

**Charity registration number 1081697 (England and Wales)**

**Company registration number 03545455**

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Dr A Almadori	(Appointed 20 June 2024)
	Dr T F M Vergeldt	(Appointed 6 June 2024)
	Dr AA Krishna	
	Ms TJ Robinson	
	Dr RC Simpson	
	Dr WY Chan	(Appointed 5 June 2025)
	Dr LE Clarke	(Appointed 5 June 2025)
	Dr S Harish	(Appointed 1 September 2025)
	Dr VG Nicolson-Ford	(Appointed 1 August 2025)
	Dr SL Rees	(Appointed 5 June 2025)
	Dr S Whiteway	(Appointed 5 June 2025)
	Mrs AO Williams	(Appointed 5 June 2025)
Charity number (England and Wales)	1081697	
Company number	03545455	
Principal address	Colposcopy Department St Mary Hospital Oxford Road Manchester M13 9WL	
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Independent examiner	Philip Handley FCA c/o Dains Accountants Cubo, Standard Court Park Row Nottingham NG1 6GN	

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# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 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 Companies Act 2006 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**

We are a true multidisciplinary society largely made up from the specialties of gynaecology, dermatology, genitourinary medicine and pathology. Our membership consists of doctors and nurses and we work closely with allied health professionals aligned to vulval disease. This multidisciplinary approach to the speciality enables excellence in clinical outcomes and workforce training. We have a strong commitment to education and training working with our medical colleges striving to achieve high quality standards of care for patients. The objectives of the society are:-

- The relief of suffering for patients with vulval diseases
- The promotion of research into the cause and management of vulval diseases
- The practice, art and science of understanding, diagnosing and managing vulval diseases.

#### *Public benefit*

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

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### *Significant activities and achievements against objectives*

Achievements in the last financial year include:

- Multidisciplinary and multi-organisation consensus statement on 'Multizonal intraepithelial neoplasia of the lower genital tract and anus in women' published in the British Journal of Cancer
- Contribution to multidisciplinary guidelines for the management of lichen planus (currently responding to peer review comments, for publication in the British Journal of Dermatology)
- Supporting an award-winning initiative to provide a one-stop information resource for patients with lichen sclerosis([www.lichensclerosisguide.org.uk](http://www.lichensclerosisguide.org.uk)) launched in January 2025. Winner of the 'Best Communication with patients' awards at the Patient Experience Network 2025

#### **Research**

Co-funded two research awards with the Wellbeing of Women

- Entry Level Scholarship - Dr Louise Clarke: Exploring Health Care Professionals' Perspectives on Diagnosing Vulval Skin Disease
- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship - Miss Aurora Almadori: Reconstructive Surgery for Female Genital Mutilation Survivors: a Priority Setting Partnership

Co-funded one research award with the British Skin Foundation

- Dr Christos Tziotzios: Genome-wide association study and meta-analysis in female lichen sclerosis

#### **Education**

- Ran an online one-day course 'Essentials of vulval disease' attracting more than 500 delegates to learn how to identify and manage vulval conditions
- Awarded prizes to Resident Doctors, medical Students to engage and support their learning journey in vulval disease

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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#### Financial review

Net expenditure for the year was £904 (2024 net expenditure was £1,839) leaving reserves of £56,796 (2024 £57,700) to be carried forward.

#### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to two years expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

#### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital and consequently the liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up, such amounts as may be required not exceeding £10.

The BSSVD Council is the governing committee that is responsible for the financial and legal status of the BSSVD as a charity. It oversees what the society does and sets the strategic direction of the society. All council members are volunteers. The Council usually meets twice a year.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Dr U Winters	(Resigned 5 June 2024)
Dr D Nunns	(Resigned 17 May 2024)
Dr VN Sivalingam	(Resigned 31 October 2025)
Dr L Kirby	(Resigned 30 September 2025)
Dr A Almadori	(Appointed 20 June 2024)
Dr T F M Vergeldt	(Appointed 6 June 2024)
Professor R Murphy	(Resigned 25 March 2025)
Dr AA Krishna	
Dr M D C Fox	(Resigned 5 June 2025)
Dr S Schoeman	(Resigned 7 April 2025)
Dr J Smith	(Resigned 15 February 2025)
Ms TJ Robinson	
Dr RC Simpson	
Dr K Robinson	(Resigned 1 May 2025)
Dr WY Chan	(Appointed 5 June 2025)
Dr LE Clarke	(Appointed 5 June 2025)
Dr S Harish	(Appointed 1 September 2025)
Dr VG Nicolson-Ford	(Appointed 1 August 2025)
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Dr S Whiteway	(Appointed 5 June 2025)
Mrs AO Williams	(Appointed 5 June 2025)

#### Recruitment and appointment of trustees

##### Appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees. The number of trustees shall be not less than three and not subject to any maximum. Under the requirements of the Articles of Association, one third of the trustees who are subject to retirement by rotation shall retire from office but are eligible for re-election annually. New trustees are appointed by ordinary resolution by the trustees. On appointment, trustees are (depending on the level of their experience) briefed on their responsibilities as trustees. As it is the present policy only to appoint trustees with relevant experience, formal induction and training has not been considered necessary.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

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### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have considered those areas potentially creating the greatest risk to the charity, particularly those in relation to financial, compliance and regulatory issues and are satisfied that adequate steps have been taken to mitigate exposure to these risks.

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

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Dr LE Clarke

**Trustee**

Date: .....

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The British Society for the Study Of Vulval Diseases (the charity) for the year ended 30 April 2025.

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

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **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 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

#### **Philip Handley FCA**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

c/o Dains Accountants

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Park Row

Nottingham

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Date: .....

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	10,000	-
Charitable activities	4	46,717	27,333
Other income	5	5,501	-
<b>Total income</b>		<u>62,218</u>	<u>27,333</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	6	63,122	29,172
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<u>63,122</u>	<u>29,172</u>
<b>Net expenditure and movement in funds</b>		(904)	(1,839)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 May 2024		<u>57,700</u>	<u>59,539</u>
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2025</b>		<u><u>56,796</u></u>	<u><u>57,700</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	1,350		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		57,602		69,636	
		<u>58,952</u>		<u>69,636</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	(2,156)		(11,936)	
		<u>(2,156)</u>		<u>(11,936)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			56,796		57,700
			<u>56,796</u>		<u>57,700</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds	15		56,796		57,700
			<u>56,796</u>		<u>57,700</u>
			<u>56,796</u>		<u>57,700</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 April 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on .....

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Dr LE Clarke

**Trustee**

Company registration number 03545455 (England and Wales)

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

The British Society for the Study Of Vulval Diseases is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The registered office is Charlotte House Stanier Way, The Wyvern Business Park, Derby, England, DE21 6BF. The liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up, such amounts as may be required not exceeding £10. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost 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.

#### **1.4 Income**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Income from subscriptions and event income are recognised on receipt.

#### **1.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs are apportioned between support and governance costs on the basis of actual time allocations.

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 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.

#### 1.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity'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 in 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.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants receivable	10,000	-

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Membership fees	18,246	16,415
Event income	28,471	10,918
	<u>46,717</u>	<u>27,333</u>

### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income	<u>5,501</u>	<u>-</u>

Other income relates to the receipt of unused grant funds.

### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Administration costs	7,226	-
Sundry expenses	280	359
Bank charges	676	501
Awards and prizes	19,766	1,030
Donations	7,698	-
Research services for study	24,999	24,737
	<u>60,645</u>	<u>26,627</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>		
Governance	<u>2,477</u>	<u>2,545</u>
	<u>63,122</u>	<u>29,172</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>63,122</u>	<u>29,172</u>

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs	2,477	2,545
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Unrestricted funds	2,477	2,545
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>		
	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination fees	900	900
Accountancy	1,577	1,645
	2,477	2,545

### 8 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	900	900

### 9 Trustees

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

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Total	-	-

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

### 11 Taxation

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

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

### 12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	1,350	-

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income	14	-	10,000
Accruals		2,156	1,936
		2,156	11,936

### 14 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Other deferred income	-	10,000

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	-	10,000
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 May 2024	10,000	-
Released from previous periods	(10,000)	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	10,000
Deferred income at 30 April 2025	-	10,000

### 15 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 1 May 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 30 April 2025 £
General funds	57,700	62,218	(63,122)	56,796

# THE BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VULVAL DISEASES

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025**

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### 15 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 May 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	59,539	27,333	(29,172)	57,700
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).