

**ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK**

**Company No: 05762960**

**Charity No: 1114578**

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 MARCH 2022**

# **ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK**

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# **ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK**

## **Reference and Administration Details**

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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Mr Alastair Balls  
Dr Rupert Evenett  
Dr Simon Ridley  
Prof Gordon Wilcock

Secretary:  
Mr Philip Dunn

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# **ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK**

## **Trustees Report**

### **For the year ended 31 March 2022**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the 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 Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 referring to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. All members of the Board of Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the Charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the Charity are set out in note 9 to the accounts.

### **Aims and Objectives of the Charity**

The principal activity of the charity is to continue to protect and promote the health of the public, in particular by establishing, promoting and maintaining brain banks of brain cell tissue for research into the causes, prevention, treatment and cure of Alzheimer's disease and associated neuro-degenerative diseases and disorders, including the facilitation, development and dissemination of research into practical applications for the prevention or treatment of Alzheimer's disease and associated neuro-degenerative diseases and disorders; to advance public education (including scientific education) and awareness in matters relating to Alzheimer's disease and associated neuro-degenerative diseases and disorders.

The charity meets its aims and objectives by providing grants to organisations that facilitate or undertake research.

The Sponsoring Charities of the Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK (ABBUK) are Alzheimer's Society (Charity No. 296645) and the Alzheimer's Research UK (Charity No. 1077089).

### **Fundraising**

ABBUK is fully aware of the requirements of the current Fundraising Regulations and confirm that there has been no fundraising function in the year and that no requests for donations are made either directly or through 3rd party fund raising agents or organisations.

### **Achievements of 2021/22 and Financial Review**

The charity's results for the year show a surplus £43,906 (2021: surplus £23,458). Phase four of the Dementia Research (BDR4) grants have been approved in the year to 31 March 2022. Future funding has been agreed by the sponsoring charities up to an agreed level. It has been agreed that a scientific review of the BDR programme will be held in 2022/23.

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## **Trustees Report (continued)**

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

### **Future Developments**

During 2022/23 and beyond, the trustees wish to continue to protect and promote the health of the public in line with the charity's aims and objectives through monitoring the activities of the institutions awarded grants to carry out specific research activities.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK (ABBUK) was incorporated on 30 March 2006 as a company limited by guarantee, registration No. 05762960 and registered as a charity on 6 June 2006, registration No. 1114578. ABBUK commenced its activities in April 2007 and is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The charity is a joint venture between the Alzheimer's Society and the Alzheimer's Research UK.

The Board of Trustees has the responsibility for the governance and strategic direction of the charity, ensuring that it delivers its key objectives. The operational processes which mainly cover the disbursement of the approved grants are managed by a grants operations officer.

### **Board of Trustees**

The company's Articles of Association provide for Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, to be appointed by the members of the company on recommendation of the existing trustees, who are able to appoint new trustees to fill a casual vacancy up to the next general meeting.

The Board meets twice a year, to review strategic options and other matters relating the grant making activities of the charity.

### **Key Management**

The charity does not directly employ any staff, however one employee's staff costs have been recharged by Alzheimer's Society for staff time relating to Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK. This staff member is not considered key management personnel.

The present trustees are listed on page 3. The trustees of the charity during the year were as follows:-

Mr Alastair Balls  
Dr Tharani Chessell (resigned 25 March 2022)  
Dr Rupert Evenett  
Dr Simon Ridley  
Prof Gordon Wilcock

Dr Simon Ridley was appointed Chair of the ABBUK board in the board meeting on 14 December 2021. He replaced the outgoing Chair Prof. Gordon Wilcock.

The new Trustees do not get any formal induction training on appointment. However, each receive an induction pack with information about Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK activities that is compiled by an administrative officer and approved by the Board of Trustees.

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## **Trustees Report (continued)**

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

### **Risk Management and Internal Controls**

The Trustees have responsibility for ensuring that the Charity maintains comprehensive risk management systems and appropriate actions are being taken to manage and mitigate risks. The Trustees have therefore undertaken an assessment of the current risks and concluded that in view of the size of the charity and that support from the major funders is available as required, the controls and procedures operated by Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK are sufficient for the organisation's needs. However, there is risk that the charity would be exposed to through association with its funders Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Research UK if their risks were not adequately mitigated. This risk is managed through assurance from the risk management processes in place for the two major funders.

### **Reserves and Reserves Policy**

At the year end the charity held reserves of £281,307 (2021: £237,401). As the only sources of income are funds from the sponsoring charities which have been agreed at levels to meet planned expenditure, the Trustees are satisfied with this reserves position. Both sponsoring charities have confirmed their commitment to this expenditure.

### **Grants**

Grants receivable are included in the accounts when the charity is entitled to the income, there is adequate probability of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Research grants payable to research institutions are included in the accounts when an agreement is made to commit funds, notwithstanding that payment of the funds may be made at a later date.

### **Going Concern**

The Medical Research Council, after reviewing its existing brain banking infrastructure decided to terminate its current funding, and develop a new mechanism. While BDR is not directly affected, there could be a knock-on effect due to the impact this will have on the broader brain banking environment.

There have been no material impacts on the values of assets or liabilities recognised in these accounts.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. No material uncertainties in relation to the ability of the charity to continue on a going concern basis have been identified by the Trustees. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Trustees are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and have responsibilities under that Act.

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## Trustees Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

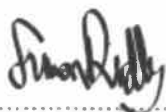
Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its profit or loss for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue to operate.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf:



**Dr Simon Ridley**  
Trustee

19th August 2022

# **ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK**

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK ('the company') for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 17.

As the trustees of the company (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 ('the 2006 Act').

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

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

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 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 2006 Act 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: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102).



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### Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK (continued)

For the year ending 31 March 2022

#### Independent examiner's statement (continued)

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CS', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Claire Sutherland

Name of applicable listed body: *The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales*  
Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional body: *Chartered Accountant*

ON BEHALF OF RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED

Chartered Accountants  
Blenheim House  
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30 August 2022

# ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK

## Statement of Financial Activities incorporating an income and expenditure account

For the year ending 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations		1,461	253
Grants	2	162,655	831,658
Legacies		<u>27,776</u>	<u>6,808</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		191,892	838,719
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	3	(147,986)	(815,261)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>(147,986)</u>	<u>(815,261)</u>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<u>43,906</u>	<u>23,458</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds brought forward</b>		<u>237,401</u>	<u>213,943</u>
<b>Total of unrestricted funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>281,307</u></u>	<u><u>237,401</u></u>

The notes on pages 13 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK

## Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments	6	893,031	831,658
Cash at bank		<u>723,027</u>	<u>1,172,280</u>
		1,616,058	2,003,938
<b>Creditors</b>			
Research grants due within 1 year	7	(1,315,025)	(1,761,857)
Sundry creditors and accruals		<u>(19,726)</u>	<u>(4,680)</u>
		(1,334,751)	(1,766,537)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>281,307</u></u>	<u><u>237,401</u></u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	8	<u><u>281,307</u></u>	<u><u>237,401</u></u>

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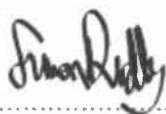
For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

The financial statements on pages 10 to 17 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 19th August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Simon Ridley  
Trustee

Company number 05762960

# ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(449,253)</u>	<u>432,192</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in reporting period</b>	<b>(449,253)</b>	<b>432,192</b>
Bank cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>1,172,280</u>	<u>740,088</u>
<b>Total cash and short term deposits at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	<b>1,172,280</b>	<b>740,088</b>
<b>Bank cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b><u>723,027</u></b>	<b><u>1,172,280</u></b>
<b>Net income for the reporting period</b>	<b>43,906</b>	<b>23,458</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(61,373)	348,714
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(431,786)</u>	<u>60,020</u>
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities</b>	<b><u>(449,253)</u></b>	<b><u>432,192</u></b>

Analysis of changes in net funds	1 April 2021	Cashflow	31 March 2022
Cash at bank and in hand	1,172,280	449,253	723,027

# **ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

### **Company information**

Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK is a registered charity (charity No. 1114578) and a company limited by guarantee and registered in England (company No. 05762960). It meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

## **1 Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

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### **Going Concern**

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### **Incoming Resources**

Income received by way of grants is included in the statement of financial activities when notified by the sponsoring charities. Bank interest is included on a receipts basis.

### **Legacy Policy**

Legacies are recognised in the statement of financial activities when there is adequate probability and reliability of receipt and their value can be accurately measured.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

### 1 Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Resources Expended

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants to third parties for specific purposes are reflected in the accounts when an agreement is made to commit funds to the project although disbursement of the funds may be made in a subsequent accounting reference period. Other non administrative expenditure has been classified by reference to its function rather than type of expense so that all costs relating to a specific activity have been aggregated. The basis of allocation is reviewed regularly.

#### Funds

All funds are unrestricted and are available for use by Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK within its charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

#### Financial Instruments

Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, together with debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise grants payable, creditors and accruals.

2 Grants	2022 £	2021 £
Grant from the Alzheimer's Society	432,628	415,829
Grant from the Alzheimer's Research UK	432,627	415,829
	<u>865,255</u>	<u>831,658</u>
less amount no longer required	(702,600)	
	<u>162,655</u>	<u>831,658</u>

During the year a credit note was issued to take account of the underspends for BDR2 and BDR3 to the value of £702,600.

Alzheimer's Society & the Alzheimer's Research UK are related parties by virtue of the fact that the trustees of Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK are nominees of these two sponsoring charities.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

<b>3 Charitable Activities</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Research Grants:		
University of Bristol	128,605	123,079
University of Cardiff	59,657	58,600
King's College London	167,276	155,340
University of Manchester	107,159	104,133
University of Newcastle	120,821	116,694
University of Newcastle (Co-ordinating Centre)	105,682	103,357
University of Oxford	136,055	130,455
	<u>825,255</u>	<u>791,658</u>
Amount no longer required	(702,600)	-
	<u>122,655</u>	<u>791,658</u>
Staff costs (note 4)	21,377	18,849
Associated support costs (note 5)	3,954	4,754
	<u>147,986</u>	<u>815,261</u>

<b>4 Staff Costs</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross wages and salaries	18,433	16,338
Employer's National insurance	1,921	1,642
Pension contributions	1,023	869
	<u>21,377</u>	<u>18,849</u>

The charity does not directly employ any staff, this note refers to staff costs which have been recharged by Alzheimer's Society for staff time relating to Alzheimer's Brain Bank UK.

The average number of employees of Alzheimer's Society whose staff costs were recharged to the company during the year was 1 (2021: 1).

<b>5 Support Costs</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
External examination fees	3,900	4,680
Other expenses	54	74
	<u>3,954</u>	<u>4,754</u>

Included within external examination fees is £3,780 payable to RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited for independent examiners fees (2021: £4,680 payable to Crowe U.K. LLP for auditors remuneration)

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

<b>6 Debtors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amount owed by related parties due within one year:		
Alzheimer's Society	432,628	415,829
Alzheimer's Research UK	432,627	415,829
Accrued income	27,776	-
	<u>893,031</u>	<u>831,658</u>
<b>7 Creditors</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Research grants	1,315,025	1,761,857
Accruals	19,726	4,680
	<u>1,334,751</u>	<u>1,766,537</u>
<b>Research grants creditors payable</b>		
Within one year	<u>1,315,025</u>	<u>1,761,857</u>
	<u>1,315,025</u>	<u>1,761,857</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Research grants commitments</b>		
Balance brought forward	1,761,857	1,696,597
New commitments entered into	825,255	791,658
Commitments no longer required	(702,600)	-
Amounts spent in the year	<u>(569,487)</u>	<u>(726,398)</u>
	<u>1,315,025</u>	<u>1,761,857</u>
<b>8 Movement in Funds</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>
Balance brought forward as at 1st April	237,401	213,943
Net incoming resources for the year	<u>43,906</u>	<u>23,458</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>281,307</u>	<u>237,401</u>



# **ALZHEIMER'S BRAIN BANK UK**

## **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

### **9 Transactions with Trustees**

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the year (2021 £nil) and no out of pocket expenses were reimbursed to Trustees (2021: £nil).

### **10 Members' Liability**

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The number of members at 31 March 2022 was 2 and their liability in the event of a deficiency of assets on winding up of the company is limited to £10 each.

### **11 Related Parties**

Alzheimer's Research UK and Alzheimer's Society share the ownership and risks of the joint venture company.

During the year, the company received grant income from both entities, as detailed in note 2. Alzheimer's Society recharged costs of £21k (2021: £19k) during the year for the provision of staff costs. As at 31 March 2022, ABBUK owed £nil (2021: £nil) to Alzheimer's Society for the provision of staff.