



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023
date

Period start date To 31/12/2023 Period end

Charity name: British College of Veterinary Specialists (BCVSp), also known as Veterinary Specialists Association (VSA)

Charity registration number: 1158171

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the charity are to advance the education and well-being of the public by promoting the health and welfare of animals through the development, understanding and application of veterinary specialist care
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Management of a website https://yourvetspecialist.org/ to act as a public facing information resource about the availability and application of veterinary specialist care</p> <p>Interaction with veterinary colleges to inform veterinary students about the pathway to specialisation and promotion of referral practices which promote animal health</p> <p>Interaction with veterinary governing bodies (RCVS) and representative associations (BVA & EBVS & others) with regard to the role of specialist clinicians and facilities in the provision of animal care</p> <p>Interaction with RCVS with regard to the use of "protected titles" to avoid public confusion over status and qualifications.</p> <p>Interaction with RCVS with regard to status and requirements of specialist practices.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers, mainly trustees, give up their personal time to attend meetings on behalf of the Charity
Other		Not Applicable

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity has managed to achieve an increased level of clarity over the use of the title "Specialist". This helps avoid confusion of the general public over the level of expertise to be expected at a "referral" practice.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not Applicable
		Not Applicable

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not Applicable
Other		Not Applicable

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity is viable
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We maintain sufficient reserves to operate for one year without income. Current reserves meet this objective.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£ 7,365.28
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not Applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not Applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Subscriptions and donations from members
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not Applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Reduction in subscriptions
Other		Not Applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Not Applicable
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected to the positions by the membership

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New Trustees are provided with relevant information from the Charity Commission website
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Not Applicable
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Not Applicable
Other		Not Applicable

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	British College of Veterinary Specialists
Other name the charity uses	BCVSp, Veterinary Specialists Association, VSA
Registered charity number	1158171
Charity's principal address	Mulberry House, 31 Market Street Fordham Cambridgeshire CB7 5LQ

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	Dr DAVINA MARY ANDERSON	Chair		
2	Dr Mayank Seth			
3	Dr Caroline Prymak	Public Outreach		
4	Dr Amanda Eloise Helen Paul			
5	Dr Sophie Victoria Keyte			
6	Mr Robert Duncan Partridge	Treasurer		
7	Dr Renata Stavinochova			
8	Dr Richard Lawrence Meeson			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not Applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not Applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not Applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Not Applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not Applicable


Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Davina Anderson	Mark Bowen
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President	Chair
Date	3 October 2024	



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Charity Name
British College of Veterinary Specialists

No (if any)
1158171

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Income	2,340	-	-	2,340	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,340	-	-	2,340	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,340	-	-	2,340	-
A3 Payments					
Marketing	1,931	-	-	1,931	-
IT & payment fees	220	-	-	220	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,151	-	-	2,151	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,151	-	-	2,151	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	189	-	-	189	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	189	-	-	189	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	7,467	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,467	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Trade creditors	Unrestricted	102	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	