UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1158843

Details

Other names	UK SEPSIS TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08644039
Registered	2014-10-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: I.TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE SUBJECT OF SEPSIS AND SEVERE SEPSIS.II. TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF SUFFERERS OF SEPSIS AND SEVERE SEPSIS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND PRACTICAL ADVICE.

Activities: To change the way the NHS deals with sepsis.To raise awareness of sepsis.To support anyone affected by sepsis.To reduce mortality and morbidity caused by sepsis.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,910,362	£1,372,923	£2,514,944	16
2024-03-31	£1,671,448	£1,444,697	£1,977,505	17
2023-03-31	£1,555,530	£1,288,960	£1,746,961	18
2022-03-31	£1,541,092	£1,067,934	£1,480,392	15
2021-03-31	£1,391,247	£1,121,758	£1,007,234	18

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark Stock	Chair	2019-08-28
Daniel James		2025-01-17
Dr Akash Deep		2025-01-17
SIMON LINNETT		2025-01-17
Simon Tinkler		2025-01-17
Stacey Godbehear		2026-01-12
Tiffany Thorn		2021-02-24

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UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

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Accounts

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED (UKST)

(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2025



THE UK SEPSIS TRUST

Charity Registration No. 1158843 (England & Wales) | Scottish Charity No. SC050277 | Company Registration No. 08644039 (England and Wales)



Members of the UKST community at our Sepsis Savvy Walk.

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WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIR

Thank you for taking the time to read the UK Sepsis Trust's (UKST) Annual Report and Financial Statements.

2024/2025 was an encouraging year for the charity, with a number of high-profile reports and campaigns helping us put sepsis back on the Government's agenda. But, with at least 48,000 people losing their lives in the UK to a sepsis-related illness every year – that's five people every hour – there is still so much work to be done.

This year's total fundraising income was up by 13%. A heartfelt thank you to the many individuals, families and friends who fundraised for us in 2024-2025 – those who climbed mountains, held bake sales, left us a legacy in their will, or supported us by giving regularly. Every single donation makes a difference.

This incredible generosity from our supporters – alongside prudent financial management – resulted in a welcome increase to our reserves. This helps safeguard us against ongoing economic challenges and provides a springboard from which we can make future strategic investments. You can read more about this later in the report.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our corporate partners who have supported us over this period by providing meeting rooms, matched funding, offering their marketing expertise, amplifying messaging on social media, participating in events, and much more.

And, of course, a sincere thank you to our fantastic volunteers. Whether they've given life-saving talks in their community, helped with support groups, or lent us their voices at cheer stations for events, they are a key part of the UKST family and have been instrumental in helping us get others to 'Just Ask: Could it be Sepsis?'.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees and our committed team of employees at UKST: their hard work, dedication and determination to save lives that are needlessly being lost is inspirational.

With the knowledge that we have such wonderful people across the board supporting us in our life-saving mission, we look forward to further growth in 2025-2026. Together, we will continue saving lives and improving outcomes for sepsis patients and their families.

Thank you,

Mark Stock

Chair of Trustees





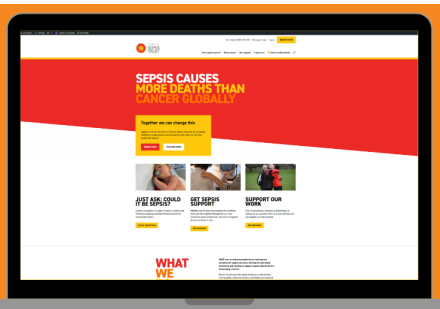












434,267 website users, with 1,047,359 page views

15,311 interactions

48,600 followers

90,817 healthcare professionals trained via e-learning





1,300 healthcare packs shared for Sepsis Awareness Month



1,784 custom toolkits downloaded since the new website launch



£1,910,362 total income raised in year

1,734 people supported



41,007 clinical tools accessed via web



SEPSIS SAVVY

20,195 Sepsis Savvy website views and 8,052 game plays

CLINICAL



RAH Paisley Sepsis Awareness Day

In 2024-25, we continued to equip healthcare professionals with lifesaving knowledge – training over 90,000 through our CPD-accredited e-learning. We also completed work with the National Medical Examiner's Office, resulting in new guidance on quality care and the recording of sepsis deaths being sent to Examiners around the UK. Not only does this help to ensure that sepsis deaths are accurately reflected on a death certificate – helping families get a greater understanding of what happened and any potential alternative outcomes – but it also helps us understand the true prevalence of the condition.

We provided ongoing support to five pilot hospital sites where patients received information about sepsis upon discharge. With better signposting, more people can access our support services to get help with sepsis recovery and/or bereavement. We hope to increase the number of hospitals in the programme in 2025-26.

A few other highlights:

- Maintained our partnership with Mini First Aid: 17,000 leaflets were distributed on training courses and four pages were included in the Mini First Aid course book, which reaches 27,000 people every year.

- Worked with Scottish provider St Andrew's First Aid to raise awareness of sepsis.

- Our CMO Dr Ron Daniels BEM has been re-elected to the Board of the Global Sepsis Alliance, a voluntary position which he has held since 2010.

- Distributed 1,300 free packs to healthcare partners for Sepsis Awareness Month, including over 800 NHS hospitals, which was supported by a generous donation from Iceland Foods Charitable Foundation.

- 8,000 downloads of our sepsis manual.

- The clinical team continue to present at more than 50 national and international healthcare conferences annually.

- University Hospitals Birmingham, one of the three largest acute hospital Trusts in the country, have formally partnered with UKST to deliver cobranded resources throughout all of its hospital sites.

- Approached by NICE as they consider their latest round of amendments to produce the clinical tools for operational use. These are expected to be launched in November 2025, supported by our revised tools.

UKST have also met with the new leadership of NHS England on a number of occasions. We are now working in partnership to produce a programme for sepsis and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) to be actively considered for NHS commissioning incentives next year. We are hopeful that such a significant development will come to fruition as this would be transformational for the population we serve.

SUPPORT



Helping make a difference

The Support team supported over 1,700 people, including 1,300 new contacts, between April 2024 – March 2025, providing support over 4,600 times. Our virtual sepsis recovery support groups and support bereavement support groups also continued to be successful.

Other highlights included:

- Our Facebook peer support groups – created to connect those with shared experiences – saw significant growth and engagement. The Recovery peer support Facebook group grew by nearly 40%, whilst our Bereavement peer support Facebook group increased by 57%.

- Introduced Edu-Therapy™, an online structured psychological educational programme provided by trained specialists at UKST designed to help people who have experienced significant loss as a result of sepsis. Edu-Therapy™ is a modern, innovative alternative to traditional talking therapy and counselling. It complements our existing services.

- Continued to work with our legal panel. This allows the charity to signpost individuals who wish to explore complaints and/or clinical negligence claims to the experts, where and when appropriate.

- Over 145,000 people viewed our support webpage and almost 40,000 of those (over 35%) downloaded resources.



WWL Emergency Care team raising awareness on World Sepsis Day

"Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, and peers. My life was saved when I had sepsis, but you saved my life a second time by giving me hope." – Anonymous

AWARENESS, PARTNERSHIPS & MARCOMMS

Over recent years, public awareness of sepsis has undoubtedly improved. In 2012, only 27% of people understood that sepsis is a medical emergency; in 2024, this had increased to 91% (YouGov). But there's still more to be done, with only 31% feeling confident about identifying sepsis. The UKST team therefore continue to work tirelessly to educate the public about this condition.

Our awareness campaigns, including Sepsis Savvy and Farming, were particularly vibrant. The charity also benefited from substantial broadcast, print, and online coverage in national titles, including the BBC, ITV, The Sun and The Financial Times.

Overall, during this period, our social media channels saw significant increase in engagement, with highlights including a 22% increase in followers year-on-year on LinkedIn and 6% on Facebook. We also saw impressive growth across our Instagram, X, and TikTok accounts.



The Irwin Mitchell team taking on our Step Up to Sepsis Challenge

Sepsis Awareness Month

Throughout September 2024 (Sepsis Awareness Month) activity was at an all-time high, with social media reach totalling 1.6 million on Facebook and 55,000 on Instagram. Notably, Instagram and Facebook followers also saw a 150% increase compared to the previous month.

This month also saw the launch of our new website, designed to boost accessibility and improve the user experience in a visually engaging way. The launch welcomed 65,000 active users (a 50% month-on-month increase) and 140,000 page views.

World Sepsis Day – Friday 13th September

A core ask for 2024's World Sepsis Day campaign was for people to sign our petition, which urged the government to prioritise sepsis care within the NHS and improve diagnostics, patient pathways and signposting – in other words, to make sepsis as much of a priority as heart attacks and strokes. Thanks to a push across our channels, and with the support of many communities, the petition was signed by nearly 50,000 people by the end of September 2024.

Partnerships

We are hugely grateful to all our corporate partners, who help us to reach millions of people with life-saving information. As a small team with no government funding, collaboration with passionate, like-minded organisations is critical to our success.

We'd like to take this opportunity to spotlight a few of our partners and their initiatives:

- Following a Sepsis Savvy Lunch & Learn Session, Aspect Capital announced us as their Charity of the Year (COTY).

- M&C Saatchi World Services also chose UKST as their COTY, which meant that any money raised was matched. This was spearheaded – and activated singlehandedly – by employee Maria Campanini, whose sister Gina died from sepsis in 2023 when she was just 30-years-old.

- Mott MacDonald, Irwin Mitchell, Proskauer and PwC took part in our fundraising and awareness challenge, Step Up to Sepsis.

- PwC worked with UKST for their One Firm One Day initiative, a company-wide volunteering day, which involved UKST training staff to become sepsis champions. This empowered these individuals to spread the word about sepsis in their workplace and beyond.

- Worked with the Coronation Street team on a

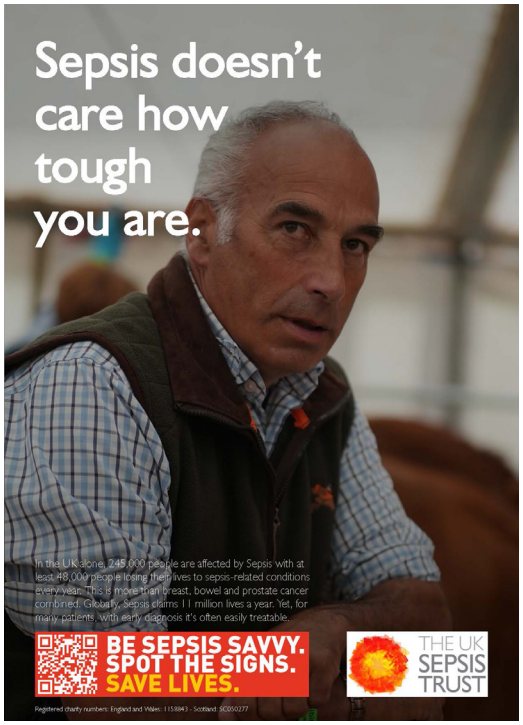
number of storylines that centred around sepsis. Offering advice and guidance, we ensured that sepsis was portrayed accurately. As a 'soap' with millions of viewers, this provided a brilliant opportunity to raise awareness.

- Booths supermarkets sold the Ava Grace memorial rose, a flower produced by Arden Lea Nurseries with the family of Ava Grace Hodgkinson, who died from sepsis aged two. The rose was sold in 25 Booths supermarkets, with £3 per rose donated to UKST.

- The Dashwoods, who live at West Wycombe Park, generously hosted our Sepsis Savvy West Wycombe Park Walk, which was an opportunity to come together as a community and raise vital awareness and funds. We plan to come back bigger and better on Sunday March 29th 2026! Please join us if you can.

- UKST collaborated with NFU Mutual and The Farm Safety Foundation, helping to deliver 'Simon's Story'. Other notable activity with NFU Mutual included 216,000 sepsis symptoms awareness stickers delivered to NFU Mutual members and features in Mole Country Stores magazine, 'The Scottish Farmer', and more.

Many of these initiatives and partnerships were driven by those who have been impacted by sepsis – to those people, we are immensely grateful for your unwavering support.



Lobbying

Sepsis is acknowledged across the board to be a bigger killer than prostate, breast and bowel cancer put together. We were therefore encouraged that we've found a strong ally in Lord Craig Mackinlay. Having had sepsis in 2023, and having become a quadruple amputee as a result, he has generously agreed to become an Ambassador for UKST. We've achieved a first important step, which is the re-establishment (April 2nd 2025) of an All Party Parliamentary Group on Sepsis – this, at the time of writing has over 152 members – which is, we're told, close to breaking all records!

Alongside this we have been working in partnership with senior colleagues from both NHS England (NHSE) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) who have confirmed that sepsis is one of their key priorities looking forward. We are hoping to be able report real progress on this which would represent a long overdue transformation in our next Annual Report.

Awareness sessions

UKST staff educated thousands of employees by hosting a number of Sepsis Savvy awareness sessions in workplaces across the country, including Mott MacDonald, Aspect Capital, GHO Capital, JP Morgan, Iceland, Microsoft, as well as a number of schools.

You can book your own Sepsis Savvy awareness session here.

Sepsis Voices

We continued to add case studies to our Sepsis Voices campaign throughout the year, with many of these patient stories being picked up by local or national media. We also partnered with a range of charities, including Kidney Care UK, to produce relevant case studies that highlight the increased chance of sepsis occurring among at-risk patient groups.

'Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron'

We released eight episodes of our podcast 'Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron', with over 1,000 total downloads in the period 1st April 2024- 31st March 2025. The podcast has featured a range of guests, including: 'Bionic Peer' Lord Mackinlay; Jane Plumb MBE, Founder and CEO of Group B Strep Support; Deborah Duvel, Managing Editor at Kidney Care UK; Aplastic Anaemia Trust; and Meningitis Research Foundation.

VOLUNTEERING



Volunteers at our Sepsis Savvy Walk event

"Volunteering for the UKST has helped give me a desperately needed sense of purpose, the opportunity to give back, and become part of a wonderful community." – Aaron

UKST's amazing volunteers represented us throughout the year, whether that was by giving talks, running stands, looking after our Facebook event group chats or collecting cheques on our behalf. They also played a key role in supporting those affected by sepsis and assisted healthcare professionals in delivering awareness sessions throughout Sepsis Awareness Month.

The dedication and hard work of our volunteers are deeply appreciated, and their contributions remain at the heart of our effort to save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis patients across the UK.

"Volunteering allows me to turn pain into passion, fear into fuel and generally has given me a purpose since my fight against sepsis in 2022." – Taz

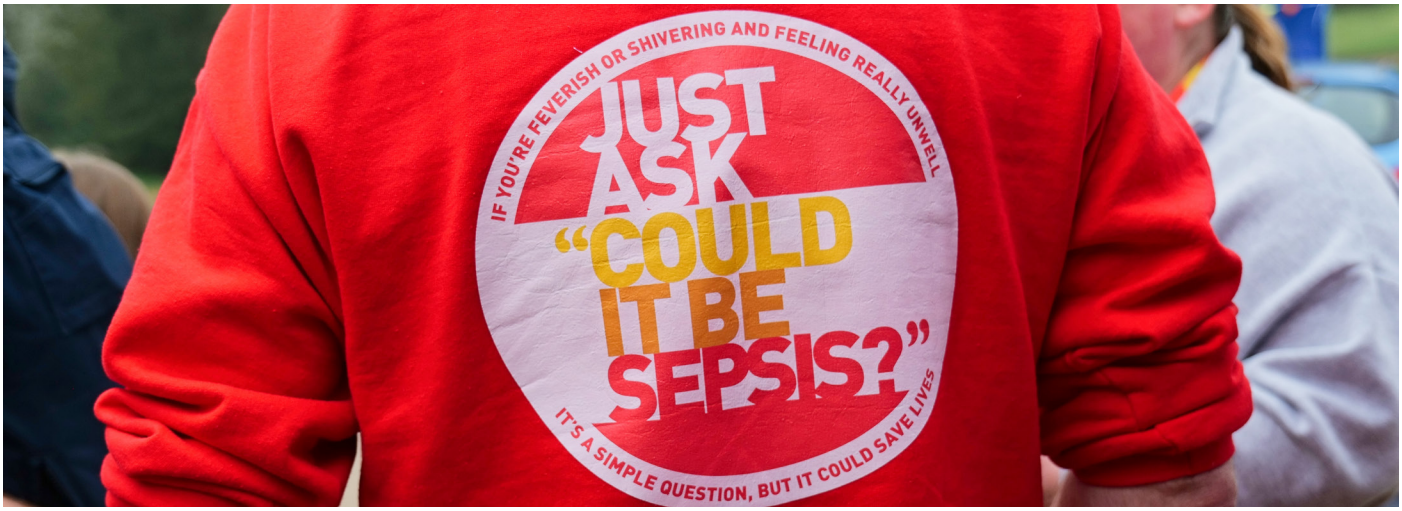
Moving forward, we are committed to further defining and expanding our range of volunteer opportunities, including making home-based opportunities available to those affected by this all too often devastating condition. This will involve creating clear pathways, ensuring that all volunteers can find roles that match their skillsets and interests whilst supporting our mission.

"My role as a volunteer has enabled me to turn what was a distressing and frightening sepsis experience into a positive purpose raising sepsis awareness and funds." – Julie



Volunteer Julie, having just completed the Pendle Triathlon for UKST

DEVOLVED NATIONS



In collaboration with the Welsh Assembly Government, UKST's 'Spotting the Unwell Child Leaflet' was successfully launched in Wales in November 2024. The bilingual leaflet was distributed to numerous key healthcare stakeholders and was accompanied by a letter from the Chief Nursing Officer and Deputy Chief Medical Officer, as well as being digitally available to a number of health boards and healthcare providers for dissemination. This meant a potential reach of hundreds of thousands.

UKST worked with Wales' largest cancer hospital, Velindre Cancer Service, to develop its processes and patient communication, including the implementation of the 'Call 4 Concern' patient safety initiative, Wales' version of Martha's Rule. Terence Canning, UKST's Head of Regions, is set to be a key part of the steering group.

We also collaborated with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) on their sepsis improvement and awareness campaign to produce localised 'Just Ask' resources, signposting to UKST. Alongside local television and media coverage, we saw digital asset packs and 48,000 printed materials distributed across multiple stakeholders, including hospitals, healthcare practices, prison healthcare teams, nursing teams, Locality and NCN teams, and more.

A few other highlights:

- Ran a series of awareness sessions with Cardiff Council employees throughout 2024/2025 to complement their UKST e-learning. This reached hundreds of employees, and we have another series of sessions planned for the coming year.
- Collaborated with the West Ambulance Services Trust (WAST) to improve their awareness and management of sepsis, including e-learning and the adoption of our toolkits.
- Worked in partnership with the Welsh Universities of Cardiff, Bangor, South Wales and Swansea, as well as local health boards.
- Provided sepsis awareness seminars to educate future doctors, nurses, and health professionals in Wales in the hope that they will carry sepsis awareness with them throughout their lives.
- Included QR codes linking to our sepsis resources in Personal Child Health Records (PCHR) (also knows as the 'red book'), a health guide given to parents to track their child's growth, development, and vaccinations.

We continued to grow our presence in Scotland and attended Voluntary Health Scotland's Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities at the Scottish Parliament. The overall aim of the group is to raise awareness of the causes of health inequalities and positively influence legislation. We also worked alongside sepsis survivor and Member of Scottish Parliament Richard Lochhead to help promote sepsis awareness and improvement in Scotland.

FUNDRAISING

Over the past year, our community's fundraising efforts have been extraordinary, demonstrating the commitment of individuals, families, and organisations across the UK that support us. They chose to fundraise in a variety of different ways – from kiltwalks to In Memory gifts, sky dives to cycling. Every effort and every pound raised helps advance our mission.

Corporate fundraising and campaign highlights

- 'Step Up to Sepsis' is more than just a fundraising challenge; it's a chance to make a difference by raising lifesaving awareness. And this isn't just a challenge for individuals – it's for corporate partners, healthcare communities, and schools too. A huge thanks to everyone who got involved last year, including Mott MacDonald, Irwin Mitchell, J.P. Morgan, PwC, EY, Bridgepoint and Proskauer.

- The Young Farmers community held a variety of events to support our Farming Campaign, including Clitheroe Young Farmers, who chose us as their Charity of the Year. This came with a wealth of challenges, including a Christmas Tractor Run and Muck Haul, and they raised an amazing £5,500.

- Many schools continue to support us, including St Paul's Girls' School, who have taken part in a range of events and raised vital awareness amongst students, staff and parents.

"Pushing myself to the limit physically and mentally through running is a continual process of healing after critical illness and loss. I think the smile on my face in this photo sums up the impact!" – Helen, who ran the Great North Run for UKST

Events

We also held a number of virtual and in-person events. The former are hugely important for inclusivity and ensure that our work reaches everyone who has been, or could be, impacted by sepsis. One of the most successful of these was the Yoga Challenge, which engaged a large number of supporters in terms of conversation and connection.

Third-party events

Third-party events continue to be hugely popular amongst fundraisers, with notable ones being the Great North Run, London Landmarks Half Marathon, and the Edinburgh Marathon. For 2024's LLHM event, we were also able to offer places to many of our supporters who have additional requirements, including wheelchair accessibility.



Dedicated fundraiser Maria ran the London Landmarks Half Marathon last year for UKST in memory of her sister, Gina, who died of sepsis in 2023

"If you're thinking about signing up for a running event with UKST – do it for the sense of purpose from all the fundraising that will save lives, and the sense of achievement you'll feel as you cross that finish line."
– Maria

We are deeply grateful to every individual, group, and corporate partner who raised funds, shared stories and amplified our reach. Your generosity enables us to deliver our support services to those in need, educate health professionals and continue to raise much needed awareness of the condition.

Corporate fundraising and campaign highlights

Take a look at how some of our fantastic supporters fundraised last year:



Barry climbed 15 of the Welsh 3000s carrying a rowing machine. He then rowed their entire height in metres at the summit. Barry's challenge is ongoing.



Chelsea Supporters' Group organised a tournament and raffle in memory of Trizia Fiorellino, the group's former chair, who died from sepsis.



Following the death of her friend Gina, who died of sepsis in 2023, Fleur completed six triathalons in six counties, to represent the six common sepsis symptoms.



In 2023, Stephen Welsh tragically died from sepsis. In 2024, his daughter, Gemma, completed a 10,000ft skydive in his memory and to raise funds for UKST.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2025-2026 AND BEYOND....



We're proud of what we have achieved, but our mission demands continued ambition and strategic focus. In the coming years, we will expand our impact by improving efficiencies, harnessing digital innovation, and empowering our partners, supporters and communities to act as ambassadors for our cause. This approach will allow us to scale our work effectively.

Across awareness, clinical education, and survivor support, our priorities are:

Awareness

By 2027, more than 95% of adults will recognise sepsis as a medical emergency and feel confident about what to do if they suspect someone might have the condition. Through strategic partnerships, digital tools and targeted campaigns, we will broaden our reach and influence, helping to save lives.

Clinical

We will maintain our position as the leading provider of sepsis education and resources, reaching most healthcare professionals across the UK. By delivering tailored solutions, strengthening stakeholder relationships, and engaging patients and the public, we will enhance both the education and adoption of best practice.

Support

By 2027, we will provide high-quality digital and community support to thousands of sepsis survivors and their families. Scaling digital solutions and deepening partnerships will be central to ensuring these services are accessible, effective and sustainable.

Advocacy/lobbying

We will strengthen our voice as a trusted partner to Government, NHS, and other stakeholders across the UK, pushing for sepsis to be made as much of a priority as heart attacks and strokes. Specifically, we're calling for the routine measurement and publication of sepsis performance data, faster access to rapid diagnostics for frontline clinicians, and greater public awareness of symptoms alongside clear pathways to support for sepsis survivors and families of those affected.

Throughout our work, we will nurture a culture of collaboration, innovation, and empowerment, enabling others to amplify our mission and ensuring every effort contributes to the improvement in sepsis care. This is long overdue and will save countless lives that are currently needlessly lost to this 'silent killer'.




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FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Policies and objectives

The organisation is a charitable company, registered with the Charities Commission on 10 October 2014 and incorporated on 8 August 2013. The charity is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 5 August 2013. The Articles of Association were updated on the 14 January 2020. At the start of the financial year, the Trustee Board consisted of Mark Stock (Chair), Professor Helen Cheyne, Alan Gilmour, Robert Watson, & Tiffany Thorn. On the 17th January 2025 we welcomed five additional Trustees to the board, Danny James, Dr Charlotte Forsyth, Professor Akash Deep, Simon Tinkler & Simon Linnett. During the year, Robert Watson left on 10th March 2025 and Professor Helen Cheyne left after the year end on 22nd May 2025 prior to signing this Annual Report. The board is also supported by one Associate Trustee Stacey Godbehear.

Sarah Hamilton-Fairley leads the charity as CEO supported by Dr Darren Daniels, Founder & Chief Medical Advisor.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, planning future strategy and setting policy. The work of UKST is fundamental in reducing the number of unnecessary deaths every year from sepsis and supporting those who have been affected by the condition.

Aims and activities

In line with our objects, the charity's main activities, which are all in relation to our purposes for public benefit, are:

- Educating healthcare professionals, health commissioners, government organisations and the wider public to 'think' sepsis (and severe infection), recognise the condition swiftly, and ensure that it is treated as an emergency, whilst maintaining a responsible stance on the use of antimicrobials.
- Providing support to patients and their relatives, including those bereaved by sepsis, through the provision of accessible information and the development of support networks; and
- Lobbying the Government to ensure that the infrastructure to support hospitals and other healthcare organisations in delivering exemplary sepsis care is in place.

Finance

2024-2025 proved a successful year from a financial perspective. The current economic climate and unpredictable nature of our income generation has required us to ensure we continue with careful cost control whilst balancing this with investing where necessary to complete our strategic aims.

Income was £1,910,362 which was 14% up on the previous year. Our community generated income continues to be a core element of our income generation. Overall we achieved a surplus of £537,439 in year.

Review of performance of our trading activity

UKST wholly own the trading subsidiary Sepsis Enterprises Ltd, which passes all its profits to UKST through gift aid. Total Profit transferred in 2024-25 was £47,696

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity and the group are registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee which was set up by a Trust deed on 5 August 2013.

The charity and the group are constituted under a Trust deed dated 5 August 2013 with a registered charity number 1158843 England and Wales and SC050277 for Scotland.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

Recruitment of Trustees has occurred as a result of direct interest in the charity. Trustees have been chosen through an analysis of skills to enable the progress of the charity's objects. Trustees induction has occurred through direction from the Charity Commission guidance. Formal induction processes are in place. These are reviewed on a regular basis. Risk management The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity and the group is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks identified.

Conflict of interest

No Trustees are renumerated for their role within the charity. They do receive out of pocket expenses which are detailed in section 20 of the accounts.

Reserves policy

The United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is currently dependent on voluntary donations to sustain its activities to continue operating.

This means if there were to be a shortfall in voluntary donations it would put the charity in jeopardy. If serious funding problems were to occur that threatened the existence of the Trust, the Trustees have agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that the core operations can continue for a period of six months.

The current reserves policy represents six months of expenditure plus any future committed costs which will be monitored on a regular basis and varied accordingly.

Our strategic plan for the next three years is challenging and ww have plans to use some of the surplus funds on future projects including

- Investing in an updated CRM System £150k.
- Investing in research Programmes £130k

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Statement of Trustees' report responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees 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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group 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 charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that: so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and the Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditors B K Plus continued to provide services during the year and have indicated their willingness to continues for 2025-26. The Designated Trustees will review and propose a motion re-appointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



16/10/2025

FINANCIAL REPORTS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees
Professor H Cheyne (Resigned 22nd May 2025)
Mr A Gilmour
Mr M Stock
Ms T Thorne
Dr R Watson (Resigned 10th March 2025)
Mr Danny James (Appointed 17th Jan 2025)
Dr Charlotte Forsyth (Appointed 17th Jan 2025)
Mr Simon Linnett (Appointed 17th Jan 2025)
Mr Simon Tinkler (Appointed 17th Jan 2025)
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited (the parent company) and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated and parent balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted
Accounting Practice)
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In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent's charitable affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern,

disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

From the preliminary stage of the audit, we ensure our understanding of the entity is up to date. This includes, but is not limited to, current knowledge of their activities, the business and control environments, and their compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory frameworks. This information supports our risk identification and the subsequent design of audit procedures to mitigate those risks; ensuring that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our opinion.

In response to the risks identified, specific to this entity, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, if available;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale for significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Amy Cotterill ACA
Senior Statutory Auditor
BK Plus Audit Limited

Date: 16/10/2025

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £
Income from:							
Donations & Legacies	2	1,769,791	45,000	1,814,791	1,582,236	-	1,582,326
Charitable Activities	3	75,330		75,330	89,212		89,212
Investments	4	20,241	-	20,241	3,793	-	3,793
Total Income		1,865,362	45,000	1,910,362	1,675,241	-	1,675,241
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	308,156		308,156	417,167		417,167
Charitable activities		906,835	74,225	981,060	893,436	56,881	950,317
Governance		83,707		83,707	77,213		77,213
Total Expenditure	6	1,298,698	74,225	1,372,923	1,387,816	56,881	1,444,697
Net Income for the year and net movement in funds		566,664	(29,225)	537,439	287,425	(56,881)	230,544
Total funds bought forward		1,948,280	29,225	1,977,505	1,660,855	86,106	1,746,961
Total funds carried forward		2,514,944	-	2,514,944	1,948,280	29,225	1,977,505

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	**11**		40,097		-
Tangible assets	**10**		7,452		7,024
			47,549		7,024
Current assets					
Debtors	**14**	385,382		96,271	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,186,808		1,998,832	
		2,572,190		2,095,103	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	(104,795)		(124,622)	
Net current assets			2,467,395		1,970,481
Net assets			2,514,944		1,977,505
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	**16**		-		29,225
Unrestricted funds	**16**		2,514,944		1,948,280
Total funds			2,514,944		1,977,505

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 and authorised for issue on 16th October 2025 and are on its behalf by:

.....
Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 24 to 36 form part of these financial statements

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	**11**		40,097		-
Tangible assets	**10**		7,452		7,025
Investments	**12**		1		1
			47,550		7,025
Current assets					
Debtors	**14.1**	436,560		162,285	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,107,326		1,913,250	
		2,543,886		2,075,535	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15.1**	(79,884)		(108,447)	
Net current assets			2,464,002		1,967,088
Net assets			2,511,552		1,974,113
Charity funds					
Restricted funds			-		29,225
Unrestricted funds			2,511,552		1,944,888
Total Funds			2,511,552		1,974,113

The company's 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 board of directors and authorised for issue on 16th October 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr M Stock
Trustee

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**23**		242,524		245,263
Investing activities					
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		(49,776)		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,772)		(4,008)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(54,548)		(4,008)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			187,9796		241,255
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,998,832		1,757,577
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			2,186,808		1,998,832

The notes on pages 24 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Azzurri House, Walsall Business Park, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands, WS9 0RB.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries'). No separate Statement of financial activities has been presented for the company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Income and expenditure account.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Unrestricted Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.4 Incoming resources

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

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.

Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	3 years straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Intangible fixed assets, other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Web Development	33% straight line basis

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the directors review the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Cash at bank and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand.

1.10 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 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 and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. 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 unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee Benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.
Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the is a demonstrable commitment to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1.12 Retirement Benefits
Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Taxation
The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categorises covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 pf the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.14 Fund Accounting
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for the use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance to the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations & gift aid	1,769,791	-	1,769,791	1,575,836	-	1,575,836
Grants, sales of publications & resources	-	45,000	45,000	6,400	-	6,400
	1,769,791	45,000	1,814,791	1,582,236	-	1,582,236

3 Charitable activities

	Charity incoming resources 2025	Charity incoming resources 2024
	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	75,330	89,212

4 Investments

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Bank Interest	20,241	3,793

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5 Raising funds

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Labour Costs	157,498	219,033
Running Costs	37,739	49,433
Marketing Costs	8,330	3,460
Trading costs	13,202	22,450
Fundraising events costs	91,387	122,791
	308,156	417,167

All fundraising events in 2025 and 2024 were unrestricted

6 Analysis of expenditure by type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Costs of raising funds	308,156	-	308,156	417,167	-	417,167
Direct Costs	906,835	74,225	981,060	893,436	56,881	950,317
Governance Costs	83,707	-	83,707	77,213	-	77,213
	1,298,698	74,225	1,372,923	1,387,816	56,881	1,444,697

7 Auditor's remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £15,750 (2024 - £15,000) and other accountancy services of £1,050 (2024 - £1,130).

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average number of employees	16	17

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Employment costs	**2025**	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	889,522	951,506
Social security costs	101,057	107,144
Other pension costs	17,703	18,192
	1,008,282	1,076,842

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeding £60,000 Was:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 to £70,000	1	2
In the band £70,001 to £80,000	2	2
In the band £80,001 to 90,000	-	-
In the band £90,001 to £100,000	-	-
In the band £100,001 to £110,000	-	-
In the band £110,001 to £120,000	-	-
In the band £120,001 to £130,000	1	1
In the band £130,001 to £140,000	1	1
	5	6

9 Taxation

The parent charity is exempt from corporation tax and all of it's income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes. The trading subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited, donates all taxable profits to the parent charity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment
Group & Company	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	30,518
Additions	4,772
Disposals	(9,172)
At 31 March 2025	26,118
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	23,494
Depreciation charged in the year	4,344
Depreciation on disposals	(9,172)
At 31 March 2025	18,666
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	7,452
At 31 March 2024	7,024

11 Intangible Fixed Assets

	Web Development
Group and Company	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	-
Additions	49,776
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2025	49,776
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	-
Depreciation charged in the year	9,679
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-
At 31 March 2025	9,679
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	40,097
At 31 March 2024	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

12 Fixed asset investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fixed Asset investments	1	1

Movements in fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2024 & 31 March 2025	1
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	1
At 31 March 2024	1

13 Financial instruments group

	2025	2024
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	2,516,429	2,058,098
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	84,679	72,957

13.1 Financial instruments company

	2024	2024
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	2488,126	2,038,530
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	79,884	108,448

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash at bank, trade debtors and amounts owed to companies.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors, other taxation and social security and accruals.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

14 Debtors

Group	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
Trade debtors	329,622	59,266
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments	55,760	37,005
	385,382	96,271

14.1 Debtors

Company	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
Trade debtors	317,630	55,224
Amounts owed from Group Undertakings	63,170	70,055
Other Debtors	-	-
Prepayments	55,760	37,005
	436,560	162,285

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Group	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	31,606	30,410
Trade creditors	27,754	16,850
Other creditors	2,671	2,595
Accruals	26,097	23,100
Deferred income	16,667	51,667
	104,795	124,622

15.1 Company

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	27,808	27,330
Trade creditors	26,758	12,766
Accruals	22,647	20,756
Deferred Income	-	45,000
Other creditors	2,671	2,595
	79,884	108,447

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

16 Summary of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
General unrestricted funds	1,948,280	1,865,362	(1,298,698)	2,514,944
Restricted Funds	29,225	45,000	(74,225)	-
Total Funds	1,977,505	1,910,362	(1,372,923)	2,514,944

Restricted funds are those held for specific purposes, as specified by the funder, as defined in the accounting policies.
There were no outstanding restricted fund balances at the end of the year.

16.1 Summary of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General unrestricted funds	1,660,855	1,675,241	(1,387,816)	1,948,280
Restricted Funds	86,106	-	(56,881)	29,225
Total Funds	1,746,961	1,675,241	(1,444,697)	1,977,505

Restricted funds are those held for specific purposes, as specified by the funder, as defined in the accounting policies.
Restricted fund balances relate one fund from NFU Mutual (£29,225) for our farming campaign

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund Balances Tangible Assets	7,452	-	7,452	7,024	-	7,024
Intangible Assets	40,097		40,097			
Current Assets	2,572,190	-	2,572,190	2,065,878	29,225	2,0951103
Current Liabilities	(104,795)	-	(104,795)	(124,622)	-	(24,622)
	2,514,944	0	2,514,944	1,948,280	29,225	1,977,505

18 Deferred income

Group	**2025 £**	2024 £
Deferred income bought forward	51,667	25,055,
Resources deferred during the year	16,667	51,667
Amounts released from previous years	(51,667)	(25,055)
	16,667	51,667

Deferred income comprises of Law partner contracts which complete in August 2025 £16,667

18.1 Deferred income

Company	**2025 £**	2024 £
Deferred income bought forward	45,000	0
Resources deferred during the year	-	45,000
Amounts released from previous years	(45,000)	-
	-	45,000

Deferred income released in year comprises of a grant provided by Garfield Western Foundation to support operational costs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

19 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently The charge to financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £17,703 (2024 - £18,192)The outstanding liability at year end was £2,671 (2024 - £2,595).

20 Related party transactions

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions under FRS 102 S33.1a, not to disclose transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries and companies in the same group with 100% ownership.

Expenses for Trustees in period were A Gilmour £233 (2024: Nil), M Stock £411 (2024: £Nil), H Cheyne £588 (2024:Nil), T Thorn £464 (2024: Nil)

During the financial year, Sepsis Enterprises Limited made a donation of £47,696 (2024: £56,751) to United Kingdom Sepsis Trust

21 Controlling party

The control of the charity rests with the trustees and executive team collectively.

22 Subsidiaries

Details of the charity's subsidiaries at 31 March 2025 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct	% Held Indirect
Sepsis Enterprises Limited	Azzurri House, Walsall Business Park, Aldridge, WS9 0RB	Fundraising events	Ordinary shares	100	

During the year ended 31 March 2025 Sepsis Enterprises Limited reported income of £75,330 (2024 - £89,212) And expenditure of £75,330,212 (2024 - £89,212). Expenditure included a donation to UK Sepsis Trust of £47,696 (2024-£56,751)

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23	**Cash generated from operations**	**2025**	2024
		£	£
	Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	537,439	230,544
	Adjustments for:		
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	14,023	3,182
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(289,111)	(921)
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	11,723	(14,154)
	Increase/(Decrease) in deferred income	(31,550)	26,612
	Cash generated from operations	242,524	245,263

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1158843

Accounts

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2024



THE UK SEPSIS TRUST

Charity Registration No. 1158843 (England & Wales) | Scottish Charity No. SC050277 | Company Registration No. 08644039 (England and Wales)



Uber joined UKST's Beth Hill to get out into the community in Manchester to raise awareness of sepsis

THE UK SEPSIS TRUST



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WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Thank you for taking the time to read UKST's Annual Report and Financial Statements.

2023/2024 was an encouraging year for the charity, with a number of high-profile reports and media campaigns helping to put sepsis back on the Government's agenda. But there is still much work to be done.

Campaigning for change in the clinical space

We lent our support to calls for Martha's Rule to be implemented, with the right-to-a-second-opinion formalisation set for rollout across 100 NHS England Trusts from April 2024; with devolved healthcare administrations in Wales indicating they expect to follow suit.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) issued long-awaited updates to its sepsis guideline, heralding the end of a period of confusion among healthcare professionals. We responded by updating our clinical toolkits and e-learning materials, which are in use across 96% of British hospitals.

Two sobering publications – the National Child Mortality Database's 'Infection and related deaths of children and young people' report, and the University of Manchester's study found that the most socioeconomically deprived groups in society are nearly twice as likely to die from sepsis within 30 days. This reinforced our commitment to improving healthcare outcomes for all.

Throughout the year, we remained committed to educating healthcare professionals, whilst maintaining a responsible stance on the use of antimicrobials to prevent harm done by antimicrobial resistance (AMR). We trained well over 50,000 healthcare professionals through our CPD accredited e-learning programme.

Helping families affected by sepsis

One of our unique missions as a charity, is to support anyone touched by sepsis. Our Support Nurses helped over 1,500 people during this financial year; providing support to sepsis survivors and their immediate circles, as well as those who have tragically lost a loved one to the condition. Over 1,000 of these individuals were new to the charity. Our online support groups, for sepsis survivors and the bereaved, were attended by 450 people.

These Support Nurse-led activities were supported by our peer recovery support and connect Facebook groups, including the introduction of a separate bereavement group, as well as the suite of resources on our website.

Raising public awareness levels

We estimate 245,000 people are affected by sepsis in the UK each year, with at least 48,000 people losing their lives in sepsis-related illnesses. Awareness is key to reducing the number of avoidable sepsis deaths, which is why the UKST team continued to work tirelessly to educate the public about the condition.

We relaunched our Sepsis Savvy video and created a new game with pro bono support from Focus Games, which was shared in time for sepsis awareness month in September. Almost 13,500 of you played the game, obtaining potentially life-saving information.

We are grateful to Group M, whose generous donation of £70,000 in advertising credits on TikTok and Snapchat helped us generate nearly 15 million impressions with our Sepsis Awareness month campaign.

Our Sepsis Savvy landing page had over 360,000 page views – with the website overall enjoying record traffic levels in September following the success of our awareness campaign. Our social media channels have seen a significant increase in engagement and followers from April 2023 to March 2024:

- Facebook increased from 43,695 to 45,800
- followers
- Instagram increased from 9,310 to 11,256 followers
- LinkedIn increased from 2,137 to 2,639 followers
- Twitter/X increased from 28,564 to 28,693 followers (despite substantial platform changes)
- TikTok increased from 6,209 to 7,243 followers



Attendees of the Sepsis Savvy Walk in Sutton Coldfield in March 2024, where our charity was founded.

We also added a diverse range of case studies to our Sepsis Voices portfolio, reflecting the range of individuals affected by the condition – with notable names including cricketer Jack Leach (pictured on the cover of this report) and BBC World News presenter Karin Giannone.

Our podcast 'Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron' featured episodes with other prominent organisations as guests, including Marie Curie, Pfizer and World Animal Protection – with the podcast reaching over 1,500 total downloads.

Thank you to our fundraisers

We hosted our second annual Sepsis Savvy walks in March 2024, with five flagship fundraising events in Sutton Coldfield, London, Sheffield, Manchester and Cardiff reflecting the five lives lost to sepsis per hour in the UK and raising almost £60,000 to support our operations.

We also hosted successful online fundraising challenges: 10k Steps in July, Squat for Sepsis and Paws for a Cause.

Our total income was £1,671,448, up on the previous year, with a surplus of £230,544. We cannot thank enough the many individuals, families and friends who fundraised for us in 2023-4; people who climbed mountains, held bake sales, left us a legacy in their will, or supported us with regular direct debit payments.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our corporate partners and other companies who have supported us over this period, providing access to their office space, matched funding, marketing expertise and more. And of course my thanks to our committed and energetic team at UKST.

The combination of our supporters' incredible generosity, and prudent financial management, resulted in a welcome increase to our reserves. This helps safeguard us against ongoing economic challenges and provides a springboard from which we can make future strategic investments.

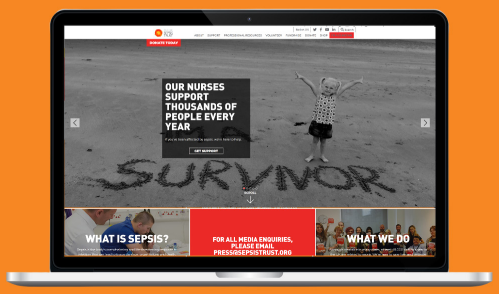
Finally, I'd like to celebrate the crucial contribution made by our 150 active volunteers. They are a key part of the UKST family and have been instrumental in helping us get others to 'Just Ask: Could it be Sepsis?'; whether they've given life-saving talks in their community, helped with support groups, or lent us their voices at cheer stations for events.

With the knowledge that we have such wonderful people supporting us in our life-saving mission, we look forward to further growth in 2024-5. We are determined to save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis patients and their families. Thank you for your support in 2023-4; with your ongoing help we'll continue to change lives for the better.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Stock
Chair of Trustees



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



48,000 website users during Sepsis Awareness month

11,256 followers

45,800 followers

59,924 healthcare professionals trained via e-learning





964 healthcare packs shared for Sepsis Awareness month



144,850 awareness materials distributed



£1.67m total income raised in year

1,594 people supported



SEPSIS SAVVY

369,338 website views in September
13,480 gameplays

... with 95% more confident they could spot sepsis



CLINICAL



Lancashire Teaching Hospitals' World Sepsis Day efforts

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence sepsis guideline updates

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) issued long-awaited updates to its sepsis guideline in January 2024, heralding the end of a period of confusion among healthcare professionals due to conflicts with Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) guidance.

The NG51 guideline 'Sepsis: recognition, diagnosis and early management' was developed in 2016 after UKST lobbying. It covers the recognition, diagnosis, and early management of sepsis for all populations, and is aimed at people with sepsis, their families and carers, as well as healthcare professionals working in primary, secondary and tertiary care.

The latest changes include updates to the language regarding the risk stratification of adults, the appropriate timing for antibiotic delivery for different risk categories, and the reassertion of the importance of clinical judgment.

UKST's free clinical tools have all been updated to be compatible with the NG51 revisions, and reflect an operational solution to delivery of the NHS Implementation Guidance.

E-learning and sepsis manual

We trained over 50,000 healthcare professionals through our CPD-accredited e-learning in 2023-4, equipping them with potentially life-saving knowledge. Our sepsis manual was also downloaded over 44,000 times.

Hospital pilot project

Over 50,000 patients received information about sepsis when discharged from hospital as part of our hospital pilot programme, which has now also commenced in Birmingham Children's Hospital. We hope that with better signposting, more people can access our support services for sepsis recovery and/or bereavement.

Ambulance sepsis signage

We continue to work with ambulance trusts to display sepsis signage on their fleets – with ten out of the eleven trusts in England featuring our messaging. It's our hope that trusts in Wales and Scotland will follow suit in 2024-5.

First aid partnerships

We continue to partner with Mini First Aid and Scottish provider St Andrew's First Aid to raise awareness of sepsis among their members.

We worked with Mini First Aid to deliver 17,000 'Just Ask' leaflets to their course attendees, and we also collaborated to create and share an animation that acknowledges the presentation of sepsis signs on darker pigmented skin, as part of efforts to make our resources more inclusive. We also updated our 'Just Ask' leaflet in March 2024 to include this messaging.

Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman sepsis report

Following its 2013 Time To Act report, the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman published a new report titled 'Spotlight on sepsis: your stories, your rights' in October 2023. It found

avoidable mistakes in sepsis care include delays in spotting and treating the condition, poor communication between health staff, sub-standard record keeping and missed opportunities for follow-up care. UKST's Founder Dr Ron Daniels and Ambassador Melissa Mead both peer-reviewed the publication and were involved in its dissemination, and the charity remains committed to improving patient outcomes.

National Child Mortality Database Report and Health Service Journal investigation

UKST Ambassador Melissa Mead also reviewed the National Child Mortality Database's report 'Infection related deaths of children and young people', which was published on the anniversary of her son William's death, on 14th December 2023. The report found ongoing opportunities to avoid preventable sepsis deaths, particularly for young children.

Its findings were supported by a separate investigation by the Health Service Journal, published in February 2024, which identified 31 deaths in the last five years where coroners have warned of systemic problems with diagnosing and treating sepsis, including nine cases relating to children. Many of the deaths were deemed avoidable.

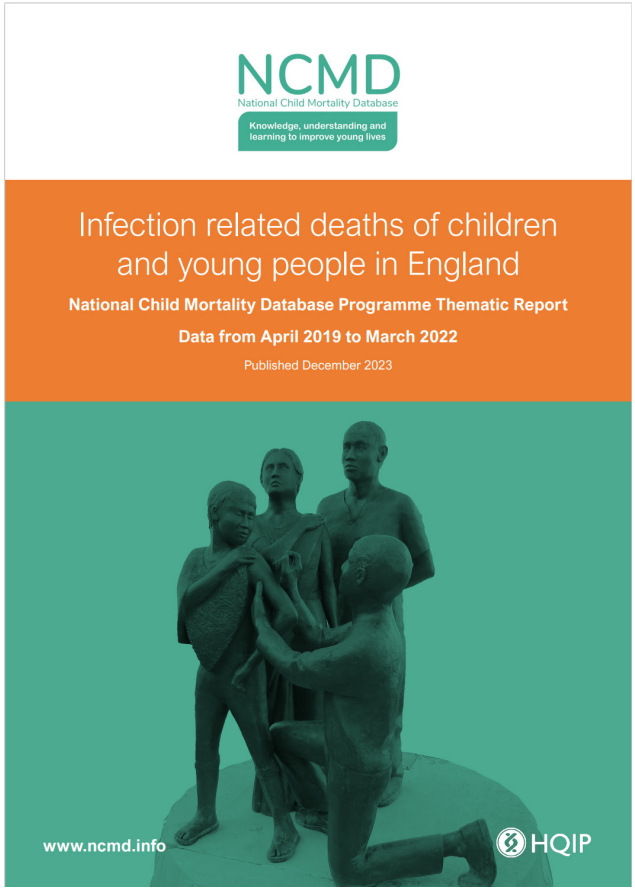
Martha's Rule

Merope Mills launched a campaign calling on the Government to implement 'Martha's Rule', which is a formalisation of a patient's right to a second opinion, following the tragic and likely avoidable loss of her daughter Martha to sepsis in 2021.

We lent our support to this campaign in September 2023, and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and NHS England committed to implement 'Martha's Rule'; to ensure the vitally important concerns of the patient and those who know the patient best are listened to and acted upon.

The policy was set for rollout across 100 NHS England Trusts from April 2024; with devolved healthcare administrations in Wales indicating they expect to follow suit.

As well as educating health professionals to recognise and treat sepsis in a timely manner, it is important that the public are empowered to ask



The National Child Mortality Database Report is available to read in full here.

for a second opinion if they suspect their loved one has sepsis and concerns are not being addressed.

University of Manchester sepsis study

University of Manchester's study 'Clinical and health inequality risk factors for non-COVID-related sepsis during the global COVID-19 pandemic: a national case-control and cohort study' found that the most socioeconomically deprived groups in society are nearly twice as likely to die from sepsis within 30 days. The findings of this study consolidated our commitment to raising awareness of sepsis among at-risk groups, with charity partnerships being one effective way that we will endeavour to reach these demographics in 2024-5.

Antimicrobial resistance

We used our podcast 'Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron' to collaborate with other organisations raising awareness of the threat of antimicrobial resistance, with guests from World Animal Protection and the Alliance to Save our Antibiotics. We remain committed to enabling the prevention of severe infection and the treatment of sepsis, whilst helping to ensure antibiotics are used responsibly.

SUPPORT

Helping make a difference

The Support team supported almost 1,600 people between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, providing support over 4,500 times.

"I was so grateful for speaking with Katie, one of the sepsis nurses because she gave us such practical support for the inquest."
- Helen Phillskirk, James' mum

They helped 1,036 new contacts in that time, including over 100 new contacts during Sepsis Awareness month.

"Oliver was absolutely incredible just being that person for me to vent to." - Taz Hoesli

"I spoke to Emma and Oliver... I'm so glad I found them because they encouraged me to join the recovery support and connect groups, which I did, and it was one of the best things I've done." - Abbie Kitson

Online support groups

We continued to provide sepsis recovery support groups, and bereavement support groups via Zoom. 450 people attended our online support groups.

"What I really like about the online recovery support groups is just how relaxed and laid back it is. It's very informal, ther's no pressure." - Aaron Speer

Face-to-face support groups

We continued to facilitate and advertise face-to-face support groups across the UK. While some of the groups have closed due to low attendance, we have also had interest in different areas of the UK so will be launching new face-to-face support groups over the next year in this regions.

"When I read the support for sepsis survivors and their families, I cried because that was so relevant to me."
- Karen Lillywhite (pictured right) developed septic shock after a routine operation in November 2020, which resulted in her being put in an induced coma for seven weeks.

These are light touch in terms of Support Nurse contact time, and primarily involve our volunteers and local health professionals.

"Once I was admitted to the group and I could see all these posts, it all sort of started to make sense to me and the realistation of what I'd been through." - Denise Devoto

Facebook peer support groups

We saw significant growth and engagement in the recovery peer support Facebook group, which grew from 1,700 members in April 2023 to over 2,400 members in March 2024.

We created a separate bereavement Facebook peer support group in August 2023, which has grown to over 200 members as of March 2024.

"We can't find the words that can describe the pain of losing Yousef, or for the love we have for him. We were over consumed by anger, but with the support of our family and friends, and reaching out to the UK Sepsis Trust as well, that feeling is a bit better now, but we had many moments of shock and denial." - Duaa and Mohammed Elsiddig, Yousef's parents

Legal support

UKST continues to work with our legal panel. This allows the charity to signpost individuals who wish to pursue complaints or clinical negligence claims to the experts, where and when appropriate.



AWARENESS



AVIVA lit up their buildings across the UK for World Sepsis Day 2023

Sepsis Awareness Month

We redeveloped our Sepsis Savvy video and game in time for sepsis awareness month in September 2023. The video had over 4,100 new views, while the game was played almost 13,500 times. Out of almost 1,950 responses to our own feedback survey, 95% said they are more confident they could spot the signs of sepsis and 98% said they would share what they have learned with friends and family.

Our Sepsis Savvy landing page had nearly 370,000 page views over the course of the month, thanks in part to the generosity of Group M, whose donated ad spend – worth £70,000 – helped us achieve nearly 15M impressions and over 285,000 clicks across Snapchat, Facebook & TikTok.

We're also grateful to bbp who gave us pro-bono support with developing a social media campaign 'Take 5, Tag 5, Give £5', which helped us accumulate almost 500K further organic social media impressions and 26K engagements. We're also thankful for Loops, who let us use their software free of charge to optimise our creative for maximum impact.

Corporate partnerships

There were some great sepsis awareness month initiatives spearheaded by our corporate supporters, including Mott McDonald's Steps Up To Sepsis challenge which raised over £5k.

Ambu hosted a red, orange and yellow day for their team, while PwC identified 'Sepsis Champions' who coordinated staff awareness activities, and AVIVA added a sepsis information hub to their intranet.

Our Patron Lord Grade also convened a corporate partners development group meeting in November 2023, consisting of group of influential organisations and individuals who we collaborate with to achieve our goals.

World Sepsis Day healthcare impact

We distributed almost 1,000 packs to healthcare partners free of charge for sepsis awareness month. Included in these were 44,000 sepsis information Z-cards thanks to the generosity of our partner, Iceland Foods Charitable Foundation.

Hospital trusts, GP and dental surgeries from across the United Kingdom came together in September to raise awareness of sepsis among staff and patients – hosting bake sales, information stands and taking part in fundraising challenges. Thank you to all of you for your support!

World Sepsis Day 2023

We were delighted to see so many buildings lit up for World Sepsis Day – with AVIVA lighting up four of its buildings with our Sepsis Savvy messaging, along with the Southend Pier, Chorley Town Hall, and Tullamore Town Hall lighting up in our colours.

Our website clocked up over 57,500 views on World Sepsis Day alone!

Sepsis Savvy awareness sessions

In 2023-4 we partnered with several organisations to help raise awareness of sepsis through free educational awareness sessions with the ultimate goal of saving lives. Over 1,500 people have registered for our resources, representing circa 560 organisations and almost 1,000 individuals.

After giving a 'Sepsis Savvy' talk at Proskauer, following the tragic loss of Steve Pevsner's daughter, Beth, to sepsis, the following feedback affirmed the difference these free education sessions can make:

'I'm so grateful I attended the UKST presentation as days later, our baby was really poorly and we knew to ask 'could this be sepsis?' It was – he got treated quickly – and is now back to full health! I just wanted to feed this back as it's a real, tangible positive from the awareness you're raising.'
- Chris Elson

UKST has delivered Sepsis Savvy sessions to several universities, such as the Welsh Universities of Cardiff, Bangor, South Wales and Swansea; Aston University and the University of Oxford. University of Bolton students even worked on sepsis awareness materials as one of their projects!

We have also offered training to a range of local government organisations including Cardiff and Birmingham Council.

If you would like to book a free awareness session for your staff, email savvy@sepsistrust.org.

Sepsis Savvy Schools Resources

We had almost 1,300 schools signed up to our Sepsis Savvy school resources as of 31 March 2024, with an estimated 1.15M pupils.

Iceland Foods and Iceland Foods Charitable Foundation worked with us to create a great video in time for sepsis awareness month, with their CEO Tarsem joining UKST Ambassador Jason Watkins to shine a spotlight on why it's so important to be Sepsis Savvy. They spoke to teacher Emma Cox, who was able to save her mum's life after delivering one of our lesson plans:

"My mother (who has Alzheimer's and can't really tell us if there is anything wrong) was unwell on Wednesday evening... If it had not been for the lessons you prepared and which we delivered at Bristol Grammar School, I may not have realised what was going on in time, so thank you for the important work your organisation is doing. It really is making a difference." - Teacher Emma Cox

Sepsis Voices

We continued to add case studies to our 'Sepsis Voices' campaign throughout the year, with many of these patient stories being picked up by local and national media. We also partnered with a range of charities such as the Aplastic Anaemia Trust, and the Spinal Cord Injury Association, to produce relevant case studies that highlight an increased sepsis risk among at-risk patient groups.

Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron

We released nine episodes of our podcast 'Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron', with 1,566 total downloads as of 31st March 2024. The podcast has featured a range of guests from the healthcare sector and beyond, and has shone a spotlight on issues such as maternal sepsis, the AMR crisis, paediatric sepsis, Post Sepsis Syndrome and more.

Farming awareness

We worked with NFU Mutual to produce a second educational video about the risk of sepsis among farmers. This follows on from the award-winning production featuring Hannah Brown's story, which triumped at the Charity Film Awards in 2023.

Wales, Scotland & NI

Over the last year, in collaboration with Welsh Assembly Government we have worked on an initiative to develop and translate our 'Spotting The Unwell Child' leaflet. In spring 2024 this was sent to all hospitals and relevant healthcare institutions across Wales in English and Welsh endorsed by NHS Wales and the Medical Director.

We have also worked with NHS Wales health boards on sepsis improvement and provided our awareness literature to support this.

UKST also remains a member of a cross-party group on health inequalities, which aims to improve sepsis outcomes in Scotland.

MARKETING: WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND PRESS



UKST's Founder & Joint CEO Dr Ron Daniels and UKST Ambassador Jason Watkins on BBC Breakfast

Website

Following our migration from Google Analytics to GA4, there is only website traffic data available from July 2023-31 March 2024; but the encouraging news is in this period we had 257,000 users.

We saw a significant spike in traffic during September (for Sepsis Awareness month), due to the success of our World Sepsis Day campaign, and media interest in Martha's Rule. We had 48,000 users in this month alone.

Social Media

As detailed in our chairman's report previously, UKST has enjoyed sustained growth across its social media channels.

Our World Sepsis Day organic social media posts had 498K total impressions and 26k engagements.

Accessibility of digital content

UKST continues to caption all multimedia content as standard practice to improve the accessibility of its content for users who are audibly impaired.

This is part of the charity's ongoing commitment to making its resources more accessible, and will continue to be a priority as we look to redesign the UKST website. We plan to launch the new website in August 2024.

Press

UKST has enjoyed sustained interest from the media over the last financial year, particularly around the publication of key reports outlined in the Clinical section of this report.

As part of Sepsis Awareness month coverage, UKST had prime-time television appearances on major news outlets including BBC Breakfast, Sky and ITV News, as well as number of radio appearances.

The charity also benefitted from substantial online and print coverage in national titles including the Daily Express, Mirror and Independent.



VOLUNTEERS



UKST Volunteers played a vital role in our Sepsis Savvy Walks 2024

Volunteer Management

In January 2024, UKST appointed a new Volunteering Manager, Kelly Butler, tasked with the mission of overhauling our volunteering programme. This strategic move was aimed at enhancing our volunteer engagement and optimising the impact of our invaluable volunteer workforce.

Volunteer recruitment and onboarding

Since Kelly's appointment, several significant improvements have already been implemented. The volunteer registration process has been streamlined, making it easier and more efficient for individuals to join our cause.

Additionally, the onboarding process has been revamped to ensure that volunteers are better prepared and more confident in their roles.

Another key improvement has been in data hygiene, ensuring that our volunteer information is accurately maintained and up to date, which enhances communication and coordination within our volunteer network.

Supporting others

Our dedicated volunteers have continued to play a vital role in the delivery of UKST's services over the past year. They have been instrumental in facilitating both our online and face-to-face support groups, providing essential assistance and emotional support to those affected by sepsis.

Their contributions have been particularly noteworthy during our World Sepsis Day 2023 campaign in September, where their efforts significantly amplified our awareness initiatives. During sepsis awareness month, 32 volunteers participated in 44 events, with a remarkable 34 of these events involving informative talks with hospital staff. These engagements have been crucial in spreading awareness about sepsis, educating health professionals, and ultimately contributing to better patient outcomes.

Volunteers also played a vital role in attending our Sepsis Savvy walks, the impact of which is outlined in the Fundraising section of this report.

Looking ahead to 2024-5

As of 31 March 2024, UKST proudly had 150 active volunteers. We are committed to further defining and expanding the range of volunteer opportunities, including making home-based opportunities available to those affected by the condition. This will involve creating clear and diverse pathways for involvement, ensuring that all volunteers can find roles that match their skills and interests while supporting our mission to combat sepsis.

The dedication and hard work of our volunteers is deeply appreciated, and their contributions remain at the heart of our efforts to save lives.

FUNDRAISING

We continue to be registered with The Fundraising Regulator, the independent regulator of charitable fundraising in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their work ensures public protection, accountability, and excellence in fundraising now and into the future.

Sepsis Savvy Walks 2024

This is the second year for our flagship Sepsis Savvy Walks, with events in Manchester, Sheffield, Sutton Coldfield, London & Cardiff and raising an incredible £59k.

The 724 supporters that signed up to the walks were aided by fundraisers including:

- London – Kamaldeep Sandhu volunteered with her friends & family - she has also played an instrumental role in educating her Microsoft colleagues about the dangers of sepsis, in memory of her brother Rick Singh Flora.
- Sutton Coldfield – Danny James from NFU/Karen Abbott, surviving wife of Jem Abbott.
- Manchester – a team from Fletchers Law Firm (one of our legal partners).
- Sheffield – Lydia Hutson, Team 'For Lorraine x' almost £2k
- Cardiff – UKST staff member Terence was supported by three generations of his family, walking in memory of his brother, Mark.

The walks were also supported by our wonderful volunteers in memory and in support of their loved ones.

Facebook challenges and birthday fundraisers

In 2023 & 2024, UKST ran a number of in-house Facebook challenges.

The 10,000 Steps a Day in July Challenge raised in excess of £30k where participants were encouraged to up their daily step count while raising valuable funds to help further our mission.

The 100 Squats a Day in November Challenge raised over £21k, encouraging participants to take on a new exercise habit and build their strength while helping us in our mission to raise awareness.

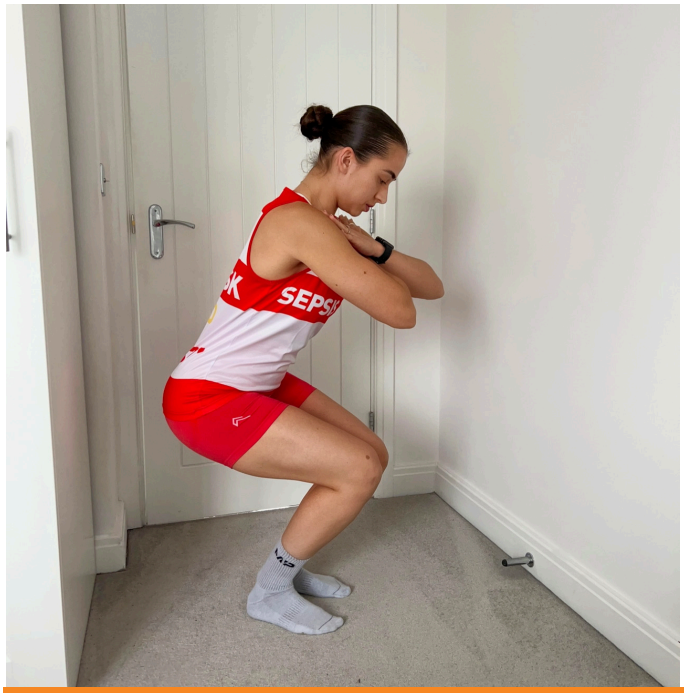
The February Dog Walking Challenge raised almost £24k – participants were challenged to walk 60 miles while spending quality time with their dogs throughout the month.

In addition to our own challenges, we raised near on £19K thanks to the generosity of 270 fundraisers who set up Facebook Birthday Fundraiser.

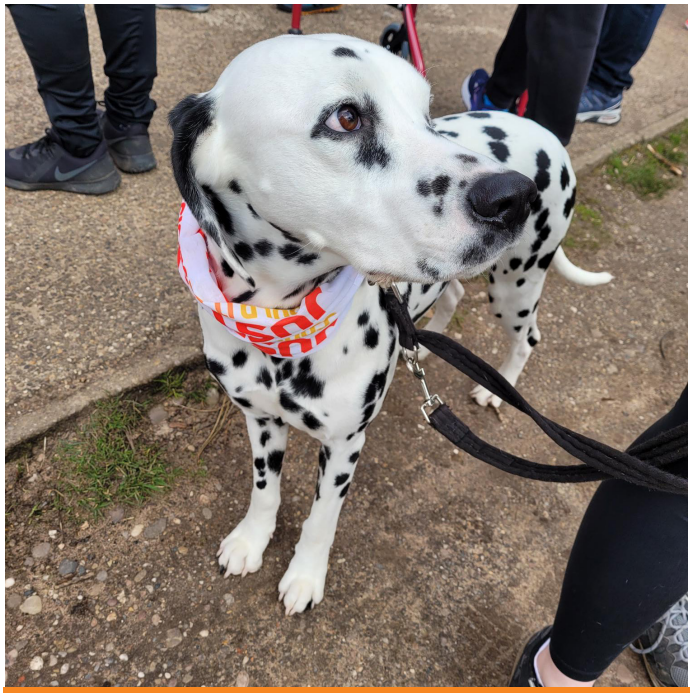
Thanks to our everyday Facebook Fundraisers – 81 supporters raised £5k from one-off fundraisers, raising awareness about sepsis or commemorating a loved one.

Supporter challenges and third-party events

We're so grateful to everyone who chose to support UKST through fundraising initiatives or events this year. Here are just a few of the highlights:



The Squat for Sepsis Facebook challenge was a huge success



We enjoyed seeing your pets take on 'Paws for a Cause'



Well done to everyone who took on London Landmarks 2023

Cardiff Half Marathon 23 – £6k
London Landmarks Half Marathon 23 – £46k
Great North Run 23 – £12k

We're grateful to all our runners, but especially Shaun Green's efforts to take on the Tokyo Marathon, and Tim Bradley who is taking on 12 running challenges in memory of Rory Bradley.

Community supporters

We're thankful to everyone who chooses UKST as their cause, and while we can't thank everyone individually in this report, here are a selection of highlights:

- In April 2023, Eddie Kilty raised an incredible £4.7k through his 'Collective Dinner'.
- In May 2023, Helen Benson held a Great Yorkshire Tractor Run in memory of Hannah Brown – the face of our farming awareness campaign.
- In August 2023, Gosport Borough Youth Football Club's round robin tournament in memory of Gaynor Wilkinson's mum, Sarah Atherfold, raised a fantastic £2.8k.
- In December 2023, The Royal Standard Pub joined our Christmas Jumper Day campaign, and raised a brilliant £844 in the process.
- Mangotsfield Secondary School ran an awareness project in memory of students, Freya & Katie's father.
- We're also grateful to Susi Burdell, whose volunteering and fundraising efforts are ongoing.

UKST receives no government funding so we really couldn't do it without you!

In Memory Gifts

Supporters remembered their loved ones by creating their own special events, donating in memory on anniversaries and special days, and creating tribute pages, which collectively raised in excess of £120k.

These pages include tributes made to Gina Campanini, who tragically died of sepsis on 14th September 2023, the day after Sepsis Awareness Day.

There has also been substantial legacy donations made on behalf of Beth Pevsner, with her father Steve continuing to support our awareness activities in a personal capacity, and through his work at Proskaeur Rose LLP.

Corporate Supporters

We are always appreciative of local community organisations and businesses that raise funds and vital awareness amongst their members.

We're also super appreciative of the team at GAMA, who have generously contributed over £27k to our cause over the last financial year.

Thank you to all the companies who made us their Charity of the Year or held special fundraising initiatives! We hope to continue working together in 2024-5.

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Policies and objectives

The organisation is a charitable company, registered with the Charities Commission on 10 October 2014 and incorporated on 8 August 2013. The charity is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 5 August 2013. The Articles of Association were updated on the 14 January 2020. At the start of the financial year, the Trustee Board consisted of Mark Stock (Chairman), Professor Helen Cheyne, Alan Gilmour, Nick Randle, Robert Watson, & Tiffany Thorn. Nick Randle resigned 21st June 2023.

Dr Darren Daniels, Founder and Joint CEO leads the organisation with Sarah Hamilton-Fairley, Joint CEO.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, planning future strategy and setting policy. The work of UKST is fundamental in reducing the number of unnecessary deaths every year from sepsis and supporting those who have been affected by the condition.

Aims and activities

In line with our objects, the charity's main activities, which are all in relation to our purposes for public benefit, are:

- Educating healthcare professionals, health commissioners, government organisations and the wider public to 'think' sepsis (and severe infection), recognise the condition swiftly, and ensure that it is treated as an emergency, whilst maintaining a responsible stance on the use of antimicrobials;
- Providing support to patients and their relatives, including those bereaved by sepsis, through the provision of accessible information and the development of support networks; and
- Lobbying the Government to ensure that the infrastructure to support hospitals and other healthcare organisations in delivering exemplary sepsis care is in place.

Finance

2023-4 proved challenging from a financial perspective as previous years. The current economic climate and unpredictable nature of our income generation has required us to ensure we continue with careful cost control whilst balancing this with investing where necessary to complete our strategic aims.

Income was £1,671,448 which was up on the previous year. Our community generated income continues to be a core element of our income generation at 76%. Overall we achieved a surplus of £230,544 in year.

Review of performance of our trading activity

UKST wholly own the trading subsidiary Sepsis Enterprises Ltd, which passes all its profits to UKST through gift aid. Total Profit transferred in 2023-24 was £56,751.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity and the group are registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee which was set up by a Trust deed on 5 August 2013.

The charity and the group are constituted under a Trust deed dated 5 August 2013 with a registered charity number 1158843 England and Wales and SC050277 for Scotland.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

Recruitment of Trustees has occurred as a result of direct interest in the charity. Trustees have been chosen through an analysis of skills to enable the progress of the charity's objects. Trustees induction has occurred through direction from the Charity Commission guidance. Formal induction processes are in place. These are reviewed on a regular basis.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity and the group is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks identified.

Conflict of interest

No Trustees are renumerated for their role within the charity. They do receive out of pocket expenses which are detailed in section 18 of the accounts.

Reserves policy

The United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is currently dependent on voluntary donations to sustain its activities to continue operating.

This means if there were to be a shortfall in voluntary donations it would put the charity in jeopardy. If serious funding problems were to occur that threatened the existence of the Trust, the Trustees have agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that the core operations can continue for a period of six months.

The current reserves policy represents six months of expenditure plus any future committed costs which will be monitored on a regular basis and varied accordingly.

The budget for 23-24 plans to use some of the surplus funds on future projects, in particular developing our digital resources.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Statement of Trustees' report responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees 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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group 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 charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that: so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and the Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditors B K Plus continued to provide services during the year and have indicated their willingness to continues for 2024-25. The Designated Trustees will review and propose a motion re-appointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Date: 01/11/2024



FINANCIAL REPORTS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Professor H Cheyne Mr A Gilmour Mr N Randle (Resigned 21st Jun 2023) Mr M Stock Ms T Thorne Dr R Watson
Charity number	1158843 (England & Wales) SC050277 (Scotland)
Company number	08644039
Registered Office	Azzuri House Walsall Business Park Walsall Road Walsall WS9 ORB
Auditor	BK Plus Audit Limited Walsall Business Park Walsall Road Walsall WS9 ORB

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise of the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the consolidated and parent Balance Sheet, the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of state of the group's and parent charitable affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the groups and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

From the preliminary of the audit, we ensure our understanding of the entity is up to date. This includes, but is not limited to, current knowledge of their activities, the business and control environments, and their compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory frameworks. This information supports our risk identification and the subsequent design of audit procedures to mitigate those risks; ensuring that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our opinion.

In response to the risks identified, specific to this entity, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, if available;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale for significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Christopher Hession C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of BK Plus Audit Limited



Date: 01/11/2024

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £
Income from:							
Donations & Legacies	2	1,582,236	-	1,582,236	1,319,405	117,669	1,437,074
Charitable Activities	3	89,212	-	89,212	118,456	-	118,456
Total Income		1,671,448	-	1,671,448	1,437,861	117,669	1,555,530
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	122,791		122,791	96,273		96,273
Charitable activities		1,265,025	56,881	1,321,906	1,161,124	31,563	1,192,687
Total Expenditure	5	1,387,816	56,881	1,444,697	1,257,397	31,563	1,288,960
Other Income:							
Bank Interest Received		3,793	-	3,793	-	-	-
Net Income for the year and net movement in funds		287,425	(56,881)	230,544	180,463	86,106	266,570
Total funds bought forward		1,660,855	86,106	1,746,961	1,480,392	-	1,480,392
Total funds carried forward		1,948,280	29,225	1,977,505	1,660,855	86,106	1,746,961

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		7,024		6,198
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	96,271		95,350	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,998,832		1,757,577	
		2,095,103		1,852,927	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(124,622)		(112,164)	
Net current assets			1,970,481		1,740,763
Net assets			1,977,505		1,746,961
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	**14**		29,225		86,106
Unrestricted funds	**14**		1,948,280		1,660,855
Total funds			1,977,505		1,746,961

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 and authorised for issue on 1st November 2024 and are on its behalf by:

.....
Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 25 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
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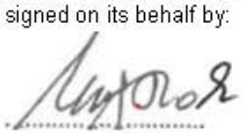
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9.1**		7,024		6,198
Investments	**10**		1		1
			7,025		6,199
Current assets					
Debtors	**12.1**	162,285		225,976	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,913,250		1,586,469	
		2,075,535		1,812,445	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13.1**	(108,447)		(75,075)	
Net current assets			1,967,088		1,737,370
Net assets			1,974,113		1,743,569
Charity funds					
Restricted funds			29,225		86,106
Unrestricted funds			1,944,888		1,657,463
Total Funds			1,974,113		1,743,569

The company's 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 board of directors and authorised for issue on 1st November 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 25 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	22		245,263		216,681
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(4,008)		(6,560)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(4,008)		(6,560)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			241,255		210,121
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,757,577		1,547,456
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,998,832		1,757,577

The notes on pages 25 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Azzurri House, Walsall Business Park, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands, WS9 0RB.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries'). No separate Statement of financial activities has been presented for the company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Income and expenditure account.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Unrestricted Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.4 Incoming resources

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

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.

Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	3 years straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the directors review the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash at bank and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1.9 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 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 and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. 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 unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities
Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee Benefits
The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.
Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the is a demonstrable commitment to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement Benefits
Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Taxation
The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categorises covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 pf the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.13 Fund Accounting
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for the use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance to the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations & gift aid	1,575,836	-	1,575,836	1,319,405	117,669	1,437,074
Grants, sales of publications & resources	6,400	-	6,400	-	-	-
	1,582,236	-	1,582,236	1,319,405	117,669	1,437,074

3 Charitable activities

	Charity incoming resources 2024	Charity incoming resources 2023
	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	89,212	118,456

4 Raising funds

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	122,791	96,273

All fundraising events in 2024 and 2023 were unrestricted

5 Analysis of expenditure by type

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of raising funds	122,791	-	122,791	96,273	-	96,273
Direct Costs	1,265,025	56,881	1,321,906	1,161,124	31,563	1,192,687
	1,387,816	56,881	1,444,697	1,257,397	31,563	1,288,960

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6 Auditor's remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £15,000 (2023 - £15,000) and other accountancy services of £1,130 (2023 - £1,360).

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Average number of employees	17	18

Employment costs	**2024**	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	951,506	880,295
Social security costs	107,144	99,506
Other pension costs	18,192	15,602
	1,076,842	995,403

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeding £60,000 Was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 to £70,000	2	2
In the band £70,001 to £80,000	2	1
In the band £80,001 to 90,000	-	-
In the band £90,001 to £100,000	-	-
In the band £100,001 to £110,000	-	-
In the band £110,001 to £120,000	-	1
In the band £120,001 to £130,000	1	1
In the band £130,001 to £140,000	1	-
	6	5

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

8 Taxation

The parent charity is exempt from corporation tax and all of it's income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes. The trading subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited, donates all taxable profits to the parent charity.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment
Group	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	26,510
Additions	4,008
At 31 March 2024	30,518
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	20,312
Depreciation charged in the year	3,182
At 31 March 2024	23,494
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	7,024
At 31 March 2023	6,198

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

9.1 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment
Company	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	26,510
Additions	4,008
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2024	30,518
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	20,312
Depreciation charged in the year	3,182
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-
At 31 March 2024	23,494
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	7,024
At 31 March 2023	6,198

10 Fixed asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Asset investments	1	1

Movements in fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2023 & 31 March 2024	1
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	1
At 31 March 2023	1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

11	**Financial instruments group**	**2024**	2023
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	2,058,098	1,823,378
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	72,957	87,109

11.1	**Financial instruments company**	**2024**	2023
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	2,038,530	1,782,897
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	108,448	75,075

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash at bank, trade debtors and amounts owed to companies.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors, other taxation and social security and accruals.

12	**Debtors**		
	Group	**2024**	2023
	Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
	Trade debtors	59,266	65,802
	Other debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	37,005	29,548
		96,271	95,350

12.1	**Debtors**		
	Company	**2024**	2023
	Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
	Trade debtors	55,224	45,848
	Amounts owed from Group Undertakings	70,055	150,580
	Other Debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	37,005	29,548
		162,285	225,976

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Group	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	30,410	39,875
Trade creditors	16,850	25,673
Other creditors	2,595	3,193
Accruals	23,100	18,368
Deferred income	51,667	25,055
	124,622	112,164

13.1 Company	2024 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	27,330	34,302
Trade creditors	12,766	19,212
Accruals	20,756	18,368
Deferred Income	45,000	-
Other creditors	2,595	3,193
	108,447	75,075

14 Summary of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General unrestricted funds	1,660,856	1,675,241	(1,387,816)	1,948,281
Restricted Funds	86,106	-	(56,881)	29,225
Total Funds	1,746,962	1,675,241	1,444,697	1,977,506

Restricted funds are those held for specific purposes, as specified by the funder, as defined in the accounting policies. Restricted fund balances relate to two funds from NFU Mutual (£61,225) for our farming campaign and (£24,881) from Biomerieux for our clinical project pilot.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

14.1 Summary of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General unrestricted funds	1,480,392	1,437,861	(1,257,397)	1,660,855
Restricted Funds	-	117,669	(31,563)	86,106
Total Funds	1,480,392	1,555,530	1,288,960	1,746,961

Restricted funds are those held for specific purposes, as specified by the funder, as defined in the accounting policies.
Restricted fund balances relate to two funds from NFU Mutual (£61,225) for our farming campaign and (£24,881) from Biomerieux for our clinical project pilot.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund Balances						
Tangible Assets	7,025	-	7,025	6,198	-	6,198
Current Assets	2,065,878	29,225	2,095,103	1,765,065	87,862	1,852,927
Current Liabilities	(124,624)	(-)	(124,624)	(110,408)	(1,756)	(112,164)
	1,948,280	29,225	1,977,505	1,660,855	86,106	1,746,961

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16 Deferred income

Group and Charity

	2023	2023
	£	£
Deferred income bought forward	25,151	25,151
Resources deferred during the year	25,055	25,055
Amounts released from previous years	(25,151)	(25,151)
	25,055	25,055

Deferred income comprises of course fees paid for in advance along with Law partner contracts which complete in August 2023.

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently The charge to financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £18,192 (2023 - £15,062) The outstanding liability at year end was 2,595 (2023 - £3,193).

18 Related party transactions

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions under FRS 102 S33.1a, not to disclose transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries and companies in the same group with 100% ownership.

Expenses for Trustees in period were A Gilmour £Nil (2023: £60), N Randle Nil (2023: £119), H Cheyne £Nil (2023:£249), T Thorn Nil (2023: £53)

During the financial year, Sepsis Enterprises Limited made a donation of £56,751 (2023: £142,895) to United Kingdom Sepsis Trust

19 Controlling party

The control of the charity rests with the trustees and executive team collectively.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

20 Subsidiaries

Details of the charity's subsidiaries at 31 March 2023 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct	% Held Indirect
Sepsis Enterprises Limited	Azzurri House, Walsall Business Park, Aldridge, WS9 0RB	Fundraising events	Ordinary shares	100	

During the year ended 31 March 2023 Sepsis Enterprises Limited reported income of £89,212 (2023 - £118,456) And expenditure of £89,212 (2023 - £118,456). Expenditure included a donation to UK Sepsis Trust of £56,751 (2023-£142,895)

21 Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	266,570	266,570
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	2,981	2,981
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(10,018)	(10,018)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(42,756)	(42,756)
Increase/(Decrease) in deferred income	(96)	(96)
Cash generated from operations	216,681	216,681

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1158843

Accounts

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2023



THE UK SEPSIS TRUST

Charity Registration No. 1158843 (England & Wales) | Scottish Charity No. SC050277 | Company Registration No. 08644039 (England and Wales)


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WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Thank you for taking the time to read UKST's Annual Report and Financial Statements.

This financial year was a period of sustained growth for UKST, as the charity continued to recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.There has been a gradual return to almost pre-pandemic staffing levels in fundraising and marketing, which have helped drive uptake in our support services and volunteer base.

Our Support Nurses supported 1,394 families over the last twelve months; providing support to sepsis survivors and their immediate circles, as well as those who have tragically lost a loved one to the condition.



After some successful online fundraising challenges, such as the 10K Steps in June 2022, we launched our inaugural Sepsis Savvy national walk in March 2023. The event consolidated our impact and volunteer activity in Wales, Scotland and England, and we expect to expand to other UK locations in 2024.

The ITV1 documentary 'Jason & Clara: In Memory of Maudie', produced by ITV Wales with UKST Ambassador, Jason Watkins, aired on 30 March 2023. While the subsequent uptake in UKST support services will be captured in next year's report, pre-coverage in the media was instrumental in strengthening our resolve to provide more support to patients and their relatives, through the provision of accessible information and the development of support networks, including for families tragically bereaved by sepsis.

We also remained committed to our other key aims of educating healthcare professionals, health commissioners, government organisations and the wider public to 'think' sepsis (and severe infection); recognise the condition swiftly, and ensure that it is treated as an emergency, whilst maintaining a responsible stance on the use of antimicrobials; and lobbying the Government to ensure that the infrastructure is in place to support hospitals and other healthcare organisations in delivering exemplary sepsis care.

Making a difference

The UKST team has had a busy year, working to raise awareness, provide support and help educate healthcare professionals about sepsis, in an effort to end preventable deaths.

245,000 people are affected by sepsis in the UK each year, with at least 48,000 people losing their lives in sepsis-related illnesses.

Awareness

Raising awareness of sepsis remained a critical and life-saving activity for UKST. We launched a new marketing campaign called Sepsis Voices, where case studies aimed to reflect the diversity of sepsis, both in terms of affected demographics, but also in terms of symptom presentation.

Our website had over 2.5 million page views, whilst we saw 974 new 'Sepsis Savvy' registrations (181 orgs, 236 individuals and 557 schools). Our social media channels have seen a significant increase in engagement, with Facebook page visits up 190.3% and Instagram reach up 234.9% compared to the previous period.

We also launched a new podcast, 'Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron' in March 2023.

Support

We supported 1,394 people in 2022-3; of these, 766 were survivors and their families, and 226 were those sadly bereaved.

We hosted 94 online support groups, as well as 31 face-to-face groups.

These Support Nurse-led activities were supported by our peer support Facebook group, as well as the suite of resources on our website.



Pictured overleaf: UKST Joint CEO Sarah Hamilton-Fairley after presentation at St Helen's and St Katherine's School near Abingdon; Pictured above: UKST Founder & Joint CEO Dr Ron Daniels at the Jason Watkins premiere, with Jason Watkins, Clara Francis and Child Bereavement UK Chief Executive, Ann Chalmers

Clinical

We trained 19,782 healthcare professionals with our e-learning tools.

Fundraising

Our total income was £1,555,530. We cannot thank enough the many people and families who fundraised for us in 2022-3; people who climbed mountains, held bake sales, left us a legacy in their will, or supported us with regular direct debit payments.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our corporate partners and other companies who have supported us over this period, providing access to their office space, matched funding, marketing expertise and more.

The combination of our supporters' incredible generosity, and prudent financial management, resulted in a surplus of £266,570. Our current reserves safeguard us against ongoing economic challenges and are a springboard from which we can make future strategic investments.

Finally, I'd like to celebrate the crucial contribution made by our 56 active volunteers. They are a key part of the UKST family and have been instrumental in helping us get others to 'Just Ask: Could it be sepsis?'; whether they've shared their own story through Sepsis Voices, given life-saving talks in their community, helped with support groups, or lent us their voices at cheer stations for events such as the London Landmarks Half Marathon.

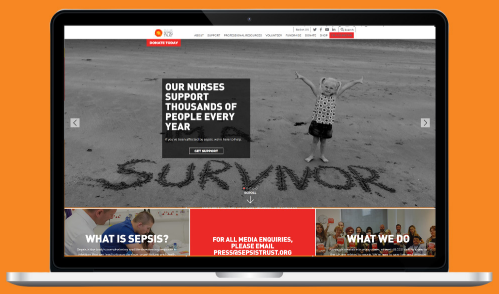
With the knowledge that we have such wonderful people supporting us in our life-saving mission, we look forward to further growth in 2023-4. We are determined to save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis patients and their families. Thank you for your support in 2022-23; with your ongoing help we'll continue to change lives for the better.



Yours sincerely,

Mark Stock
Chairman of Trustees

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



2,530,219 views
621,868 website users

223,222 users reached

3,068,409 users reached

19,782 healthcare professionals trained via e-learning





1,347 volunteer hours

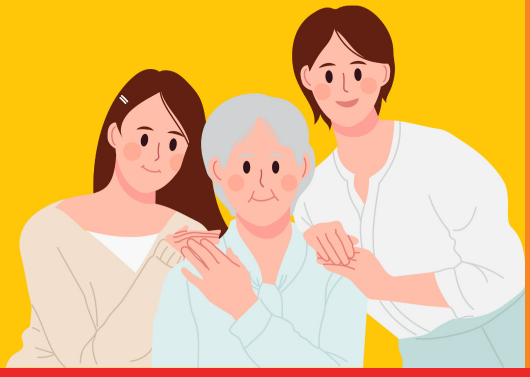


138,835 awareness materials distributed



£1.5m total income raised in year

1,394 families supported





236 individuals
181 organisations
577 schools...

... with a reach of 361,250 students and staff



CLINICAL



Blackpool Hospital staff posing with the pilot project 'Just Ask' literature

ED&I resource review

We have conducted a full Equality, Diversity and Inclusion review of all our resources. We are working on strategy to improve the reach of our messaging so that these are more accessible to those who may experience health inequality. We will continue our work in this area throughout 2023-24.

Infection Management Coalition

The Infection Management Coalition held a roundtable discussion with NHS England and other stakeholders in early 2023. We were subsequently asked by the NHS to develop implementation guidance and identify Vanguard sites, as they were fully engaged with the recommendations but did not have the infrastructure or resource to directly assess. We have identified North Bristol NHS Trust as an acute sector Vanguard and Central and Northwest London Community Trust as a community sector Vanguard. Projects in these Trusts are in the planning stages.

In November 2023, we are holding a further roundtable at The King's Fund's annual conference.

Neutrocheck project

In our last report, we detailed how UKST was providing expert clinical input into an NIHR-funded research study, evaluating a device intended for use in the home to measure neutrophil count (a subgroup of white blood cells that are heavily impacted by chemotherapy), together with lactate (a biomarker indicating severity of acute illness).

UKST has since received additional funding to support the delivery of a Delphi (consensus building) project with national level stakeholders.

Hospital pilot project

A six-month pilot will see patients, at five UK hospitals being discharged with medication, given a 'Just Ask' leaflet information in their TTOs. A unique QR code will enable us to track the long-term impact of this awareness initiative. The Trust already is starting to support people who have received our leaflets from this pilot project.

> "We have found an overall increase in awareness of sepsis (knowledge and care) in our professional workforce and stakeholder groups – patients, carers, visitors and many more. Our use of the toolkits continues to provide a solid foundation to work at George Eliot NHS Trust (Nuneaton) and supports optimal outcomes through the use of ratified documents. Our organisation continues to work to improve patient care and feels supported by UKST to enable outcomes. We have received diverse assistance from UKST in the form of advice, communication, toolkits, storytelling and much more. We would recommend UKST resources to guide practice and best clinical outcomes." - **George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust**

Toolkits

The Sepsis 6 guidelines developed by UKST are used in 40 countries around the globe, including in close to 100 hospitals in the UK.

These toolkits are a best practice guide, and provide opportunities to improve sepsis patient outcomes, evinced by the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust

in Nuneaton. After data collection and quarterly reporting identified areas for improvement in sepsis care, the Trust ran a month-long initiative in September 2022, using UKST toolkits and other charity resources.

Melissa Mead introduced Dr Ron Daniels to Professor Tony Kelly, NHS National Clinical Advisor Maternity and Neonatal Safety Improvement. He advised that a new national maternal early warning score is set to be released in Q3 of 2023. He has asked, on behalf of the NHS, that we collaborate to align our sepsis clinical tools to this new early warning score.

Education & training

Our five e-learning modules for health professionals and care workers – developed in partnership with Premier IT – were CPD-accredited in January 2023 in line with goals outlined in our last report.

In total, 19,782 licences were sold in the last financial year, with a post-completion survey included following the last update in November 2022. 27 users completed the survey between November 22-March 23, with 100% of respondents agreeing that 'there was the right amount of detail' in the e-learning material.

37% claimed 'I learnt a lot', 40% said 'I learnt some new things', and 22% felt 'It refreshed my current skills and knowledge and confidence'. 0% of respondents agreed with the statement 'I didn't learn anything new', with 85% of respondents agreeing that the module was 'interesting and well-designed'.

Child deaths from infection and sepsis

Dr Daniels has been working with the National Child Death Overview team this year. One of the two thematic reports for 2023 will be around child deaths because of or contributed to by infection and sepsis. Timing for publication of the report has not yet been finalised but is expected by the end of 2023.

Marie Curie
Care and support through terminal illness

Marie Curie collaboration

UKST and the end-of-life charity Marie Curie have collaborated on a clinical tool that will help ensure vulnerable patients continue to receive the best care possible. The clinical tool maps the Sepsis 6 Care Pathway for use in community settings and is designed for use by Marie Curie Nurses caring for people at home. The tool has been supported by the production of a poster which encourages the use of The Sepsis 6 Care Pathway in community settings.

These toolkits are available to be used by all cancer and palliative care hospices within the UK and are accessible via the UKST website: sepsistrust.org/professional-resources/our-nice-clinical-tools/marie-curie-the-uk-sepsis-trust





UKST has provided support to families like Kamaldeep Sandhu (pictured left), who tragically lost her brother Rick Singh Flora to sepsis. We have also provided support to sepsis survivors like Karen Lillywhite (pictured right), who has even gone on to set up her own face-to-face support group as a Volunteer.

SUPPORT

"The support group has been an absolute lifeline for me." - Jonathan Cope, who lost his wife Cheryl to sepsis in 2016



Helpline/Contacts

The UKST helpline provides information and support to anyone affected by sepsis. The service is delivered by our paid nursing support team – all of whom have considerable experience in caring for patients with sepsis and critical illness. All are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and meet their revalidation criteria, enabling them to stay qualified, supported and develop professionally.

If calls are not answered live, service users are encouraged to leave a voicemail, with a return call being booked for that same day if possible. Service users can also schedule a call at their convenience through the UKST website.

Email support

The Support Nurses also provide support to sepsis survivors, their families, and the bereaved, by email. Service users can access support through Multi-modal channels which makes them more accessible help make our services more accessible e.g. to the deaf and/or hard of hearing.

Online Recovery Support Groups

Support Nurses lead the Online Recovery Support Groups, supporting 240 people in their recovery journeys in 2022-3.

These are relaxed, informal sessions hosted weekly via Zoom and work on a model of peer support. By sharing personal experiences, sepsis survivors learn that they are not alone. Friends/family members are also encouraged to attend, which can help manage recovery expectations and prevent relationship breakdown. Feedback indicates that attendees greatly appreciate the social interaction and emotional assistance.

Online Bereavement Support Groups

Bereavement support services have seen significant uptick over the last financial year. We have helped support 226 people (35 more than in 2021-2), with the ITV1 documentary 'Jason & Clara: In Memory of Maudie' anecdotally contributing to greater awareness about our bereavement support services, in addition to more frequent social media promotion.

The online bereavement groups are also hosted weekly via Zoom.

Face-to-face Support Groups

UKST volunteers help supplement the provision of online recovery groups, with seven active face-to-face sessions across the UK. While attendance at these groups is significantly lower than the online meetings, there is limited use of charity resources to facilitate these meetings and they are a great way for volunteers to make a difference in their local communities.

Attendance will continue to be monitored on an ongoing basis throughout 2023-4, to safeguard against possible reputational damage that may arise from poor attendance.

Facebook group

The Facebook group is another peer support group which allows members to connect with one another. It is moderated by the Support Nurses. The group was attached to the main Facebook page in January 2023 and has grown significantly as a result – serving as many individuals' first point of contact with the charity.

UKST's Facebook peer support group had nearly 700 members last report, this has now more than doubled in size to 1,589 members as of 31 March 2023.

Legal support

UKST continues to work with a legal panel. This allows the charity to signpost individuals who wish to pursue complaints or clinical negligence claims to the experts, where and when appropriate.

AWARENESS



Sepsis Savvy

As of 31 March 2023, our Sepsis Savvy awareness programme had 862 people, 452 organisations, and 905 schools signed up – with just over 1,000,000 pupils and staff. There were 974 new sign ups in 22-23 (181 orgs, 236 individuals and 557 schools).

Sepsis Savvy-related webpages were viewed 48,426 times in 2022-3, with the campaign video reaching 8,382 views by 31 March 2023.

Schools Resources

We attended the National Education Show in Wales to introduce our 'Resources for Schools' initiative encouraging schools to sign up to access our free lesson plans and other resources. We have also further developed our relationships with Cardiff Council, Dwr Cymru (Welsh Water), University of Third Age and Women's Institute to roll out 'Sepsis Savvy' to their staff and members.

Hannah Brown's story

As a continuation of our Sepsis Savvy work in the farming community, farmer Hannah Brown's story was turned into a sepsis awareness video with help from her family and friends, and our ongoing corporate supporter, Ark Media Productions. We are most grateful to everyone involved.

In March 2023, the production triumphed at the Charity Film Awards, winning the People's Choice award. UKST's grateful to have had the opportunity to help Hannah's family in creating a life-saving legacy for the 26-year-old, who tragically died of sepsis in 2021, leaving behind her fiancé Ben Richardson, and baby daughter, Millie. The success of the production has enabled us to develop a partnership with NFU Mutual, with plans to deliver further life-saving messaging to the farming community in 2023-4.



UKST Partner Network

We are working with this group to develop the Sepsis Champions model: consisting of UKST ambassadors within partner organisations who raise awareness across their networks and feedback on our resources. Relationships have directly led to fundraising and Charity of the Year nominations.

Sepsis Voices

Following the appointment of a social media specialist in January 2023, the charity launched a new campaign called 'Sepsis Voices'. This is a collection of experiences that reflect the variety and diversity of people affected by sepsis. By sharing their stories, contributors are raising vital

awareness. Sepsis Voices is also a forum for support, with those affected able to seek comfort from others who can relate to their experiences.



Mandi Leonard shared her husband Chris' Sepsis Voices story with us, and this was the springboard from which we launched an awareness campaign about the sepsis risk among cancer patients for World Cancer Day on 4th February 2023. This campaign performed exceptionally on social media, with 31K Twitter impressions compared to a daily average of 980 between January-December 2022. There are further opportunities for awareness-day hooked marketing campaigns, and charity partner collaborations.

Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron

The Sepsis Voices campaign was also supported by the launch of a podcast 'Sepsis Voices with Dr Ron' in March 2023; the first episode featuring UKST Ambassador Jason Watkins was downloaded 220 times without any paid promotion.

Ambulance Signage

As of 31 March 2023, nearly all Ambulance Trusts in England had adopted UKST signage, thanks to the ongoing relationship development by UKST Ambassador Melissa Mead (pictured below).



Wales

We have met with Members of Welsh Assembly Government and been assured that 'the deteriorating patient and sepsis' is to be a key national healthcare focus and are planning an awareness event at The Senedd for late 2023. This will help us to introduce members of government to those affected by sepsis so that it remains a key health priority in Wales.

We worked with Improvement Cymru and NHS Wales to produce a World Sepsis Day podcast.

In partnership with the Universities of Cardiff, Bangor, South Wales and Swansea as well as the local Health Boards we have provided sepsis awareness seminars to educate future doctors, nurses and health professionals.

Scotland

We remain a member of the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on health inequalities.

We have maintained relationships with third-party organisations such as Voluntary Health Scotland and the Queens Nursing Institute Scotland to help build our network and visibility among potential service users in Scotland.

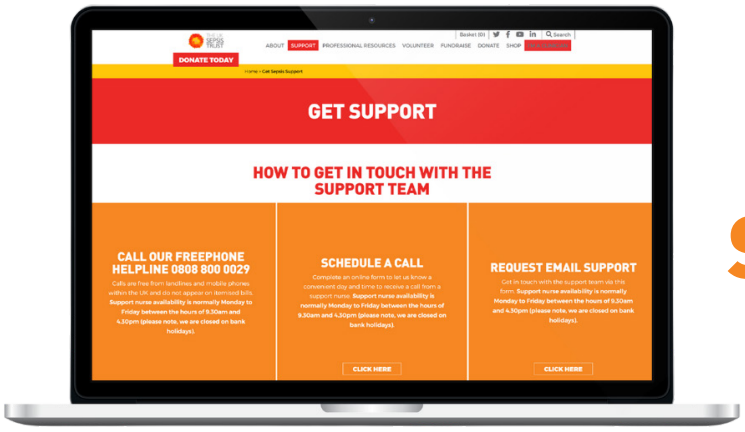
Lifesaving-partnerships

We partnered with Mini First Aid, who were featured on BBC 1 Dragons' Den in 2021, securing investment from Sara Davies MBE. Mini First Aid train over 1,000 people every week across the UK, and are the UK's largest paediatric first aid company, with over 70 franchises across the UK. The charity has given their trainers specialist sepsis training, via online courses and through sessions at their annual conference.



We have also partnered with St Andrew's First Aid who are using our awareness resources in their teaching and community visits. St Andrew's visit some of the most deprived areas of the country and can reach over 20,000 people, delivering our message to those who might be experiencing health inequality.

If you'd like to partner with us in 2023 onwards, email partnerships@sepsistrust.org



MARKETING: WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND PRESS

Website

The UKST website was accessed by 621,868 users during this financial year. We had 2,530,219 page views, with the average user spending 1.32 minutes on our site.

We saw a significant uptick in traffic on 22nd September 2022 with 12,000 views on the Farming Awareness Campaign in one day thanks mostly to Facebook advertising; we also saw a spike between 5th –8th December 2022, due to Google Ads. There was another increase in web traffic on 30th March 2023 – which was when 'Jason & Clara: In Memory of Maudie' aired.

The most popular sections of the website beyond the homepage were 'About Sepsis', clinical tools, information about Post Sepsis Syndrome, and our patient stories.

Social Media

Facebook saw a significant increase in engagement and reach in the period of 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023 compared to the previous calendar period. We reached 3,068,409 users on Facebook (up 12.8%); had 50,230 Facebook Page visits (up 190%); and attracted 2,350 new Facebook followers (up 108%).

On Instagram, we reached 223,222 users (up 234.9%), gaining 1,352 Instagram followers.

UKST only began tracking social media performance with the appointment of a social specialist in January 2023, which means that analytics are not available for Twitter for the aforementioned time period, and only partial data is available for LinkedIn.

Between the period of 5 June 2022 and 31 March 2023, we had 78,571 impressions on LinkedIn; 1,893 page views; 886 unique visitors; and gained 538 followers taking us to 2,166 in total. Our content had 2,966 reactions, gained 60 comments and got 657 reposts. With the implementation of a campaign plan, and social calendar, we anticipate further digital growth in 2023-4.

Accessibility of digital content

As of January 2022, UKST began captioning all multimedia content as standard practice to improve the accessibility of its content for users who are audibly impaired. This is part of the charity's ongoing commitment to making its resources more accessible, and will continue to be a priority as we look to redesign the UKST website in 2023-4.

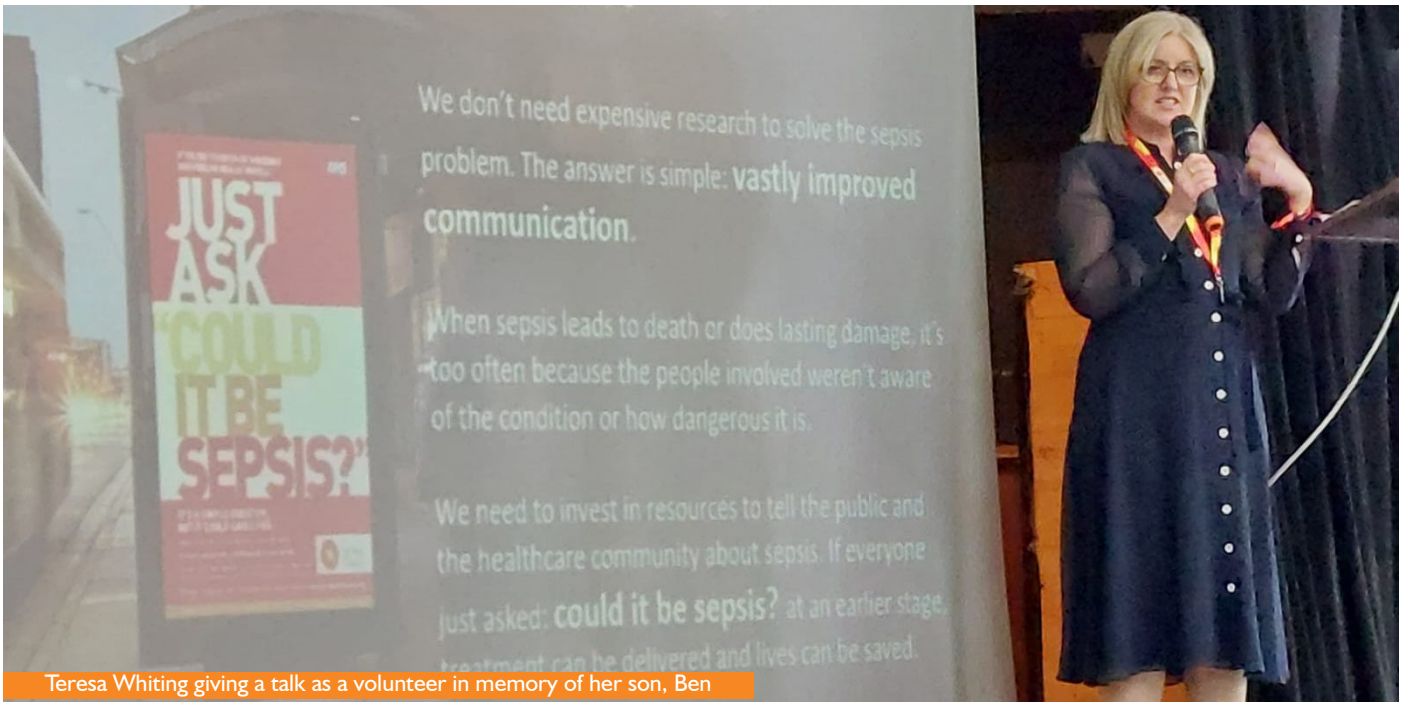
Press

UKST had several PR wins over the last financial year, most notably in the buildup to the ITV1 documentary 'Jason & Clara: In Memory of Maudie'. While we were not explicitly named in the documentary, we were credited at the end. The documentary was broadly covered by the UK media, by outlets including The Daily Mail, Yahoo, the i, and The Sun – with citation or links to UKST resources.

Other press coverage included PR for the national walks (Sheffield Star); healthcare titles picking the Marie Curie hospice clinical tool collaboration (The Carer); Wales-focused sepsis awareness on BBC Wales Today, ITV Wales and BBC Radio Wales; World Sepsis Day features on BBC Radio Scotland; farming and national titles picking up the Charity Film Awards success for Hannah Brown's farming awareness campaign video, as well as ITV and BBC regional news coverage of the farming awareness campaign.

Want to share your Sepsis Voices story? Get in touch: voices@sepsistrust.org

VOLUNTEERS



Teresa Whiting giving a talk as a volunteer in memory of her son, Ben

The number of UKST Volunteers increased to 156, with 22 new recruits. Of this group, 56 are considered active – taking on a range of tasks on behalf of the charity, including delivering life-saving talks, collecting cheques and assisting with our support groups.

Collectively, volunteers gave us 1,347 hours of their time between 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023. They dedicated 138 hours to Fundraising; 350 hours to Support; 675 hours to Awareness; and 184 hours to Clinical activities.

Volunteer programme 2023 and beyond

Our Volunteer Manager has redesigned the recruitment and onboarding process to give our Volunteers additional support and empower them to make a difference in their local communities in 2023 and beyond. This includes a suite of new resources, including a Volunteer Handbook.

As standard, all new Volunteers will now receive an ID badge, t-shirt, and will be offered a suite of training to help ensure they are confident being the voices of the charity.

It is our hope to develop a University-specific volunteer programme in 2024, to help raise awareness about the dangers of sepsis among young people.

UKST volunteers

Here's a glimpse into the varied activities of our amazing volunteers...



Kim (pictured right) from Buckinghamshire became a quadruple amputee due to sepsis from a UTI developed on holiday in Spain. She shares her story across her incredible social media platforms, and gives potentially life-saving talks.



Taz (pictured left) from Oxfordshire had sepsis last year, and has been working hard to raise awareness and improve outcomes for survivors by taking part in patient studies, attending and speaking at nursing conferences.

Teresa from Essex (pictured at top of page) volunteers in loving memory of her son Ben, who tragically passed away from sepsis aged 20. She has given talks at conferences to raise awareness amongst army cadets and healthcare professionals, volunteered at our London #SepsisSavvy walk and also volunteers at our bereavement support groups.

FUNDRAISING



The London chapter of the Sepsis Savvy national walk pose for a photograph

The UK Sepsis Trust continues to be registered with The Fundraising Regulator, the independent regulator of charitable fundraising in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their work ensures public protection, accountability, and excellence in fundraising now and into the future.

Sepsis Savvy walks

UKST launched its inaugural Sepsis Savvy walks on 25th and 26th March 2023. These sponsored walks took place in Wales, Scotland, Cornwall, Cumbria, Sheffield, Sutton Coldfield and London, raising an incredible £33,915 as of 31 March 2023 – with a commitment to match fund expected to be fulfilled in the first quarter of 2023-4.

Scan to watch the Sepsis Savvy walks highlight video

The walks were supported by fundraisers including Kamaldeep Sandhu, who has also played a pivotal role in educating her Microsoft colleagues about the dangers of sepsis, in memory of her brother Rick Singh Flora, who was 41 when he died of sepsis in 2022. She arranged a Lunch & Learn session for colleagues, and has also shared her brother's Sepsis Voices story with us to help raise general awareness.

Ongoing supporter Emma Chadburn led the Sheffield chapter of the walk, in memory of her son, Ezra, who died of sepsis at just 18 months three days after Christmas in December 2019 – building on the success of a ball she held in his memory in August 2022. The walks were also supported by other volunteers in memory of their loved ones.

Facebook challenges and birthday fundraisers

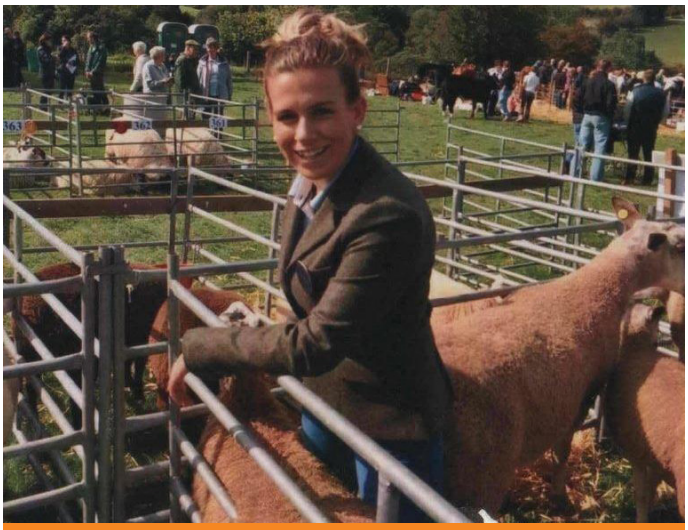
In 2022, UKST ran a number of in-house Facebook challenges.

The 10K Steps in June 2022 challenge raised £29,157 (excluding Gift Aid), with participants encouraged to up their daily step count while raising valuable funds to help further our mission. The success of the challenge led to its replication in July 2023.

The Crotchet Every Day in October Challenge raised £19,557; the thinking behind the challenge was to create an more accessible opportunity for supporters unable to take on physical challenges. The Run 60 Miles in February Challenge raised

£18,115 in 2023, with individuals encouraged to build on New Year's fitness resolutions in support of our work.

In addition to our own challenges, we raised £38,401 thanks to the generosity of 445 fundraisers who set up Birthday Fundraisers, or one-off fundraisers to raise awareness about sepsis or commemorate a loved one.



26-year-old farmer Hannah Brown

Supporter challenges and third-party events

We're so grateful to everyone who chose to support UKST through fundraising initiatives or events this year. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Along with family and friends, Ayesha Heaton
- cycled 1,700 miles in memory of her partner, Dan, raising more than £15,000.
- Helen Dunning and friends tackled the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge in memory of 26-year-old farmer, Hannah Brown, who became the face of our farming awareness campaign.
- Our school supporters held their own fundraising events, with donated proceeds from events such as school fairs, wear red/yellow/orange days and sponsored walks. Meoncross School supported UKST through annual events such as their Summer Fair and Cycle4Sepsis, all held in memory of Emilia, a pupil from their nursery and a staff member's daughter who was just three when she tragically lost her life to sepsis. We greatly appreciate the efforts and commitment from all staff and pupils.

We are appreciative of fundraisers from hospitals, clinicians and those on the frontline treating sepsis. There are too many incredible supporters to name individually in this report but you know who you are – thank you for helping us save lives. UKST receives no government funding so we really couldn't do it without you!

In Memory Gifts

Supporters remembered their loved ones by hosting their own special events, creating tribute pages, and donating in memory on anniversaries and special days, which collectively raised £193,759, which was 242% of our target in this area.

We were overwhelmed to receive a Major Gift of £25,000 in memory of one supporter's mother. The gift was given in memory to further ensure our sustainability and enable us to achieve what we have set out in our strategy document.

Gift In Wills

We received three gifts, totalling £20,768 in 2022/23.

We also received 31 pledges in total to leave Gifts in Wills from supporters. These generous donations will help ensure our life-saving work can continue for many years to come.

Corporate Supporters

We are always appreciative of local community organisations and businesses that raise funds and vital awareness amongst their members.



David Lay Auction House continues to support UKST through their monthly auctions on behalf of long-serving employee Sharon Rideout, who lost her daughter Chloe to sepsis.

Thank you to all the companies who made us their Charity of the Year or held special fundraising initiatives! We hope to continue working together in 2023-4.

Find out how you can fundraise for us by visiting: sepsistrust.org/fundraising



UKST'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE: 2023-4

Our plans in 2023-4 include:

Reducing the number of lives needlessly lost to sepsis and severe infection

We will do this by:

- Increasing public awareness of sepsis and the signs to look for against a 2021 baseline, so that… 85% of adults in the UK have heard of sepsis (compared to 82% in 2021) and 75% of those would recommend going to A&E or calling the emergency line if they were with someone who might have sepsis (compared to 66% in 2021).
- Increasing engagement with a more diverse audience through social media advertising, creating a more diverse range of case studies, and commissioning content that addresses what sepsis looks like on Black/Brown skin
- Building brand position as expert voice in clinical space through thought leadership, collaborations and new products
- Improving the diagnosis, treatment and outcomes of sepsis through influencing policy-makers, public health and clinical practitioners – engaging positively and proactively with stakeholders

Ensuring anyone affected by sepsis has access to quality information and support

We will do this by:

- Providing effective support to more people than in 2022/23, while increasing efficiency
- Reaching new audiences with social media advertising
- Creating a new and impactful website that improves the support user journey
- Strengthening and developing our support services (including digital) based on evidence, need and impact findings – delivering and continuously evaluating our Helpline service, Facebook peer support group, online and face-to-face support groups
- Expanding Awareness activity to include infection/antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- Sharing our expertise and knowledge with others and develop partnerships that help us to provide the best possible support and information e.g. targeting at-risk groups
- Increasing use of clinical tools and education materials, including among organisations other than hospitals e.g. first aid companies
- Improving understanding of recovery through better data

Improving understanding of sepsis through better data

We will do this by:

- Using unique QR codes to track performance of literature
- Using Google Analytics and other link tracking tools such as Linktr.ee to monitor performance of digital sepsis resources
- Surveying corporate partner staff to establish awareness levels pre and post education sessions

As an organisation we will also work hard to ensure that UKST staff are supported to help us save lives and improve patient outcomes by:

- Providing a professional development budget for each staff member to further their skills and allow them to engage with new media
- Organising regular staff meetings to allow for idea sharing and cross team working and providing budget for travel for individual teams
- Giving each staff member a day off in their birthday week
- Delivering efficient and effective systems and governance to enable the charity to deliver its aims and objectives

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Policies and objectives

The organisation is a charitable company, registered with the Charities Commission on 10 October 2014 and incorporated on 8 August 2013. The charity is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 5 August 2013. The Articles of Association were updated on the 14 January 2020. At the start of the financial year, the Trustee Board consisted of Mark Stock (Chairman), Professor Helen Cheyne, Alan Gilmour, Richard Harris, Dr Hozefa Ebrahim, Nick Randle, Robert Watson, & Ms Tiffany Thorn. Richard Harris and Dr Hozefa Ebrahim resigned on 15th February 2023. Nick Randle left the Board post year end on the 21st June 2023.

Dr Darren Daniels, Founder and Joint CEO leads the organisation with Sarah Hamilton-Fairley, Joint CEO.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, planning future strategy and setting policy. The work of UKST is fundamental in reducing the number of unnecessary deaths every year from sepsis and supporting those who have been affected by the condition.

Aims and activities

In line with our objects, the charity's main activities, which are all in relation to our purposes for public benefit, are:

- Educating healthcare professionals, health commissioners, government organisations and the wider public to 'think' sepsis (and severe infection), recognise the condition swiftly, and ensure that it is treated as an emergency, whilst maintaining a responsible stance on the use of antimicrobials
- Providing support to patients and their relatives, including those bereaved by sepsis, through the provision of accessible information and the development of support networks
- Lobbying Government to ensure that the infrastructure to support hospitals and other healthcare organisations in delivering exemplary sepsis care is in place.

Finance

2022-23 proved challenging from a financial perspective as previous years. The current economic climate and unpredictable nature of our income generation has required us to ensure we continue with careful cost control whilst balancing this with investing where necessary to complete our strategic aims.

Income was £1,555,530 which was marginally up on the previous year. Our community generated income continues to be a core element of our income generation (78%). We achieved a surplus of £266,570.

Review of performance of our trading activity UKST wholly only trading subsidiary Sepsis Enterprises passes all its profits to UKST through gift aid. Transfer of profits from SEL through gift aid was £142,895.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity and the group are registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee which was set up by a Trust deed on 5 August 2013. The charity and the group are constituted under a Trust deed dated 5 August 2013 with a registered charity number 1158843 England and Wales and SC050277 for Scotland.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

Recruitment of Trustees has occurred as a result of direct interest in the charity. Trustees have been chosen through an analysis of skills to enable the progress of the charity's objects. Trustees induction has occurred through direction from the Charity Commission guidance. Formal induction processes are in place. These are reviewed on a regular basis.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity and the group is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks identified.

Remuneration and conflicts of interest

During the year staff were awarded a cost of living pay increase of 3%. Details of our staff and pay levels are detailed within note 7 in the annual accounts. No trustees are renumerated for their role within the charity. They do receive out of pocket expenses which are detailed in note 18 of the accounts.

Reserves policy

The United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is currently dependent on voluntary donations to sustain its activities to continue operating.

This means if there were to be a shortfall in voluntary donations it would put the charity in jeopardy. If serious funding problems were to occur that threatened the existence of the Trust, the Trustees have agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that the core operations can continue for a period of six months.

The current reserves policy represents six months of expenditure which will be monitored on a regular basis and varied accordingly.

The budget for 23-24 plans to use some of the surplus funds on future projects, in particular developing our digital resources.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Statement of Trustees' report responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees 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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period.

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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group 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 charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- the Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditors, BK Plus Audit Limited were appointed in year and have indicated willingness to continue for 2023-24. We would like to thank Azets Audit services for their previous support. The Designated Trustees will review and propose a motion re-appointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:
Date: 18.10.23

Mr M Stock

FINANCIAL REPORTS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees
Professor H Cheyne
Mr A Gilmour
Mr R J Harris (Resigned 15th Feb 2023)
Dr E Hozefa (Resigned 15th Feb 2023)
Mr N Randle (Resigned 21st June 2023)
Mr M Stock
Ms T Thorne
Dr R Watson

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise of the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the consolidated and parent Balance Sheet, the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of state of the group's and parent charitable affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of key personnel remuneration

specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the groups and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

From the preliminary of the audit, we ensure our understanding of the entity is up to date. This includes, but is not limited to, current knowledge of their activities, the business and control environments, and their compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory frameworks. This information supports our risk identification and the subsequent design of audit procedures to mitigate those risks; ensuring that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our opinion.

In response to the risks identified, specific to this entity, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, if available;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale for significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Christopher Hession C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of BK Plus Audit Limited



18.10.23

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £
Income from:							
Donations & Legacies	2	1,319,405	117,669	1,437,074	1,424,073	-	1,424,073
Charitable Activities	3	118,456		118,456	117,019	-	117,019
Total Income		1,437,861	117,669	1,555,530	1,541,092	-	1,541,092
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	96,273		96,273	64,218		64,218
Charitable activities		1,161,124	31,563	1,192,687	963,716	40,000	1,003,716
Total Expenditure	5	1,257,397	31,563	1,288,960	1,027,934	40,000	1,067,934
Other Income:							
Corporation Tax R&D reclaim		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income for the year and net movement in funds		180,463	86,106	266,570	513,158	(40,000)	473,158
Total funds bought forward		1,480,392	-	1,480,392	967,234	40,000	1,007,234
Total funds carried forward		1,660,855	86,106	1,746,961	1,480,392	-	1,480,392

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		6,198		2,619
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	95,350		85,332	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,757,577		1,547,456	
		1,852,927		1,632,788	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(112,164)		(155,015)	
Net current assets			1,740,763		1,477,773
Net assets			1,746,961		1,480,392
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	**14**		86,106		-
Unrestricted funds	**14**		1,660,855		1,480,392
Total funds			1,746,961		1480,392

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 and authorised for issue on 18/10/23 . and are signed on its on its behalf by:

.....
Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 26 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9.1**		6,198		2,619
Investments	**10**		1		1
			6,199		2,620
Current assets					
Debtors	**12.1**	225,976		265,003	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,586,469		1,287,206	
		1,812,445		1,552,209	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13.1**	(75,075)		(77,829)	
Net current assets			1,737,370		1,474,380
Net assets			1743,569		1,477,000
Charity funds					
Restricted funds			86,106		-
Unrestricted funds			1,657,463		1,477,000
Total Funds			1,743,569		1,477,000

The company's 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 board of directors and authorised for issue on 18/10/23 and are signed on its behalf by:



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Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 26 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**22**		216,681		375,169
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(6,560)		(2,235)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(6,560)		(2,235)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			210,121		372,934
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,547,456		1,174,522
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,757,577		1,547,456

The notes on pages 26 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Azzurri House, Walsall Business Park, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands, WS9 0RB.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries'). No separate Statement of financial activities has been presented for the company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Income and expenditure account.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Unrestricted Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.4 Incoming resources

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

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.

Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	3 years straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the directors review the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash at bank and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1.9 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 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 and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. 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 unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities
Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee Benefits
The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.
Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the is a demonstrable commitment to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement Benefits
Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Taxation
The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categorises covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 pf the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.13 Fund Accounting
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for the use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance to the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations & gift aid	1,319,405	117,669	1,437,074	1,424,073	-	1,434,073
Grants, sales of publications & resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,319,405	117,669	1,437,074	1,424,073	-	1,424,073

3 Charitable activities

	Charity incoming resources 2023	Charity incoming resources 2022
	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	118,456	117,019

4 Raising funds

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	96,273	64,218

All fundraising events in 2023 and 2022 were unrestricted

5 Analysis of expenditure by type

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of raising funds	96,273	-	96,273	64,218	-	64,218
Direct Costs	1,161,124	31,563	1,192,687	936,716	40,000	1,003,716
	1,257,397	31,563	1,288,960	1,027,934	40,000	1,067,934

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6 Auditor's remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £15,000 (2022 - £15,000) and other accountancy services of £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Average number of employees	18	15

Employment costs	**2023**	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	880,295	765,235
Social security costs	99,506	87,448
Other pension costs	15,602	13,639
	995,403	866,322

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeding £60,000 Was:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 to £70,000	2	2
In the band £70,001 to £80,000	1	1
In the band £80,001 to 90,000	-	-
In the band £90,001 to £100,000	-	-
In the band £100,001 to £110,000	-	-
In the band £110,001 to £120,000	1	1
In the band £120,001 to £130,000	1	1
	5	5

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

8 Taxation

The parent charity is exempt from corporation tax and all of it's income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes. The trading subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited, donates all taxable profits to the parent charity.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment
Group	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	19,950
Additions	6,560
At 31 March 2023	26,510
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	17,331
Depreciation charged in the year	2,981
At 31 March 2023	20,312
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	6,198
At 31 March 2022	2,619

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

9.1 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment
Company	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	19,950
Additions	6,560
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2023	26,510
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2022	17,331
Depreciation charged in the year	2,981
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-
At 31 March 2023	20,312
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	6,198
At 31 March 2022	2,619

10 Fixed asset investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Asset investments	1	1

Movements in fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2022 & 31 March 2023	1
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	1
At 31 March 2022	1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

11	**Financial instruments group**	**2023**	2022
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,823,378	1,587,346
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	87,109	129,865

11.1	**Financial instruments company**	**2023**	2022
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,782,897	1,506,766
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	75,075	77,829

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash at bank, trade debtors and amounts owed to companies.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors, other taxation and social security and accruals.

12	**Debtors**		
	Group	**2023**	2022
	Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
	Trade debtors	65,802	39,890
	Other debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	29,548	45,442
		95,350	85,332

12.1	**Debtors**		
	Company	**2023**	2022
	Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
	Trade debtors	45,848	19,497
	Amounts owed from Group Undertakings	150,580	200,064
	Other Debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	29,548	45,442
		225,976	265,003

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Group	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	39,875	37,362
Trade creditors	25,673	29,670
Other creditors	3,193	2,574
Accruals	18,368	60,258
Deferred income	25,055	25,151
	112,164	155,015

13.1 Company

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	34,302	29,142
Trade creditors	19,212	27,233
Accruals	18,368	18,880
Other creditors	3,193	2,574
	75,075	77,829

14 Summary of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 April 202 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General unrestricted funds	1,480,392	1,437,861	(1,257,397)	1,660,855
Restricted Funds	-	117,669	(31,563)	86,106
Total Funds	1,480,392	1,555,530	1,288,960	1,746,961

Restricted funds are those held for specific purposes, as specified by the funder, as defined in the accounting policies. Restricted fund balances relate to two funds from NFU Mutual (£61,225) for our farming campaign and (£24,881) from Biomerieux for our clinical project pilot.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

14.1 Summary of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General unrestricted funds	967,234	1,541,092	(1,027,934)	1,480,392
Restricted Funds	40,000	-	(40,000)	-
Total Funds	1,007,234	1,541,092	1,067,934	1,480,392

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund Balances						
Tangible Assets	6,198	-	6,198	2,619	-	2,619
Current Assets	1,765,065	87,862	1,852,927	1,632,788	-	1,632,788
Current Liabilities	(110,408)	(1,756)	(112,164)	(155,015)	-	(155,015)
	1,660,855	86,106	1,746,961	1,480,392	-	1,480,392

16 Deferred income

Group and Charity

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income bought forward	25,151	33,442
Resources deferred during the year	25,055	25,151
Amounts released from previous years	(25,151)	(33,442)
	25,055	25,151

Deferred income comprises of course fees paid for in advance along with Law partner contracts which complete in August 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently The charge to financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £15,062 (2022 - £13,639) The outstanding liability at year end was £3,193 (2022 - £2,574).

18 Related party transactions

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions under FRS 102 S33.1a, not to disclose transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries and companies in the same group with 100% ownership.

Magnetic HCA Limited is related to Sarah Hamilton-Fairley by virtue of a family relationship. During the year, the group engaged the provision of various IT and marketing services of Magnetic HCA Limited and was charged £11,273 (2022: £23,800) for such services. Due to the related party Sarah Hamilton-Fairley was excluded from any decision to engage with the supplier.

Expenses for Trustees in period were M Stock £Nil (2022: £46), A Gilmour £60 (2022: 60), N Randle £119 (2022: £201), H Cheyne £249 (2022:Nil), T Thorn £53 (2022: Nil)

During the financial year, Sepsis Enterprises Limited made a donation of £142,895 (2022: £111,896) to United Kingdom Sepsis Trust

19 Controlling party

The control of the charity rests with the trustees and executive team collectively.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

20 Subsidiaries

Details of the charity's subsidiaries at 31 March 2023 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct	% Held Indirect
Sepsis Enterprises Limited	Azzurri House, Walsall Business Park, Aldridge, WS9 0RB	Fundraising events	Ordinary shares	100	

During the year ended 31 March 2023 Sepsis Enterprises Limited reported income of £118,456 (2022 - £117,019) And expenditure of £118,456 (2022 - £117,019). Expenditure included a donation to UK Sepsis Trust of £142,895 (2022-£111,897)

21 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	266,570	473,158
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	2,981	4,364
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(10,018)	(50,943)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(42,756)	(43,119)
Increase/(Decrease) in deferred income	(96)	(8,291)
Cash generated from operations	216,681	375,169

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1158843

Accounts

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Scottish Charity No. SC050277

Company Registration No. 08644039 (England and Wales)

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Professor H Cheyne Mr A Gilmour Mr R J Harris Dr E Hozefa Mr N Randle Mr M Stock Ms T Thorne Dr R Watson
Charity number	1158843 (England & Wales) SC050277 Scotland
Company number	08644039
Registered office	Azzuri House Walsall Business Park Walsall Road Walsall WS9 ORB
Auditor	BK Plus Audit Limited Walsall Business Park Walsall Road Walsall WS9 ORB

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the group and the charity for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 2 (effective 1 January 2019).

The group consists of the United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited (also referred to as 'parent charity', 'charity' or 'charitable company') and its wholly owned subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited.

Since the charity and the group qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The organisation is a charitable company, registered with the Charities Commission on 10 October 2014 and incorporated on 8 August 2013. The charity is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 5 August 2013. The Articles of Association were updated on the 14 January 2020.

At the start of the financial year, the Trustee Board consisted of Mark Stock (Chairman), Professor Helen Cheyne, Alan Gilmour, Richard Harris, Dr Hozefa Ebrahim, Nick Randle, Robert Watson, & Ms Tiffany Thorn. Dr Darren Daniels, Founder and Joint CEO leads the organisation with Sarah Hamilton-Fairley, Joint CEO.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, planning future strategy and setting policy. The work of UKST is fundamental in reducing the number of unnecessary deaths every year from sepsis and supporting those who have been affected by the condition.

Aims and activities

In line with our objects, the charity's main activities, which are all in relation to our purposes for public benefit, are:

Educating healthcare professionals, health commissioners, government organisations and the wider public to 'think' sepsis (and severe infection), recognise the condition swiftly, and ensure that it is treated as an emergency, whilst maintaining a responsible stance on the use of antimicrobials;

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Providing support to patients and their relatives, including those bereaved by sepsis, through the provision of accessible information and the development of support networks; and

Lobbying the Government to ensure that the infrastructure to support hospitals and other healthcare organisations in delivering exemplary sepsis care is in place.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

CLINICAL

Infection Management Coalition statement and white paper
This year, working with Hanover Communications, UKST convened a group of stakeholders including pharmaceutical, diagnostics and medical equipment companies together with key advocacy organisations and academic institutions.

The resulting white paper, available at https://theimc.org/, set out a series of recommendations to improve infections management at policy and healthcare system levels. It has been endorsed by former chief medical officer, Prof Sir Liam Donaldson and approved by Prof Sir Chris Whitty, Prof Dame Sally Davies and Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP.

Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Sepsis Guidelines
Although not part of the working group for political reasons, UKST have been consulted as a key stakeholder in the peer review of the proposed guidelines, for release in May 2022. We agreed to be listed as a supporting organisation, and will be amending our clinical tools, hopefully in partnership with the Academy, to reflect the new guidelines. Encouragingly, there are no significant changes from our pre-existing guidance created with NICE in 2016 other than to replace 'Red Flags' with differing thresholds of NEWS2 scores.

Our influence over the group has led to the inclusion of reference to the Infection Management Coalition statement within the paper.

UKST/ Pfizer Competitive Grant Programme
UKST led a Request for Proposals call and subsequent Expert Review Panel to approve applications for 4 Quality improvement projects funded by Pfizer UK. Successful applicants, each receiving a modest sum to cover capital costs, represented a range of healthcare settings and all aimed to deliver grassroots programs to improve infection management, antimicrobial stewardship and Sepsis process improvement. Internal operational costs to UKST were covered by Pfizer, and we plan to repeat this during 2022/2023.

European Awareness Study
In collaboration with and majority funded by the Lyon-based company, Biomérieux, UKST worked with Ipsos Mori to conduct a poll of 1,500 participants in each five countries: UK; France; Sweden; Germany and Italy. The study examined awareness of, knowledge depth and attitudes to sepsis, AMR and in vitro diagnostics. Results pertaining to sepsis include one of significant variation in awareness between countries, with the UK achieving the highest level of awareness. Despite this, of those who had heard of Sepsis one third would not consider it to be a medical emergency. This, and other findings including a lack of personal connection to the AMR agenda provides significant opportunity for future lobbying as well as further exploratory work between European countries.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Neutrocheck project
UKST is providing expert clinical input into an NIHR-funded research study led by the University of Cambridge. The study is to evaluate a device intended for use in the home to measure neutrophil count, a subgroup of white blood cells which are heavily impacted by chemotherapy; together with lactate, a biomarker indicating severity of acute illness.

Dr Ron Daniels remains a board member of the NHS Acute Deterioration Board and a member of the NHS Your Covid Recovery group.

Internationally, Dr Ron Daniels remains Vice President of the Global Sepsis Alliance.

Education and Training
UKST has developed five e-learning modules for health professionals and care workers over the last two years. These have been accessed and completed by 25,711 individuals which is a 348% increase on the prior year. During 2022-23 we plan to ensure these tools are CPD accredited. Work continues to take place to provide more on line digital education tools in the future.

SUPPORT

Helpline/Contacts
The charity helpline provides information and support for anyone affected by sepsis. The service is delivered by our paid nursing support team – all of whom have considerable experience in caring for patients with sepsis and critical illness. All are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and meet their revalidation criteria, enabling them to stay qualified, supported and develop professionally.

People are now able to connect with the Support Nurses through the helpline by calling live, requesting to schedule a call, or through digital means eg email, social media. If calls are not answered live, service users are encouraged to leave a voicemail, with a return call being booked for that same day if possible.

Support group network
Meeting others affected by sepsis, and having the opportunity to share experiences can be tremendously helpful – we provide the facility to do this via our sepsis support group network. These are relaxed, informal sessions and work on a model of peer support. By sharing personal experiences people learn that they are not alone and feedback indicates that they greatly appreciate the social interaction and emotional assistance.

Over the last 12 months the online groups have gone from strength to strength. The virtual space has allowed us to have more focused groups and as a result we now host weekly recovery and bereavement groups delivered through Zoom. They are moderated by a Support Nurse, and UKST volunteers are encouraged to join to support and help provide the valuable peer support to others who may be earlier on in their recovery or grief journey.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

In March 2021 we took the decision to re re-introduce face-to-face groups. Due to the success of the virtual groups, not least because they allow people to connect despite geographical and physical restrictions, they will remain and run along side the face-to-face groups.

This year the Support Team started a closed Facebook Support Group. This already has nearly 700 members and is proving a successful platform for people to connect with our Nurses, and others with a shared experience.

Information
We continuously review, update and develop new resources which are accessible on the UKST website in digital format, and available in paper copy through the online shop. During the year we have added to the suite of resources with a new and updated *Sepsis: A Guide for Patients and Relatives*, and *A Guide for Navigating Grief*. Both of these have been well received. *The Recovery Diary* has also received positive feedback from service users since its production last year.

Networks more widely
Over the year we continued to develop stronger and closer relationships with our six specialist law firm partners. We meet frequently via Zoom, which results in better understanding and communication between us all. The production of specific videos explaining different aspects of the services law firms offer is a welcome addition to UKST's website and the same goes for the information leaflets. The charity is extremely grateful for their loyal and ongoing support financially, but also for the significant 'in kind' pro bono support the charity receives throughout the year.

UKST would also like to extend sincere thanks to the Development Group members, chaired by Lord Grade. Its ongoing commitment has been most productive and is much appreciated. We intend to build on this and will be debating the best, optimum way of approaching this throughout next year.

FUNDRAISING AND OTHER INCOME

Community fundraising
Community fundraising remains a vital source of income for the charity. Donations and fundraising from 3rd party events such as the London Marathon and the Great North Run are gaining traction as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

UKST has developed a robust plan to increase donations from a number of distinct revenue streams, such as third-party events, regular giving and legacies. This all falls within our community fundraising programme.

The farming community in Cumbria and North Yorkshire have been fundraising for UKST since the tragic death of young farmer and mother, Hannah Brown, from sepsis, in March 2020. Over £65,000 has been received from the farming community, who have organised fundraising events and donations from organisations closely linked to the family.

Other Income
We were delighted to continue our relationship with Direct Line Group (DLG) where we received £167,065 resulting from mileage money back rebates for car insurance where customers chose to donate to UKST rather than receive cash. We also received an additional £30,000 from DLG in Dec 2021. We continue to develop our relationship with GAMA healthcare who donated £44,000 during 2021/22. Lord Ashcroft also donated the last of his five year commitment of £50k. We are most grateful for all this on-going support.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Awareness Campaigns

Schools

323 schools have now registered for the resources which enable them to educate their pupils and raise awareness of Sepsis.

Sepsis Savvy

245 organisations now registered and 634 individuals.

Iceland Foods Charitable Foundation (IFCF) and Iceland Foods deserve special mention as they continued to support both financially and 'in kind'. IFCF are UKST's lead partner in our Sepsis Savvy Campaign which encourages businesses to raise awareness of sepsis among their staff, customers and clients. Iceland Foods were one of the first organisations to sign up to Sepsis Savvy. Their on-going commitment to the cause is inspirational and of course, much appreciated. During the year their staff also raised an incredible £29,930 taking part in the London Marathon.

VOLUNTEERING

It has been a successful year for volunteering with the Trust. We are beginning to see an increase in engagement as the restrictions due to the pandemic are lifted. We have been welcoming back long time volunteers as well as beginning the journey with new faces. There has also been a noticeable increase in the opportunities where volunteers are needed to help in the community, with organisations such as St John Ambulance, the WI and various schools and colleges.

The implementation of our new Volunteer manage application 'Volunteero' has been a success and met with lots of good feedback from both staff and volunteers. It has also created more synergy between the volunteer manager and support team, allowing the latter to create and upload their online peer support groups and assign volunteers directly. It has also brought our volunteer registration in line with good practice and provides an easy way for volunteers to view and agree to our policies.

In the last 12 months, the Trust has benefited in many different ways from our volunteer network. We have run multiple focus groups over the last six months to finalise and shape projects involving the input and ideas of those who would use and benefit from those resources, such as our schools resources. We have involved 24 volunteers so far and the feedback and finding from these focus groups has given useful insight.

Lastly, we would like to mention the work we have begun with the start of our translation project. With the help of our volunteers UKST has been able to begin translating some of our awareness resources into Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu, to increase awareness specifically amongst the Sikh community. This project will run throughout 2022, with our volunteers working with these communities and sharing our messaging and resources.

Specifically, over this period:
We have benefited from 63 'active' volunteers – those who have engaged with and donated their time to the Trust (this represents a 31% increase from last year).

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Volunteers have provided 378.2 hours of support to the Trust, the equivalent to 54 working days; (this is double compared to last year).

Volunteers have supported 86 peer support online groups. Three peer support community groups have been set up, with another three in the pipeline for the end of April.

It has been an encouraging start to 2022, with lots of opportunities to grow and expand our networks. After a difficult couple of years we would like to extend huge thanks to all our volunteers – many of whom have been affected by sepsis. Their loyalty, ongoing hard work and commitment is invaluable. They are the voice of the Trust within the community.

Wales
UKST continues to be the third sector sepsis leader in Wales and post pandemic focus has been on re-engaging with healthcare and Welsh Assembly Government with a view to being the 'anchor' organisation in Wales.

We have held key meetings with Improvement Cymru and NHS Wales and been assured that 'The deteriorating patient and sepsis' is to be a key national healthcare focus. We shall continue to keep up the pressure to ensure sepsis remains on the agenda in Wales by taking a strong stance but with a collaborative approach.

It has been important to maintain these partners and relationships during the pandemic and its aftermath. The benefit has been that we have seen an upturn in interest for sepsis education awareness from health professionals who are now returning to UKST for delivery and guidance.

Similarly, with a view to introducing 'Sepsis Savvy', we have maintained our partnership with Cardiff University and developed further relationships with Bangor University, University of South Wales and Swansea University Nursing School. While changing ways of working and teaching restrict some site visits, we have still managed to deliver several sepsis presentations to nursing and medical students online with more scheduled for the future. We have also developed relationships with Cardiff Council, Dwr Cymru (Welsh Water), University of Third Age and Women's Institute to roll out 'Sepsis Savvy' to their staff and members.

UKST has continued to expand its reach with both current, new audiences and networks. As well as partnering with our traditional community groups such St John Ambulance, there has been a particular focus on under-served communities which have been identified as potentially being in higher risk categories due to not seeing or accessing our resources. To this end we are currently working with partners and undertaking a review of how current resources and campaigns can be improved to address this need and meet our 2022/23 objective of addressing health inequalities in the context of sepsis.

With regards to regional support, while face-to-face groups are only in the early stages of beginning again, with the help of our support team, we have been able to make more frequent subject specific groups available online.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Scotland
As of July 10 2020, the office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) awarded UKST charitable status. As the restrictions around the pandemic eased we have been able to progress activity in Scotland. We have held an official 'soft launch' dinner in Glasgow, joined a cross party group on health inequalities and have had two questions asked in Scottish Parliament on sepsis process and protocol. We have also built relationships with third party organisations such as Voluntary Health Scotland and the Queens Nursing Institute Scotland to help build our network and visibility so that people in Scotland can access our services, resources and initiatives.

Achievements and performance
Key financial performance indicators

2021–2022 was another challenging year with income, whilst finishing ahead of the budgeted target, it also ended the year 19% ahead of the previous year as we emerge from the Pandemic.

The Trustees have elected a Finance and Audit Committee who review the financial position monthly and performance against an approved Budget.

Financial Review

Going Concern
After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

b. Reserves policy
The United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is currently dependent on voluntary donations to sustain its activities to continue operating.

This means if there were to be a shortfall in voluntary donations it would put the charity in jeopardy. If serious funding problems were to occur that threatened the existence of the Trust, the Trustees have agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that the core operations can continue for a period of six months.

The current reserves policy represents six months of expenditure which will be monitored on a regular basis and varied accordingly.

Structure, governance & management

a. Constitution
The charity and the group are registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee which was set up by a Trust deed on 5 August 2013.

The charity and the group are constituted under a Trust deed dated 5 August 2013 with a registered charity number 1158843 England and Wales and SC050277 for Scotland.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

b. Method of appointment or election of trustees
Recruitment of Trustees has occurred as a result of direct interest in the charity. Trustees have been chosen through an analysis of skills to enable the progress of the charity's objects. Trustees induction has occurred through direction from the Charity Commission guidance. Formal induction processes are in place. These are reviewed on a regular basis.

c. Risk management
The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity and the group is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks identified.

Statement of Trustees' report responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees 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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group 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 charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:
so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
the Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Auditor
The auditors, BK Plus Audit Limited were appointed in year and have indicated willingness to continue for 2022-23. We would like to thank Azets Audit services for their previous support. The Designated Trustees will review and propose a motion re-appointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr M Stock

Date: 23/11/2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the United Kingdom Sepsis Trust (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the consolidated and parent Balance Sheet, the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED (Continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

- the strategic report and the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

- the parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or

- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit. or

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED (Continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the groups and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

From the preliminary stage of the audit, we ensure our understanding of the entity is up to date. This includes, but is not limited to, current knowledge of their activities, the business and control environments, and their compliance with the applicable legal and regulatory frameworks. This information supports our risk identification and the subsequent design of audit procedures to mitigate those risks; ensuring that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our opinion.

In response to the risks identified, specific to this entity, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, if available;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale for significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED (Continued)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

BK Plus

Christopher Hession C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor) 23/11/2022 **Date:**
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For and on behalf of BK Plus Audit Limited

Azzurri House
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UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £
Income from:							
Donations & Legacies	2	1,424,073		1,424,073	1,172,916	140,000	1,312,916
Charitable Activities	3	117,019		117,019	78,331		78,331
Total Income		1,541,092	-	1,541,092	1,251,247	140,000	1,391,247
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	4	64,218		64,218	17,812		17,812
Charitable activities		963,716	40,000	1,003,716	1,003,946	100,000	1,103,946
Total Expenditure	5	1,027,934	40,000	1,067,934	1,021,758	100,000	1,121,758
Other Income:							
Corporation Tax R&D reclaim		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income for the year and net movement in funds		513,158	(40,000)	473,158	229,489	40,000	269,489
Total funds bought forward		967,234	40,000	1,007,234	737,745	-	737,745
Total funds carried forward		1,480,392	-	1,480,392	967,234	40,000	1,007,234

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		2,619		4,748
Current assets					
Debtors	12	85,332		34,389	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,547,456		1,174,522	
		1,632,788		1,208,911	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(155,015)		(206,425)	
Net current assets			1,477,773		1,002,486
Net assets			1,480,392		1,007,234
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14		-		40,000
Unrestricted funds	14		1,480,392		967,234
Total funds			1,480,392		1,007,234

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 and authorised for issue on 23/11/2022 ... and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 21 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9.1**		2,619		4,748
Investments	**10**		1		1
			2,620		4,749
Current assets					
Debtors	**12.1**	265,003		187,549	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,287,206		927,007	
		1,552,209		1,114,556	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13.1**	(77,829)		(115,463)	
Net current assets			1,474,380		999,093
Net assets			1,477,000		1,003,842
Charity funds					
Restricted funds			-		40,000
Unrestricted funds			1,477,000		963,842
Total Funds			1,477,000		1,003,842

The company's 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 board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23/11/2022 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 21 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	22		375,169		162,287
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,235)		-	
Net cash used in investing activities			(2,235)		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			372,934		162,287
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,174,522		1.012,235
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,547,456		1,174,522

The notes on pages 21 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Azzurri House, Walsall Business Park, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands, WS9 0RB.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries'). No separate Statement of financial activities has been presented for the company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Income and expenditure account.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Unrestricted Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.4 Incoming resources

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

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.

Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	3 years straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash at bank and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1.9 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 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 and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. 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 unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities
Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee Benefits
The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.
Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the is a demonstrable commitment to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement Benefits
Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Taxation
The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categorises covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 pf the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.13 Fund Accounting
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for the use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance to the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations & gift aid	1,424,073	-	1,424,073	1,092,008	40,000	1,132,008
Grants, sales of publications & resources	-	-	-	80,908	100,000	180,908
	1,424,073	-	1,424,073	1,172,916	140,000	1,312,916

3 Charitable activities

	Charity incoming resources 2022	Charity incoming resources 2021
	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	117,019	78,331

4 Raising funds

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Fundraising events	64,218	17,812

All fundraising events in 2022 and 2021 were unrestricted

5 Analysis of expenditure by type

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of raising funds	64,218	-	64,218	17,812	-	£17,812
Direct Costs	936,716	40,000	1,003,716	1,003,946	100,000	£1,103,946
	1,027,934	40,000	1,067,934	1,021,758	100,000	1,121,758

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6 Auditor's remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £15,000 (2021 - £13,000) and other accountancy services of £Nil (2021 - £Nil).

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Average number of employees	15	18

Employment costs	**2022**	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	765,235	741,560
Social security costs	87,448	79,052
Other pension costs	13,639	15,066
	866,322	835,678

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeding £60,000 Was:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 to £70,000	2	-
In the band £70,001 to £80,000	1	-
In the band £80,001 to 90,000		1
In the band £100,001 to £110,000	-	1
In the band £110,001 to £120,000	1	-
In the band £120,001 to £130,000	1	-
	5	2

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

8 Taxation

The parent chaty is exempt from corporation tax and all of it's income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes. The trading subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited, donates all taxable profits to the parent charity.

Factors affecting future tax charges
The trading subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited has trading losses carried forward of £2,859 (2021 - £2,859).

The trading company incurred losses in previous years and therefore no corporation tax is attributable.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment
Group	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	17,715
Additions	2,235
At 31 March 2022	19,950
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2021	12,967
Depreciation charged in the year	4,364
At 31 March 2022	17,331
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	2,619
At 31 March 2021	4,748

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

9.1 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment
Company	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	17,715
Additions	2,235
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2022	19,950
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2021	12,967
Depreciation charged in the year	4,364
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-
At 31 March 2022	17,331
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	2,619
At 31 March 2021	4,748

10 Fixed asset investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fixed Asset investments	**1**	1

Movements in fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2021 & 31 March 2022	1
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	1
At 31 March 2021	1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

11	**Financial instruments group**	**2022**	2021
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,156,706	1,199,120
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	129,865	172,983

11.1	**Financial instruments company**	**2022**	2021
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,506,766	1,104,767
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	77,829	115,463

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash at bank, trade debtors and amounts owed to companies.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors, other taxation and social security and accruals.

12	**Debtors**		
	Group	**2022**	2021
	Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
	Trade debtors	39,890	24,598
	Other debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	45,442	9,791
		85,332	34,389

12.1	**Debtors**		
	Company	**2022**	2021
	Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
	Trade debtors	19,497	12,192
	Amounts owed from Group Undertakings	200,064	165,568
	Other Debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	45,442	9,789
		265,003	187,549

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
Group	£	£
Other taxation and social security	37,362	28,277
Trade creditors	29,670	39,366
Other creditors	2,574	2,026
Accruals	60,258	103,314
Deferred income	25,151	33,442
	155,015	206,425

	2022	2021
13.1 Company	£	£
Other taxation and social security	29,142	22,832
Trade creditors	27,233	32,198
Accruals	18,880	58,407
Other creditors	2,574	2,026
	77,829	115,463

14 Summary of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
General unrestricted funds	967,234	1,541,092	(1,027,934)	1,480,392
Restricted Funds	40,000	-	(40,000)	-
Total Funds	1,007,234	1,541,092	1,067,934	1,480,392

Restricted funds are those held for specific purposes, as specified by the funder, as defined in the accounting policies. All restricted fund balances relate to one fund from Iceland to support our Sepsis Savvy Campaign.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

14.1 Summary of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General unrestricted funds	737,745	1,251,247	(1,021,758)	967,234
Restricted Funds	-	140,000	(100,000)	40,000
Total Funds	737,745	1,391,247	1,112,758	1,007,234

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund Balances						
Tangible Assets	2,619	-	2,619	4,748	-	4,748
Current Assets	1,632,788	-	1632,788	1,168,911	40,000	1208,911
Current Liabilities	(155,015)	-	(155,015)	(206,425)	-	(206,425)
	1,480,392	-	1,480,392	967,234	40,000	1,007,234

16 Deferred income

Group and Charity

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income bought forward	33,442	21,170
Resources deferred during the year	25,151	16,775
Amounts released from previous years	(33,442)	(4,503)
	25,151	33,442

Deferred income comprises of course fees paid for in advance along with Law partner contracts which complete in August 2022.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund.

The charge to financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £13,639 (2021 - £15,066). The outstanding liability at year end was £1,287 (2021 - £1,013).

18 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had no outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

Group	**2022**	2021
Amounts payable:	**£**	£
Within one year	-	-
Between two and five years	-	-
	-	-

19 Related party transactions

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions under FRS 102 S33.1a, not to disclose transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries and companies in the same group with 100% ownership.

Dr Darren Daniels is also a director of Global Sepsis Alliance Limited. During the year 2021, the Group paid subscription fees to Global Sepsis Alliance Limited of £378 (2021: Nil).

Magnetic HCA Limited is related to Sarah Hamilton-Fairley by virtue of a family relationship. During the year, the group engaged the provision of various IT and marketing services of Magnetic HCA Limited and was charged £23,800 (2021: £20,517) for such services. Due to the related party Sarah Hamilton-Fairley was excluded from any decision to engage with the supplier.
Expenses for Trustees in period were M Stock £46 (2021: Nil), A Gilmour £60.20 (2021: Nil), N Randle £201 (2021: Nil)

During the financial year, Sepsis Enterprises Limited made a donation of £111,896 (2021: Nil) to United Kingdom Sepsis Trust

20 Controlling party

The control of the charity rests with the trustees and executive team collectively.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

21 Subsidiaries

Details of the charity's subsidiaries at 31 March 2022 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct	% Held Indirect
Sepsis Enterprises Limited	Azzurri House, Walsall Business Park, Aldridge, WS9 0RB	Fundraising events	Ordinary shares	100	

During the year ended 31 March 2022 Sepsis Enterprises Limited reported income of £117,019 (2021 - £78,331) And expenditure of £117,019 (2021 - £5,928). Expenditure included a donation to UK Sepsis Trust of £111,897 (2021-£Nil)

22 Cash generated from operations

	202 £	2021 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	473,158	269,489
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	4,364	6,165
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(50,943)	28,871
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(43,119)	(154,511)
Increase/(Decrease) in deferred income	(8,291)	12,273
Increase in provision for R&D Tax reclaim	-	-
Cash generated from operations	375,169	162,287

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1158843

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1158843 (England & Wales)
Scottish Charity No. SC050277

Company Registration No. 08644039 (England and Wales)

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M Cawley (resigned 17/12/20) Mr R J Harris Mr N Randle Mr M Stock Professor H Cheyne (Appointed 1/5/20) Dr R Watson (Appointed 1/5/20) Mr A Gilmour (Appointed 1/5/20) Ms T Thorne (appointed 24/2/21) Dr E Hozefa (Appointed 1/5/20)
Charity number	1158843
Company number	08644039
Registered office	First Floor International House 20 Hatherton Street Walsall WS4 2LA
Auditor	Azets Audit Services International House 20 Hatherton Street Walsall WS4 2LA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the group and the charity for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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 2015) as amended by Update Bulletin 2 (effective 1 January 2019).

The group consists of the United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited (also referred to as 'parent charity', 'charity' or 'charitable company') and its wholly owned subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited.

Since the charity and the group qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The organisation is a charitable company, registered with the Charities Commission on 10 October 2014 and incorporated on 8 August 2013. The charity is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 5 August 2013. The Articles of Association were updated on the 14 January 2020.

At the start of the financial year, the Trustee Board consisted of Mark Stock (Chairman), Richard Harris, Nick Randle & Mark Cawley. Additional Trustees were appointed in year, Professor Helen Cheyne, Alan Gilmour, Robert Watson & Dr Hozefa Ebrahim jointed the Board on 1 May 2020, with Ms Tiffany Thorne joining the board on the 24 Feb 2021. Mr Mark Cawley left the board on 17 Dec 2020. Dr Darren Daniels (Founder and Executive Director – Clinical) jointly leads the organisation with Sarah Hamilton-Fairley, Executive Director – Strategy & Development.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, planning future strategy and setting policy. The work of UKST is fundamental in reducing the number of unnecessary deaths per year from sepsis and supporting those who have been affected by the condition.

Aims and activities

In line with our objects, the charity's main activities, which are all in relation to our purposes for public benefit, are:

Educating healthcare professionals, health commissioners, government organisations and the wider public to 'think' sepsis (and severe infection), recognise the condition swiftly, and ensure that it is treated as an emergency, whilst maintaining a responsible stance on the use of antimicrobials;

Providing support to patients and their relatives, including those bereaved by sepsis, through the provision of accessible information and the development of support networks; and

Lobbying the Government to ensure that the infrastructure to support hospitals and other healthcare organisations in delivering exemplary sepsis care is in place.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Education and Training
The charity continued to maintain good relationships with Royal Colleges and the NHS Cross System Programme Board on Sepsis. It is noted that challenges have emerged, as outcomes from sepsis have improved through earlier interventions and perceptions around pathways driving the use of antibiotics are evolving. Next year, as the Programme Board develops into the NHS Deterioration Board, UKST will continue to push to maintain sepsis as a clinical priority whilst ensuring a responsible approach to antimicrobial usage.

Our 'Train the Trainer' programme was placed on hold during the year, due to the government restrictions surrounding COVID-19. We continue to build the concept of disseminated learning using regional coordinators and volunteer educators.

The revised strategy will place online resources as the top priority. UKST has developed five e-learning modules for health professionals and care workers over the last two years. These have been accessed and completed by 7,369 health professionals in the period. Work continues to take place to provide more on line digital education tools in the future.

Support
Helpline
The charity helpline provides information and support for anyone affected by sepsis. The service is delivered by our paid nursing support team – all of whom have considerable experience in caring for patients with sepsis and critical illness. All nurses are registered with the NMC and meet their revalidation criteria, enabling them to stay qualified, supported and develop professionally. During the year work was carried out to improve the helpline service, with the result that calls are now answered directly by a support nurse rather than a 3rd party call handling service.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Support group network
Meeting other survivors and having the opportunity to share experiences can be tremendously helpful – we provide the facility to do this via our sepsis support groups. These are relaxed, informal sessions and work on a model of peer support. By sharing personal experiences people learn that they are not alone and feedback indicates that they appreciate the social interaction and emotional assistance. The groups are Co-led by a sepsis nurse and a survivor volunteer.

Due to COVID-19, our face to face groups were suspended in March 2020 and were replaced by online sessions. These were delivered via the Zoom platform on a weekly basis and appear to be well received. The plan at the time of writing is to continue these, alongside our face-to-face sessions, as they allow us to reach people who don't live near to a group and/or people who find it difficult to get out of the house.

Information
We are continuously updating and developing new resources which are accessible on the UKST website. We have an established process for reviewing our website content to ensure it provides current and relevant information on sepsis and sepsis recovery. During the year we created a new recovery diary to aid and assist those recovering from sepsis and critical illness.

COVID-19 response
A significant number of people admitted to hospital with COVID-19 will have been in critical care and many of these patients require ongoing support for physical, emotional and cognitive problems. As the UKST support nurses have experience of helping people recovering from critical illness the charity stepped up to extend these transferable skills to support patients who are recovering from COVID-19. We undertook this in several ways.

- Offering and promoting our helpline service to those recovering from COVID-19
- Providing relevant information on the UKST website on critical care recovery after COVID-19.

Publishing free booklets "Recovery After Critical Illness" and "Returning to Work After Critical Illness".

A National Long COVID Recovery Programme
Working in partnership with Maximus UK, and drawing on our shared experience of working with survivors of sepsis, there is strong evidence that access to trusted information and guidance after critical illness is a vital part of the recovery and rehabilitation process. We therefore developed a proposal which describes a practical, scalable, and digitally enabled national recovery service for survivors of Covid-19 and/or sepsis and those living with Long Covid and post-sepsis syndrome. We are currently, proactively looking for investors/partners to fund the development of this service.

Networks more widely
Over the year we've developed stronger and closer relationships with our five specialist law firm partners. The lock-down periods allowed us to meet more frequently, albeit via Zoom, which resulted in closer understanding and communication between us all. The production of specific videos explaining different aspects of the services law firms offer is a welcome addition to UKST's website and the same goes for the information leaflets. The charity is extremely grateful for their loyal and ongoing support financially, but also for the significant 'in kind' pro bono support UKST receives throughout the year.

UKST would also like to extend sincere thanks to the Development Group members, chaired by Lord Grade. Its ongoing commitment has been most productive and is much appreciated. We intend, as time permits, to set up similar, regional, Development Groups across the country.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Fundraising and other income
Community fundraising
Disappointingly, but unsurprisingly, COVID-19 put the majority of the charity's forthcoming traditional community fundraising plans and activities in this area on hold. Having said that, donations from community fundraising activity continued to be an important source of income for the charity. UKST developed a robust plan to increase donations from a number of distinct revenue streams, such as third-party events, regular giving and legacy, within our community fundraising programme.

Other Income
We were delighted to be successful in our bid to Bridgepoint's Hardship Fund which resulted in UKST receiving £75,000. We were also delighted to learn, in late spring that our application to both the Direct Line Group (£95,000), the Coronavirus Community Support Fund (£100,000) and The Leathersellers' Company (£20,000) had been granted. We are also most grateful to Lord Ashcroft for his on-going support (£50,000).

Iceland Foods Charitable Foundation (IFCF) and Iceland Foods deserve special mention as they continued to support both financially and 'in kind' – by printing messaging on their milk cartons. Towards the end of this year we celebrated the latter when the carton distribution hit 100 million! IFCF are lead partner in our Sepsis Savvy Campaign which encourages businesses to raise awareness of sepsis among their staff, customers and clients. Iceland Foods were one of the first organisations to sign up to Sepsis Savvy. Their on-going commitment to the cause is inspirational and of course, much appreciated.

Public Awareness via Communications, Media & PR

Awareness Campaigns
There were two awareness campaigns during the year. The first was *Blurred Lines* which focussed on the similarities between COVID-19 and sepsis, the second was Sepsis Savvy (see under narrative around Iceland above).

In April 2020 we received a one month £100K Twitter advertising budget donated by Group M, which resulted in 5,000 new followers. We used the budget for our *Blurred Lines* campaign to highlight the links between COVID-19 and sepsis. As well as across Twitter, the advert was featured in print in The Times, The Daily Mail, Metro, and also appeared in web adverts on Harper's Bazaar, Cosmopolitan, Runner's World and Digital Spy's websites, amongst others.

Over a 13 day period in July, these adverts also appeared on 56 digital screens in London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Glasgow. A potential 9 million people saw the adverts, which had a financial value of £365K. The charity is extremely grateful to Group M for securing such significant pro-bono advertising.

Our total media exposure for the year was up 103% (including social and traditional media). This year, 'The UK Sepsis Trust' charity was mentioned 1.4bn times in global media, and 'Sepsis' was mentioned 4.3bn times in UK media, and 30bn times in global media. Dr Ron Daniels featured heavily on both national and international television and radio broadcasts discussing COVID-19 and its links with sepsis. Programmes included Channel 4 News, This Morning, Sky News, CNN News, Victoria Derbyshire, and radio broadcasts included BBC Wales, Times Radio and BBC West Midlands.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

This year, our social media presence has grown significantly, and has become a more prominent focus. On Facebook, our reach (number of times people saw our content) was 2,042,270, with 118,528 on Instagram (an increase of 302.5%).

Our followings have grown by:
1,635 on Facebook – total following 39,779
5,360 on Twitter – total following 26,944
1,100 on Instagram – total following 6,191

Facebook and Instagram's business analytic suite has allowed us to better understand our audience across the two platforms. People who identify as women, aged between 25 and 44 were by far our biggest demographic, accounting for 87% of our followers on Facebook and 83% on Instagram. Aside from London being the most common location, the rest of our followers are predominantly based in the North of England, Scotland and Wales.

Our social media work has also led to an increase in the number of sepsis articles in traditional media. Case studies are by far our most popular posts (in terms of engagement and likes), and have resulted in local newspapers and radio stations contacting the Trust to interview or report on people's stories. An example of this is David Cram's story, which was seen by 120.9K people on social media alone – our most popular post of the year. He was interviewed by The Mirror as well as other local papers in the North West as a result.

Volunteer network
It will come as no surprise to read that it has been a challenging year for the volunteer network and volunteering more generally. We have been experiencing the anticipated decline in our volunteer engagement as our community awareness and events related activities came to an abrupt stand-still in March 2020.

Between April 2020 and March 2021, we have been engaging with our volunteers on a 100% remote basis. This was obviously a new and difficult challenge, but working closely with our support and senior leadership teams, our volunteer manager managed to deliver our key charitable objectives via a radically re-designed online volunteer programme.

Specifically, over this period:

- We have benefited from 48 'active' volunteers – those who have engaged with UKST and donated their time to the Trust
- Our volunteers have been providing peer support in our online groups and patient voices in research and conferences.
- We have also benefited from volunteer community focus groups, to deliver vital feedback on the sepsis savvy campaign, as well as support in our various fundraising initiatives.
- In total, 172 volunteer hours have been donated to the Trust – all delivered remotely and in line with government guidelines

It is our ambition over the next 12 months to increase our active volunteer engagement to a level the charity was experiencing before the pandemic. We are also aiming to deliver a community engagement programme to support our Sepsis Savvy campaign and community awareness aims.

We would like to thank all our volunteers – many of whom have been affected by sepsis – for their loyalty, ongoing hard work and commitment throughout this turbulent and challenging time.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Wales
UKST continues to be the third sector 'sepsis authority' in Wales. While the charity enjoys excellent engagement with healthcare, government and volunteers this has, of course, been seriously impacted by COVID-19 this year.

Support from the Welsh Assembly Government Cross Party Group on Sepsis remained strong and its final report was submitted ahead of the election. The charity continues to lobby for a public awareness campaign and will continue to work on this with the new cabinet and new Health Secretary Eluned Morgan. The outgoing Health and Social Services Committee has also recommended that the inquiry into Sepsis should continue during the next Senedd having been postponed this year due to the pandemic. We aim to keep the pressure on in this area over the coming months to ensure we remain on the agenda.

UKST sits on two Public Health Wales (PHW) steering groups and are partners on 'Project Sepsis' with Cardiff University and University Hospital of Wales and with Welsh Ambulance on the PhRASe2 project. We are also introducing these institutions to 'Sepsis Savvy'. It has been important to maintain these partners and relationships for when COVID-19 settles down and we have already started to see an increase in interest for sepsis education awareness from health professionals. This bodes well for the coming year as re-engaging with grass root professionals is a key objective.

UKST has continued to work hard in Wales to expand its reach with both current, new audiences and networks. As well as partnering with our traditional community groups such St John Ambulance, there has been a particular focus on under-served communities which were highlighted as being potentially at higher risk of infection during the pandemic. To this end we have developed a relationship with Cardiff Council and are working with their network heads (BAME, disability, Women, LGBT+ Carers) on developing ways of introducing sepsis education and awareness. The aim is to develop a model based around 'Sepsis Savvy' which can then be used as a 'template' for other councils and networks.

We have maintained our partnership with Cardiff University and developed further relationships with Bangor University and University of South Wales. Though restrictions have not permitted visits, we have still managed to deliver several sepsis presentations to nursing and medical students online.

Prior to the pandemic we had two established support groups and were working with Public Health Wales to expand regionally. While face-to-face groups have not been possible, with the help of our support team, we have been able to make more frequent and accessible groups available online.

While it has been a difficult year for community fundraising, we managed to engage our Welsh fundraisers and some local health boards in our successful virtual event 'Cycle4Sepsis'.

While COVID-19 has dominated the news over the past year, we do continue to maintain a cross platform media presence when appropriate and ITV Wales are currently working on a one hour documentary on sepsis to be aired later in the year.

Scotland
As of July 10 2020, the office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) awarded UKST charitable status in Scotland. Due to the impact and related restrictions of COVID-19 we have not been able to establish our presence as much as we would have liked. We have however used our time over the past year to build some key relationships and to develop our awareness materials and new initiatives such as 'Sepsis Savvy'. This, combined with the addition of a health professional (who is also a sepsis survivor) to the Trustee Board, will help us with our strategy and presence in Scotland moving forward.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Achievements and performance

a. Key financial performance indicators

2020–2021 was another challenging year with income, whilst finishing head of the budgeted target, being significantly reduced – (approximately 43%) on the previous year as a result of the Covid pandemic.

Opportunities to deliver national and high-profile campaigns became apparent and it required investment to deliver this, putting stress on the income streams.

All income streams have been identified and are reported each month and additional income has been generated from UKST led events, with a plan to increase these during the future years. Weekly cash flow and monthly management & KPI reports are now in place.

A baseline budget has been prepared for the 2021-2022 FY and performance against this will be reported each month. Due to Coronavirus and a reduction of income generation the UKST Board have developed a Task force to ensure a continuous, and regular, review of forecast predictions. The task force has generated three forecast models, Worst Case, Mid Case and Most Likely. These are reviewed in line with the latest forecast expectation on a 12-month rolling cycle.

Financial Review

a. Going Concern

Business operations were impacted from approximately March 2020 onwards due to the COVID-19 pandemic; an event which has continued after the balance sheet date. The UKST was able to draw on previously prepared pandemic and crisis plans, which were implemented accordingly. During this period, UKST took all necessary measures to protect the business and maintain operations as much as possible. Despite the impact of COVID-19, the Trustees believe that UKST can meet its obligations as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is currently dependent on voluntary donations to sustain its activities to continue operating.

This means if there were to be a shortfall in voluntary donations it would put the charity in jeopardy. If serious funding problems were to occur that threatened the existence of the Trust, the Trustees have agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that the core operations can continue for a period of six months.

The current reserves policy represents six months of expenditure which will be monitored on a regular basis and varied accordingly.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Structure, governance & management

a. Constitution
The charity and the group are registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee which was set up by a Trust deed on 5 August 2013.

The charity and the group are constituted under a Trust deed dated 5 August 2013 with a registered charity number 1158843.

b. Method of appointment or election of trustees

Recruitment of Trustees has occurred as a result of direct interest in the charity. Trustees have been chosen through an analysis of skills to enable the progress of the charity's objects. Trustees induction has occurred through direction from the Charity Commission guidance. Formal induction processes are in place. These are reviewed on a regular basis.

c. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity and the group is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks identified.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (Continued)

Statement of Trustees' report responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also Directors of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees 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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group 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 charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- the Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditor
The auditors, Azets Audit services, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The Designated Trustees will review and propose a motion re-appointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Date: 3 November 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNITED KINDGON SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31st March 2021 which comprise the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the consolidated and parent Balance Sheet, the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2021, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.
Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.
Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees , other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other

information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or • we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the groups and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
We have been appointed auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with this Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a

guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:

https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-guidance-forauditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud
Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 . Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

John Hegney FCCA
Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

Azets Audit Services
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
First Floor
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Date: 3 November 2021

Azets Audit Services is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

UNITED KINGDOM SEPSIS TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income from:					
Donations & Legacies	2	1,172,916	140,000	1,312,916	1,971,740
Charitable Activities	3	78,331		78,331	436,204
Total Income		1,251,247	140,000	1,391,247	2,407,944
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	17,812		17,812	307,890
Charitable activities		1,003,946	100,000	1,103,946	1,901,362
Total Expenditure	5	1,021,758	100,000	1,121,758	2,209,252
Other Income:					
Corporation Tax R&D reclaim		-	-	-	6,258
Net Income for the year and net movement in funds		229,489	40,000	269,489	204,950
Total funds bought forward		737,745	-	737,745	532,795
Total funds carried forward		967,234	40,000	1,007,234	737,745

There was no restricted fund income or expenditure in 2020.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		4,748		10,913
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	34,389		63,260	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,174,522		1,012,235	
		1,208,911		1,075,495	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(206,425)		(348,663)	
Net current assets			1,002,486		726,832
Net assets			1,007,234		737,745
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	**14**		40,000		-
Unrestricted funds	**14**		967,234		737,745
Total funds			1,007,234		737,745

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 and authorised for issue on 3 November 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:



Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 21 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9.1**		4,748		10,879
Investments	**10**		1		1
			4,749		10,880
Current assets					
Debtors	**12.1**	187,549		269,284	
Cash at bank and in hand		927,007		774,705	
		1,114,556		1,043,989	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13.1**	(115,463)		(248,114)	
Net current assets			999,093		795,875
Net assets			1,003,842		806,755
Charity funds					
Restricted funds			40,000		-
Unrestricted funds			963,842		806,755
Total Funds			1,003,842		806,755

The company's 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 board of directors and authorised for issue on 3 November 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr M Stock
Trustee

Company Registration No. 08644039

The notes on pages 21 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	**22**		162,287		450,103
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(3,521)	
Net cash used in investing activities			-		(3,521)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			162,287		446,582
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,012,235		565,653
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			1,174,522		1,012,235

The notes on pages 21 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is First floor, International House, 20 Heatherton Street, Walsall, WS4 2LA.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of United Kingdom Sepsis Trust Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries'). No separate Statement of financial activities has been presented for the company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Income and expenditure account.

1.2 Going concern

Business operations were impacted from approximately March 2020 onwards due to the COVID-19 pandemic; an event which has continued after the balance sheet date. The Charity was able to draw on previously prepared pandemic and crisis plans, which were implemented accordingly. During this period, the Charity took all necessary measures to protect the business and maintain operations as much as possible. Despite the impact of COVID-19, the directors believe that the Charity can meet its obligations as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

1.3 Charitable Funds

Restricted Funds

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

Unrestricted Funds

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.4 Incoming resources

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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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. 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.

Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Office equipment	3 years straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the directors review the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1.9 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 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 and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. 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 unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. 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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities
Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee Benefits
The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.
Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the is a demonstrable commitment to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement Benefits
Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Taxation
The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categorises covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 pf the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.13 Fund Accounting
General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for the use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance to the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations & gift aid	1,092,008	40,000	1,132,008	1,971,740
Grants, sales of publications & resources	80,908	100,000	180,908	-
	1,172,916	140,000	1,312,916	1,971,740

There were no restricted fund donations or legacies in 2020

3 Charitable activities

	Charity incoming resources 2021	Charity incoming resources 2020
	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	78,331	436,204

4 Raising funds

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	17,812	307,890

All fundraising events in 2021 and 2020 were unrestricted

5 Analysis of expenditure by type

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Costs of raising funds	17,812	-	17,812	307,890
Direct Costs	1,003,946	100,000	1,103,946	1,901,362
	1,021,758	100,000	1,121,758	2,209,252

There was no restricted fund expenditure in 2020

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6 Auditor's remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £13,000 (2020 - £20,000) and other accountancy services of £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Average number of employees	18	22

Employment costs	**2021**	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	741,560	933,006
Social security costs	79,052	84,503
Other pension costs	15,066	18,806
	835,678	1,036,315

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeding £60,000 Was:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 to £70,000	-	2
In the band £80,001 to £90,000	1	-
In the band £100,001 to £110,000	1	-
	2	2

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

8 Taxation

The parent charity is exempt from corporation tax and all of it's income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes. The trading subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited, donates all taxable profits to the parent charity.

Factors affecting future tax charges
The trading subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited has trading losses carried forward of £2,859 (2020 - £75,296).

The trading company incurred losses in previous years and therefore no corporation tax is attributable.

During the financial year, the trading subsidiary, Sepsis Enterprises Limited, received an R&D tax refund of £Nil (2020 - £6,258).

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment
Group	**£**
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	30,524
Disposals	(12,809)
At 31 March 2021	17,715
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	19,611
Depreciation charged in the year	6,165
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(12,809)
At 31 March 2021	12,967
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	4,748
At 31 March 2020	10,913

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

9.1 Tangible fixed assets

Company	Office Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	27,485
Additions	-
Disposals	(9,769)
At 31 March 2021	17,716
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	16,606
Depreciation charged in the year	6,131
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(9,769)
At 31 March 2021	12,968
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	4,748
At 31 March 2020	10,879

10 Fixed asset investments

		2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Asset investments	**21**	1	1

Movements in fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020 & 31 March 2021	1
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	1
At 31 March 2020	1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

11	**Financial instruments group**	**2021**	2020
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,199,120	1,056,624
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	172,983	327,493

11.1	**Financial instruments company**	**2021**	2020
		£	£
	Carrying amount of financial assets		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	1,104,767	1,025,118
	Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
	Measured at amortised cost	115,463	248,114

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash at bank, trade debtors and amounts owed to companies.
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors, other taxation and social security and accruals.

12	**Debtors**		
	Group	**2021**	2020
	Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
	Trade debtors	24,598	44,389
	Other debtors	-	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	9,791	18,871
		34,389	63,260

12.1	**Debtors**		
	Company	**2021**	2020
	Amounts falling due within one year:	**£**	£
	Trade debtors	12,192	664
	Amounts owed to Group Undertakings	165,568	249,749
	Other Debtors	-	-
	Prepayments	9,789	18,871
		187,549	269,284

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Group	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	28,277	44,504
Trade creditors	39,366	122,805
Other creditors	2,026	2,994
Accruals	103,314	157,190
Deferred income	33,442	21,170
	206,425	348,663

13.1 Company	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	22,832	35,780
Trade creditors	32,198	113,340
Accruals	58,407	96,000
Other creditors	2,026	2,994
	115,463	248,114

14 Summary of funds – current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General unrestricted funds	737,745	1,251,247	(1,021,758)	967,234
Restricted Funds	-	140,000	(100,000)	40,000
Total Funds	737,745	1,391,247	1,112,758	1,007,234

Restricted funds are those held for specific purposes, as specified by the funder, as defined in the accounting policies. All restricted fund balances relate to one fund from Iceland to support our Sepsis Savvy Campaign.

14.1 Summary of funds – prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
General unrestricted funds	532,795	2,407,944	(2,202,994)	737,745

There were no restricted funds in the prior year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fund Balances				
Tangible Assets	4,748	-	4,748	10,913
Current Assets	1,168,911	40,000	1208,911	1075.495
Current Liabilities	(206,425)	-	(206,425)	(348,663)
	967,234	40,000	1,007,234	737,745

There were no restricted fund balances in 2020.

16 Deferred income

Group and Charity	**2021**	2020
	£	£
Deferred income bought forward	21,170	13,232
Resources deferred during the year	16,775	21,171
Amounts released from previous years	(4,503)	(13,232)
	33,442	21,170

Deferred income comprises of course fees paid for in advance along with Law partner contracts which complete in August 2021.

17 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund.

The charge to financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £15,066 (2020 - £18,806). The outstanding liability at year end was £1,013 (2020 - £1,497).

18 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had no outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

Group	**2021**	2020
Amounts payable:	**£**	£
Within one year	-	40,639
Between two and five years	-	14,434
	-	55,073

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

19 Related party transactions

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions under FRS 102 S33.1a, not to disclose transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries and companies in the same group with 100% ownership.

Dr Darren Daniels is also a director of Global Sepsis Alliance Limited. During the year 2021, the Group paid subscription fees to Global Sepsis Alliance Limited of £Nil (2020: £387).

Magnetic HCA Limited is related to Sarah Hamilton-Fairley by virtue of a family relationship. During the year, the group engaged the provision of various IT and marketing services of Magnetic HCA Limited and was charged £20,517 (2020: £23,358) for such services. Due to the related party Sarah Hamilton-Fairley was excluded from any decision to engage with the supplier.

20 Controlling party

The control of the charity rests with the trustees and executive team collectively.

21 Subsidiaries

Details of the charity's subsidiaries at 31 March 2021 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct	Indirect
Sepsis Enterprises Limited	First Floor International House, Heatherton Street, Walsall WS4 2LA	Fundraising events	Ordinary shares	100	

During the year ended 31 March 2021 Sepsis Enterprises Limited reported income of £78,331 (2020 - £436,204) And expenditure of £5,928 (2020 - £271,879.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

22	**Cash generated from operations**	**2021**	2020
		£	£
	Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	269,489	204,950
	Adjustments for:		
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	6,165	8,116
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	28,871	23,397
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(154,511)	211,960
	Increase in deferred income	12,273	7,938
	Increase in provision for R&D Tax reclaim	-	(6,258)
	Cash generated from operations	162,287	450,103

22 Post Balance Sheet Events

Business operations were impacted from approximately March 2020 onwards due to the COVID-19 pandemic; an event which has continued after the balance sheet date. The Charity was able to draw on previously prepared pandemic and crisis plans, which were implemented accordingly. During this period, the Charity took all necessary measures to protect the business and maintain operations as much as possible. Despite the impact of COVID-19, the directors believe that the Charity can meet its obligations as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.