		£	£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	528	504
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### 7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 9 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2025 £
General funds	156,296	51,154	(960)	206,490
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 6 April 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>At 5 April 2024 £</b>
General funds	130,602	122,977	(97,283)	156,296
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 10 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a donation of £50,000 (2024: £90,000) from the Jo Li Trust, a charity of which Dr Mohsen Shahmanesh is a trustee.

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**STIRF-PhD 03. Study to investigate international students' access, outcomes and experiences of sexual and reproductive health care whilst studying in a university in the UK, and to identify how these factors have been influenced by COVID-19 - Pam Aldred**

*This was a three-year part-funded PhD Studentship for Chloe Roesch at Department of Health Social Work, Care and Community, at Nottingham Trent University. Sum £26,930 over two years had been paid.*

*A final report was expected in the Autumn 2024. However, Chloe has taken sick leave and her work remains only partially completed. Her supervisor's report has been received.*

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##### **c: Projects currently being considered for funding.**

**STIRF-052: Enhancing access to sexual health services for people with mental health conditions and/or learning difficulties in the West Midlands: assessing knowledge, barriers, and facilitators – Charlotte Owen**

*This project has been reviewed by two external referees and we await the response of the authors. Proposed costs are £59,430.02 for the first year and £28,312.83 for the second year.*

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*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024*

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### ***Future developments***

STIRF will continue to seek further co-operation with other relevant charities.

Jo-Li Trust has agreed to part-fund STIRF by donating £50,000 annually until 2029.

Applications were invited for both PhD studentships and research projects for 2024 in December 2023. Only one application for a project (STIRF-052) and none for PhD studentship was received.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The trustees who served during the year were:

Dr M Shahmanesh  
Professor J D C Ross  
Dr A Palfreeman  
Dr M Page  
Dr R Caswell  
Dr L Jackson

Current Board of Trustees consist of six persons.

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Dr R Caswell**

Trustee

Dated: 12 Dec 2024 .....

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

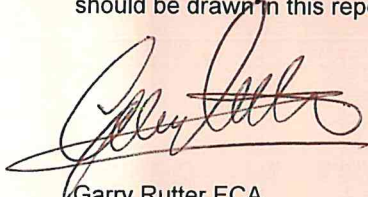
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Garry Rutter FCA  
The Oakley  
Kidderminster Road  
Droitwich  
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WR9 9AY

Dated: 13.12.2024

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	121,952	-
Investments	3	1,025	259
<b>Total income</b>		<u>122,977</u>	<u>259</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	4	97,283	23,068
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>97,283</u>	<u>23,068</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		25,694	(22,809)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		130,602	153,411
<b>Fund balances at 5 April 2024</b>		<u>156,296</u>	<u>130,602</u>

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		156,296		130,602	
		<u>156,296</u>		<u>130,602</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			156,296		130,602
			<u>156,296</u>		<u>130,602</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	9		156,296		130,602
			<u>156,296</u>		<u>130,602</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on ..12 Dec 2024.....



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Dr R. Caswell  
Trustee

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) is an unincorporated charity.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under a receipts and payments convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

All income is recognised on receipt in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenses are included in the financial statements when they have been paid in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>
Donations and gifts	121,952	-

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

### 3 Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest received	1,025	259

### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2024	Unrestricted 2023
	£	£
<b>Direct costs</b>		
PHD Studentship	96,347	22,636
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)</b>		
Support	432	432
Governance	504	-
	<u>97,283</u>	<u>23,068</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>97,283</u>	<u>23,068</u>

### 5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Website costs	432	-	432	432
Independent Examiners Fee	-	504	504	-
	<u>432</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>432</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>432</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>432</u>

All support costs are attributable to the single charitable activity and have therefore been allocated in full to this activity.

Independent examiners fees of £504 were incurred during the year (2023: £nil).

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

<b>6</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	504	-
	<u>504</u>	<u>-</u>

### 7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 9 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	130,602	122,977	(97,283)	156,296
	<u>130,602</u>	<u>122,977</u>	<u>(97,283)</u>	<u>156,296</u>
<b>Previous year:</b>				
	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2023 £
Designated grant funding	-	-	-	-
General funds	153,411	259	(23,068)	130,602
	<u>153,411</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>23,068</u>	<u>130,602</u>

### 10 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a donation of £90,000 (2023: £nil) from the Jo Li Trust, a charity of which Dr Mohsen Shahmanesh is a trustee.

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1075316

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**Charity Registration No. 1075316**

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
(STIRF)**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

# **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)**

## **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr M Shahmanesh Professor J D C Ross Dr A Palfreeman Dr M Page Dr R Caswell Miss L Jackson
<b>Charity number</b>	1075316
<b>Principal address</b>	Whittall Street Clinic Whittall Street Birmingham B4 6DH
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Garry Rutter The Oakley Kidderminster Road Droitwich Worcestershire WR9 9AY

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# **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)**

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# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

#### Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are:-

- to enhance the care and well being of individuals with sexually acquired infection including HIV by facilitating advancement in medical knowledge;
- to fund research to advance medical and scientific understanding and knowledge of sexually acquired infection including HIV and to disseminate and publish such research; and
- to promote the dissemination of knowledge on sexual health by encouraging and facilitating the publication of research and medical reviews in this field of medical practice.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### Activity Report:

##### a. PhD Studentship.

**STIRF-PhD 01. HPV vaccination for preventing cervical and other HPV-associated cancers: Comparing the knowledge and understanding of factors influencing initiation and completion of the UK and Ugandan school-based vaccination programme - Amanda Mason Jones**

*This 3 year PhD studentship was awarded to the University of York. A suitable applicant (Xola Potelva) was appointed and commenced study in October 2019. The 2022 reports have been received and are satisfactory.*

**STIRF-PhD 03. Study to investigate international students' access, outcomes and experiences of sexual and reproductive health care whilst studying in a university in the UK, and to identify how these factors have been influenced by COVID-19**

*STIRF agreed to part-fund a three-year PhD Studentship for Chloe Roesch at Department of Health Social Work, Care and Community, at Nottingham Trent University.*

*The sum approved is £26,930 to be paid over three years. Commence October 2021. Awaiting 2022 report.*

##### b: Projects currently being conducted.

**STIRF-050 A comparative study of the performance of ESwab™ versus direct inoculation for the detection of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in patients presenting to a level 3 Genitourinary Medicine (GU) clinic – Sally Jewsbury**

**Sum awarded: £9,135.91**

*Project approved and awarded as part of 2021 funding round. Awaiting annual report.*

# **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

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### **Financial review**

The income for the financial year 2021-2022 was £45,544.70. The accounts were independently examined by Gary Rutter FCA, Ormerod Rutter Chartered Accountants. The trustees spent £31,406.00 on projects and related costs.

As in previous years the Trustees were heavily indebted to the Jo Li Trust for a significant grant towards their work.

### **Future Developments**

STIRF will continue to seek further co-operation with other relevant charities.

STIRF thanks the Jo Li Trust for continued financial contributions to STIRF.

Applications were invited for both PhD studentships and research projects for 2023. Awaiting completion of peer review process.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Charity is governed by the declaration of trust dated 9 September 1998 as varied by supplemental deed dated 26th March 1999.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mr C Jordan (Resigned 15 December 2021)  
Dr M Shahmanesh  
Professor J D C Ross  
Dr A Palfreeman  
Dr M Page  
Dr R Caswell  
Miss L Jackson

Current Board of Trustees consist of six persons.

### **Secretarial assistance**

Ms Leslie Organ continued to provide valuable secretarial assistance to the Hon Secretary.

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Dr R Caswell**

Trustee

Dated: 27 January 2023

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2022.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

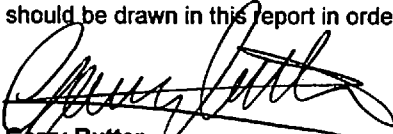
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#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Garry Rutter

FCA

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Dated: 31/01/2023

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

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		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
	Notes		
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	45,545	40,010
Investments	3	12	34
<b>Total income</b>		<u>45,557</u>	<u>40,044</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	4	<u>31,406</u>	<u>34,291</u>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		14,151	5,753
Fund balances at 6 April 2021		<u>139,260</u>	<u>133,507</u>
<b>Fund balances at 5 April 2022</b>		<u><u>153,411</u></u>	<u><u>139,260</u></u>

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
(STIRF)**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 5 APRIL 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		153,411		139,260	
Net current assets			153,411		139,260
<b>Income funds</b>					
<u>Unrestricted funds - general</u>					
Designated funds	7	-		-	
General unrestricted funds		153,411		139,260	
			153,411		139,260
			153,411		139,260

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 January 2023



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Dr R Caswell  
Trustee

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) is an unincorporated charity.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under a receipts and payments convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

All income is recognised on receipt in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenses are included in the financial statements when they have been paid in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Donations and gifts	45,545	40,010

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# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

### 3 Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest received	12	34

### 4 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
PhD Studentship	30,000	30,000
Project 041	-	3,881
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>33,881</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	432	360
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	974	50
	<u>31,406</u>	<u>34,291</u>

**STIRF-PhD 01. HPV vaccination for preventing cervical and other HPV-associated cancers: Comparing the knowledge and understanding of factors influencing initiation and completion of the UK and Ugandan school-based vaccination programme - Amanda Mason Jones.**

*This 3 year PhD studentship was awarded to the University of York. A suitable applicant (Xola Potelva) was appointed and commenced study in October 2019. The 2020 and 2021 reports have been received and are satisfactory.*

**STIRF-041 Accessing testing for sexually transmitted infections online. Tommer Spence**

*This project from Birmingham was approved and due to commence in November 2019.*

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

### 5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Website costs	432	-	432	360
Independent examiners fees	-	924	924	-
Secretarial services	-	50	50	50
	<u>432</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>1,406</u>	<u>410</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>432</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>1,406</u>	<u>410</u>

All support costs are attributable to the single charitable activity and have therefore been allocated in full to this activity.

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 7 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 6 April 2020	Transfers	Balance at 6 April 2021	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Balance at 5 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated grant funding	40,000	(40,000)	-	-	-
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### 8 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a donation of £40,000 (2021: £40,000) from the Jo Li Trust, a charity of which Dr Mohsen Shahmanesh is a trustee.

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1075316

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Charity Registration No. 1075316

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
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# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr M Shahmanesh Professor J D C Ross Dr A Palfreeman Dr M Page Dr R Caswell
<b>Charity number</b>	1075316
<b>Principal address</b>	Whittall Street Clinic Whittall Street Birmingham B4 6DH
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# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021.

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### Objectives and activities

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The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### Activity Report:

#### a. PhD Studentship.

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*This 3 year PhD studentship was awarded to the University of York. A suitable applicant was appointed and commenced study at Warwick university in October 2019.*

#### b. Projects currently being conducted

**STIRF-041 Accessing testing for sexually transmitted infections online. Tommer Spence**

*This project from Birmingham was approved and due to commence in November 2019.*

*Mid-study report shows satisfactory progress, though they have had to adapt methodology to current pandemic conditions.*

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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### c. Projects completed

STIRF 032 – Chem Sex, HIV, mental health and other health outcomes amongst gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) - Maurice Nagington

*This project from Manchester was completed December 2019. Final report awaited.*

STIRF-039 Exploring perspectives on provision and accessibility of Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in North England and the West Midlands - Marie Claire Van Hout

*This project from Liverpool was commenced in 2017 and a satisfactory mid-term report received. A six-month extension was granted and the project finished in winter 2019. The results were published in two papers:*

*Hillis, A., Germain, J., Hope, V., McVeigh, J., Van Hout, MC (2020). Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention among men who have sex with men (MSM): A scoping review on PrEP service delivery and programming. AIDS and Behavior. 24(11), pp. 3056-3070.*

*Hillis, A., Germain, J., Hibbert, M., Hope, V., Van Hout, MC (2020). 'Belt and braces approach; added benefit and...extra reassurance': An exploratory multi-stakeholder study on Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Northern England and the Midlands. AIDS Care. (accepted for publication)*

### Achievements and performance

#### Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the attached financial statements.

The income for the financial year ended 5 April 2021 was £44,044 (2020: £50,059) whilst the expenditure was £34,291 (2020: £39,181). This resulted in a surplus for the year of £5,753 (2020: £10,878).

The accounts were independently examined by Garry Rutter FCA, Ormerod Rutter Limited, Chartered Accountants.

As in previous years the Trustees were heavily indebted to the Jo Li Trust for a significant grant towards their work.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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### **Future Developments**

STIRF will continue to seek further co-operation with other relevant charities.

STIRF thanks the Jo Li Trust for continued financial contributions to STIRF.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic applications for research funds were cancelled for 2019. Applications have been invited for both PhD studentships and research projects for 2021. Only applications that address the relationship of Covid-19 pandemic to sexual health will be considered. Applicants who had already applied for the 2019 round were invited to reapply for the 2021 if desired taking account of the new conditions.

STIRF has made funding application for the Public Health England Innovation Fund, which this year focuses specifically on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities. Applications are only considered if made by registered charities.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Charity is governed by the declaration of trust dated 9 September 1998 as varied by supplemental deed dated 26th March 1999.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mr C Jordan (Resigned 15 December 2021)  
Dr M Shahmanesh  
Professor J D C Ross  
Dr A Palfreeman  
Dr M Page  
Dr R Caswell

Current Board of Trustees consist of seven persons.

### **Secretarial assistance**

Ms Leslie Organ continued to provide valuable secretarial assistance to the Hon Secretary.

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Dr R Caswell

Trustee

Dated: ..... 6 JAN 2022

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2021.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

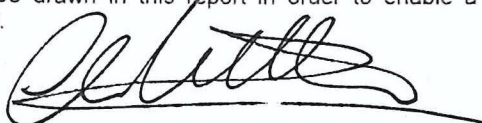
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Garry Rutter

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Dated: 12.1.2022

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
(STIRF)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021*

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
	Notes		
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	2	40,010	50,000
Investments	3	34	59
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<b>Total income</b>		40,044	50,059
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<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Charitable activities	4	34,291	39,181
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<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		5,753	10,878
Fund balances at 6 April 2020		133,507	122,629
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<b>Fund balances at 5 April 2021</b>		139,260	133,507
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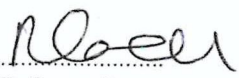
**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
(STIRF)**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 5 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		139,260		133,507	
Net current assets			139,260		133,507
<b>Income funds</b>					
<u>Unrestricted funds - general</u>					
Designated funds	7	-		40,000	
General unrestricted funds		139,260		93,507	
			139,260		133,507
			139,260		133,507

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31-12-2021

  
 .....  
 Dr R Caswell  
 Trustee

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) is an unincorporated charity.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under a receipts and payments convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

All income is recognised on receipt in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenses are included in the financial statements when they have been paid in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Donations and gifts	40,010	50,000

### 3 Investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest received	34	59

### 4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Project 039	-	24,429
PhD Studentship	30,000	10,000
Project 041	3,881	3,880
	<u>33,881</u>	<u>38,309</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	360	360
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	50	512
	<u>34,291</u>	<u>39,181</u>

STIRF-039 Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in North England and the West Midlands. (Liverpool, second year has been funded £24k) Final report awaited.

**STIRF-PhD 01. HPV vaccination for preventing cervical and other HPV-associated cancers: Comparing the knowledge and understanding of factors influencing initiation and completion of the UK and Ugandan school-based vaccination programme - Amanda Mason Jones.**

*This 3 year PhD studentship was awarded to the University of York. A suitable applicant (Xola Potelva) was appointed and commenced study in October 2019. The 2020 and 2021 reports have been received and are satisfactory.*

**STIRF-041 Accessing testing for sexually transmitted infections online. Tommer Spence**

*This project from Birmingham was approved and due to commence in November 2019.*

# SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

5 Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Website costs	360	-	360	360
Independent examiners fees	-	-	-	462
Secretarial services	-	50	50	50
	<u>360</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>872</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>360</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>872</u>

All support costs are attributable to the single charitable activity and have therefore been allocated in full to this activity.

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 7 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 6 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Balance at 6 April 2020 £	Transfers £	Balance at 5 April 2021 £
Designated grant funding	40,000	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>-</u>

### 8 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a donation of £40,000 (2020: £50,000) from the Jo Li Trust, a charity of which Dr Mohsen Shahmanesh is a trustee.