

Lynch Syndrome UK

Charity Number 1161840

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

Stables Thompson & Briscoe

Chartered Accountants

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Charity Information

Charity number 1161840

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 May 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2023.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities. As a small charity the trustees have prepared the accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Structure, governance & management

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) - Foundation Registered 26th May 2015. The charity was established under the objects.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in the financial summary.

Objectives and Activities

1. To promote and protect the good health of people and the families effected by Lynch Syndrome for the public benefit through support, information and increased public awareness and such other means as the trustees deem fit.
2. Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with Section 7 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act and Section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. Public benefit focus on ensuring that our activities achieve our charitable aims.

Public Benefit focus on ensuring that our activities achieve our charitable aims

The trustees confirm that in planning Lynch Syndrome UK's activities, they have considered how Lynch Syndrome UK has fulfilled its charitable objectives. The Trustees do not identify any possible detriment or harm arising the activities of the charity.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity's Commission's general guidance on public benefit reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Beneficiaries of our services

Lynch Syndrome UK direct beneficiaries are any person who has Lynch Syndrome and their families and friends.

Charitable activities in the past year

Lynch Syndrome UK is a registered charity stemming from a long running support group on Facebook. Our many members are passionate about our cause to educate and empower people living with this genetic condition and offering support to both themselves and their families when they need it most. Lynch Syndrome UK aims to ensure that for the public benefit, people and their families affected by Lynch Syndrome are provided with support in the form of information, signposting and listening, also to increase public awareness of Lynch Syndrome.

Our vision is that all people affected by Lynch Syndrome in the UK have access to standardised screening, thus enabling prevention of the development of cancer and early diagnosis enabling survival. A lot of work this year has been aimed at making this vision come to fruition through work with NHS England. Further work is planned with both NHS Wales and Scotland.

Lynch Syndrome UK is an all-volunteer organisation and is founded and governed by Lynch Syndrome survivors and their families. The charity is dedicated towards protecting families and saving lives of those at high risk due to a hereditary predisposition to various cancers which often strike at an early age.

If diagnosed early, we believe Lynch Syndrome survivors have positive outcomes which enhance survival, the longevity and quality of life as well as the emotional wellbeing of those of us who are affected by Lynch Syndrome.

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The charity's aim is to be the leading source of information and support for individuals and families affected by Lynch Syndrome in the UK. Considering, this context the charity has delivered the following activities to achieve its charitable objectives:

Training and Events

- In June, Lynch Syndrome UK worked with the NHS National Lynch Syndrome Oversight Group which was co-hosted by North Thames and South East Genomics. The work with the Oversight group has continued throughout the year and purpose is to streamline NHS care in England. Tracy Smith has been working on this project from its inception and attended all meetings as the face of the charity and as from a patients perspective. Work is still ongoing.

- Along with the work on the National Project, training with the National Bowel Cancer Screening programme was delivered and LSUK were involved in that training from a patient perspective. The training programme was delivered to over 500 NHS and training centre staff so they could better understand the needs of the patient when attending their colonoscopy appointments. This was further to the ongoing work with the National LS Programme.

- Several of the trustees in the past have attended Patient Information Days at Genetic centres to provide information regarding the charity and what we can do to support people with Lynch Syndrome and their families. This year all meetings were again held virtually and directly to patients. We have also continued to deliver student educational webinars directly with universities in Wales.

- We have taken part in a project called Lunch and Learn in conjunction with NHS England. This 12 week programme was designed to upskill the workforce to better provide patient care. This was a feeding programme to support the work of the National LS Programme.

- The Charity holds a great deal of hardcopy patient information, patient passports and leaflets which can be ordered free of charge via our website and support group. Our support group which currently stands at 3.5k members can also access these resources in a PDF format.

- We have worked with RM Partners, Imperial and other NHS professionals to produce new resources which are readily available for patients. These resources cover the Endometrial and Bowel Cancers which are the highest risk factors for patients. These are available through our website, support page and NHS Trusts.

- The charity worked closely with the Eve Appeal to produce a booklet for LS patients. This is readily available to patients via our support group and signposted to the Eve Appeal website.

- The charity has been involved with a collection of Smart Apps for patients. These apps are being developed with Queen Marys Hospital, Leeds Hospital Trust and South West Hospital Trust. Each app focuses on different aspects of care for patients from decision making to be tested for LS to when you receive your diagnosis and ongoing care. Work is ongoing.

- We were invited to take part in the PROTECT-C Trial Study in conjunction with Queen Mary and Barts Hospital under Professor Ranjit Manchanda. Work on this project is ongoing.

- The charity has been working with Dr Neil Rajan and attended a workshop aimed at implementing flex testing for patients with Lynch Syndrome. This work is aimed at its inclusion in screening recommendations for all LS patients. Work is still ongoing.

- The Annual Lynch Syndrome UK Conference was held in Birmingham and all presentations were recorded for those that could not attend. These presentations are readily available via our YouTube channel, social networks and in our support group.

Help and Advice

Our information service delivered through the website and social media offers free support and key information to people with Lynch Syndrome and their families. Medical professionals are also members of our social media groups.

Our website remains an important source of information and support for the public, to either self-serve or be signposted third-party services and websites.

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Membership

Social Media

Our highest performing and most influential channel was the Facebook support group, which has reached a membership of over 2.5k people. This is a high and significant figure in terms of the number of individuals that have gained access to the content. Numbers continue to increase at a steady rate each year.

Partnership Working

Partnership and collaboration is key to Lynch Syndrome UK being able to deliver its aims. We simply could not provide the range and level of support without the help of our growing number of partner organisations that we work with.

How Lynch Syndrome UK is run

The Trustees

The trustees meet three times a year and all meetings have been online with full attendance. With a small organisation and group of trustees, Lynch Syndrome UK does not work through formal sub-committees. Instead, the trustees meet periodically to progress operational matters and prepare for forthcoming meetings.

Existing trustees, are voted in by other trustees and members if they are to remain within their existing post. When a trustee position becomes available, as Trustees we firstly approach people who have expressed an interest or have given their time to help and support LSUK. We then discuss and nominate as to who we consider to be beneficial to the charity and offer the position.

At this moment, all trustees give their time on a voluntary basis. It is accepted that once we grow, it will become necessary to look further afield for people with certain skill sets.

Volunteers

Their contributions have been invaluable and we thank them enormously.

Financial Results

The charity had a surplus of £4,958 this year. This was raised by donations, fundraising and sales of merchandise. The total expenditure was £13,742 which included £5,838 for the conference this year. The charity had funds in the bank at the year end of £92,424.

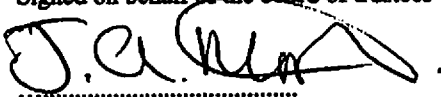
Reserves Policy

The charity aims to have enough funds in the bank to pursue the objects of the charity, such as raising awareness through conferences and literature. Given the last two years, the trustees do not feel that the amount of reserves held is excessive.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on

27th March 2024

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



J Martin
Trustee

Chartered Accountants' Report
to the Trustees of Lynch Syndrome UK

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 2 February 2018, we have prepared for your approval the financial information of Lynch Syndrome UK for the year ended 31st May 2023 which comprises The Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and associated notes from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

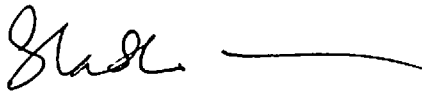
As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed within the ICAEW's regulations and guidance at <http://www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance>.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 2 February 2018. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of Lynch Syndrome UK and state those matters we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees for our work or



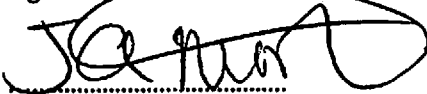
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Date: 6 April 2024

Approval of Financial Information

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 2 February 2018, we approve the financial information which comprises The Receipts and Payments Account, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and associated notes. We acknowledge our responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework as set out in note 1, and for providing the accountants with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



J Martin
Trustee

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

Receipts	Notes	2023			Total Funds	2022
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds		Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Income:						
Grants and donations	2	14,340	-	3,564	17,904	49,629
Activities for generating fund	3	2,819	-	-	2,819	685
Total Receipts		17,159	-	3,564	20,723	50,314
Payments						
Advertising, website and PPS		1,477	-	-	1,477	2,222
Conference Costs		5,838	-	-	5,838	6,087
Stock Purchases and postage		521	-	3,564	4,085	240
PayPal fees		-	-	-	-	1
Computer costs (incl Zoom)		96	-	-	96	179
Donations		200	-	-	200	-
Sportsmedia Agency membership		1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Accountancy		546	-	-	546	462
Total Payments		10,178	-	3,564	13,742	9,191
Net of payments/receipts		6,981	-	-	6,981	8,306
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end		89,841	-	-	89,841	48,718
Cash funds this year end		96,822	-	-	96,822	89,841

The notes on page 8 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 May 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Cash Funds			
Barclays - Current Account		92,424	87,808
PayPal Account		2,375	2,033
		<u>94,799</u>	<u>89,841</u>
Debtor			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>94,799</u>	<u>89,841</u>
		<u>94,799</u>	<u>89,841</u>
Cash funds are split as follows:			
Restricted funds		-	-
Designated funds		-	-
Unrestricted funds		94,799	89,841
		<u>94,799</u>	<u>89,841</u>
		<u>94,799</u>	<u>89,841</u>

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Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

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J Martin
Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

Note 1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities. As a small charity the trustees have prepared the accounts on a Receipts and Payments basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity, and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

b) Going Concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Note 2	Grants and Donations	2023 £	2022 £
	Unrestricted:		
	Misc. donations	13,050	11,664
	Chewbacca Donation	-	30,000
	Golden Giving	3,902	7,295
	Amazon Smile	447	370
	University of Exeter	-	240
	Charities Trust	505	60
		<u>17,904</u>	<u>49,629</u>

Note 3	Activities for generating funds	2023 £	2022 £
	Fundraising	663	668
	Online shop income	133	17
		<u>2,819</u>	<u>685</u>

Note 4 Trustees remuneration

No trustees received remuneration or expenses in the year.

Note 5 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.