



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	08	2022		31	07	2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

MRKH Connect

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1157477

Charity's principal address

White Friars Chapel

Monks Lane

Wadhurst, East Sussex

Postcode

TN5 6EN

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Charlotte Bishop	Director		
2	Adrienne Bishop			
3	Shelley Saxby			
4	Alistair MacLenan			
5	Michelle Lipton			
6	Hasna Khanam			
7	Alison Hensley			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by board

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li><li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li><li>• relationship with any related parties;</li><li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li></ul>	<p>MRKH Connect continues to provide Safeguarding training for all trustees. This includes Trustee training as well as Safeguarding for 16-25 years olds (both provided by NSPCC). This is repeated on a 2 year basis.</p> <p>DBS checks are also undertaken for each member of the board, including our elective Youth Leader</p>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve and promote the relief of those diagnosed and living with Mayer Rokitansky Kuster Hauser (MRKH) Syndrome and to provide support and resources for such persons and their families

To advance public education (including scientific education) and awareness in matters relating to MRKH syndrome

Provision of support network and events to bring those with MRKH together and to provide public resources to those with MRKH, their families and friends

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

1. Encouraging the discussion of the condition through peer support and public outreach
2. Defined training and safeguarding procedures for charity
3. Supporting those with MRKH through social media, webinars and MRKH website
4. Connecting with other MRKH charities to build community awareness as well as to related charities and groups to improve the understanding of infertility issues
5. Running of annual fund raising event involving anyone who wished to participate
6. Investing in other peer initiatives such as MRKH podcast
7. Was awarded funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to continue the MRKH Connect Youth Program to support young MRKHers
8. Organised and hosted in person peer support event in London in July 2023

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

MRKH Connect's policy is to maintain a reserve sufficient funds to allow for reasonable unbudgeted expenditure

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's main source of funding is from donations generated through campaigns and via adhoc donations to the charity including through sponsored events where individuals represent and raise money for MRKH Connect e.g. London Marathon, local sporting events.

In early 2023 MRKH Connect was also awarded funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to continue it's Youth Program (first piloted in 2022).

All money raised goes directly back into the charity and it's objectives including supporting it's own as well as other community initiatives and events.

Funds are also set aside, where relevant to support marketing activities including promotional items and marketing gifts such as notebooks, badges, tshirts etc.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Charlotte Bishop

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Director

Date

7 August 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MRKH CONNECT

No (if any)

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1.8.22		31.7.23

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bank account	8,808			8,808	2,533
Paypal	2,423			2,423	1,728
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,231</b>			<b>11,231</b>	<b>4,261</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,231</b>			<b>11,231</b>	<b>4,261</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank account	10,212			10,212	2,983
Paypal	991			991	939
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,203</b>			<b>11,203</b>	<b>3,922</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>11,203</b>			<b>11,203</b>	<b>3,922</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>28</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>339</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,235</b>			<b>8,235</b>	<b>7,896</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>8,263</b>			<b>8,263</b>	<b>8,235</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

### B1 Cash funds

		8,263	8,235

### B2 Other monetary assets

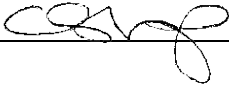

### B3 Investment assets


### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use


### B5 Liabilities

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Charlotte Bishop	29/08/2023