

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1175691

Details

Other names MEET UK

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-11-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND PRESERVE HEALTH PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE RESIDING PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IN PARTICULAR IN VIETNAM BY: A. PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF SURGICAL AND MEDICAL STAFF, EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND SERVICES NOT NORMALLY PROVIDED BY THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PROVISION OF RECONSTRUCTIVE PAEDIATRIC SURGERY AND ITS ANCILLARY AND COMPLIMENTARY MEDICAL DISCIPLINES; AND B. ADVANCING EDUCATION PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF LECTURES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL FORA IN THE FIELDS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEDICAL DISCIPLINES

Activities: Medical Education Exchange Teams (MEET UK) is a non-profit organisation that supports global health education by fostering international education partnerships. MEET UK assists in the provision of staff, equipment and services not normally provided by the statutory bodies in particular to the provision of Paediatric Surgery and Anaesthesia to children in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Vietnam
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£12,617	£6,287	-	-
2024-04-05	£6,691	£4,463	-	-
2023-04-05	£567	£660	-	-
2022-04-05	£575	£2,411	-	-
2021-04-05	£1,515	£1,313	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr JACQUI FOX MURPHY	Chair	2017-11-13
Dr NEENA SETH		2017-11-13

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period: 6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025

Charity name: Medical Education Exchange Teams UK

Charity registration number: 117569

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Medical Education Exchange Teams (MEET UK) is a non-profit organisation that supports global health education by fostering international education partnerships. MEET UK assists in the provision of staff, equipment and services not normally provided by the statutory bodies in particular, the provision of Paediatric Surgery and Anaesthesia to children in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The April 24 – April 25 Year November 2024 – Paediatric Surgical Trip to Can Tho Vietnam. Charity teams placed in both Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy Hospital and Can Tho Children's Hospital. Providing urology and Hand surgery for children with congenital conditions. Reviewed 120 children, across both sites Successfully completed 32 cases, with teams operating in 2 hospital sites. To enhance sustainability, education pilot programme included. Day of interactive seminars, pre-operative teaching in review clinics and intra-operative procedure education with local teams observing and scrubbing in to assist with immediate supervision from PSD visiting team
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The Trustees of MEET observe the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the public benefit of charitable activities. MEET consults with

Commission on public benefit		our long-standing local colleagues, medical staff and Boards of Directors at the Hospitals in which we work and local administrative teams, for logistical and statutory requirements, take guidance from the Vietnamese Board Members of MEET-International and in-country contacts, regarding all charitable work, its scope and organisation to ensure relevance, benefit to the local people and underprivileged children and to the healthcare workers, to ensure education and sustainability. This is reviewed bi-annually by Board.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	2023 continued one in county surgical trip This enabled direct delivery of surgical care to underprivileged children in Vietnam. Enabling correction of congenital conditions, in those, for whom, there would be no alternative access to surgery. The work of the charity and the teams volunteering to provide surgery, has a huge impact on both the individuals we assist and their wider families and communities. The corrective surgery directly improves function for the child and in turn their ability to engage in schooling, sporting and activities for daily life. This has an immediate impact and further improves their future opportunities for education and work. In addition, a measurable psychological benefit has been shown in children with these conditions, post correction. Within the communities and cultures that we work, this effect extends beyond the patient, to their families, who often have fewer opportunities and lower earning capabilities secondary to stigma and caring responsibilities. Improving the opportunities for involvement and engagement of the wider families with work and in the community and the children themselves as they grow and indeed reducing the care burden by performing these surgeries, has a marked benefit that ripples to improve the greater society within these communities and provinces.

		IN 2024 there was a specific request from the local clinicians for education of families regarding urological conditions and when to seek review. Groups sessions with translators were held with parents on the ward to understand more and empower them to speak about unspoken conditions. There is hope to expand this more to work with local healthcare professionals to identify how to improve community messaging. In our volunteer service, MEET-UK, directly engages with the local healthcare teams and provides education and training. This expands to the entire patient journey and provides for improved assessment and understanding of the disease pathology, to consider appropriate management options, decision making, the surgical and anaesthetic processes and ongoing aftercare and physiotherapy as required, to aim for maximal benefit and optimal outcome from any interventions performed. By providing knowledge and education, local understanding of pathology, risk and complications, and their competencies are increased holistically. Future charitable work looks to continue with an aim to grow a self-sustaining service at source, with direct and remote support.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Accounts. Debits- Donations only Credits- expenses for international surgical trip, consumables, Forex Trustees and organisers work entirely voluntarily and take no fee for work or expenses
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	All monies held go towards the provision of charitable activity education and surgery, in future years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None. Charitable activities resumed in November 2023, with a successful trip in 2024. The Board collected feedback from local teams and volunteers, which has been discussed with board and key team leaders. Consideration if this aims to guide ongoing expansion of work, to move forward with the expanding medical skilled workforce and changes to education possible, The demand for charitable services remains high and volunteer interest is sustained.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum of Understanding Articles of Incorporation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees selected by Board Members of the existing MEET Charity, registered in USA, and voted into office by same. All Trustees are experienced volunteers, having been responsible for in country operations and the necessary international relations for a number of years prior to the formation of MEET UK.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	MEET International was incorporated in Washington State USA, in 2013. MEET UK was incorporated, as a sister charity in 2018, to enable UK volunteers to operate and raise money directly. MEET UK and MEET International continue to work together for the benefit of the people and healthcare professionals of Can Tho, Vietnam. Joint Board meetings are held quarterly. In addition MEET operates in partnership with Can Tho University of Medicine and Pharmacy, who provide local expertise and information to guide, support and attain Vietnamese official approval for all MEET work.
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Reference and Administrative details

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The April 23 – April 24 Year Q1 – Q3: Meetings between Trustees, Board of MEET(US) and of CTUMP(VN) Viability of resumption international charitable activity. Operational practice policies and procedures reviewed and updated to reflect changes in global healthcare and international travel and logistics. The Charity's international work was resumed in Q4 2023. November 2 – 11 2023 – MEET-UK Paediatric Surgery Trip to Can Tho Vietnam. 34 Volunteers travelled from the UK and Australia to facilitate Paediatric surgery for underprivileged children from the provinces in and around the Mekong Delta. The surgical focus of the trip was on Urology and Hand surgery procedures for congenital deformities. The operating model for post-pandemic

		charitable work, changed to expand and incorporate a second Vietnamese Hospital. We operated at two hospitals simultaneously during this trip which enabled us to assist more children and provide teaching and education to surgeons, anaesthetists, paediatricians and nursing staff at the main paediatric hospital in the region. The charity performed 30 operations and provided one dedicated morning of classroom based teaching and 6 days clinical teaching throughout the week in the operating theatres and wards. The new operating model worked well and was highly rated by the Boards of Directors of both hospitals at end of trip review. Request made and discussed scope to increase capacity, whilst ensuring education and sustainability.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees of MEET observe the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the public benefit of charitable activities. MEET consults with our long-standing local colleagues, medical staff and Boards of Directors at the University hospitals in which we are based. Meet-UK takes guidance from the Vietnamese Board Members of MEET and in-country links, regarding international charitable endeavours, to ensure relevance, benefit to the local people and underprivileged children and to the healthcare workers, and focus on training and development to ensure sustainability and growth.

Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The nature of the Charity work is healthcare. It's purpose, to deliver surgical care, to disadvantaged children and medical education to local healthcare providers. Directly re-engaging with the local healthcare teams, has enabled them to begin to re-develop their programme for screening of under-privileged children with congenital deformities, with a prospect of offering surgical treatment, in future. The work of the charity and the teams volunteering to provide surgery, has a huge impact on both the individuals we assist and their wider families and communities. The corrective surgery directly improves function for the child and in turn their ability to engage in schooling, sporting and activities for daily life. This has an immediate impact and further improves their future opportunities for education and work. In addition, a measurable psychological benefit has been shown in children with these conditions, post correction. Within the communities and cultures that we work, this effect extends beyond the patient, to their families, who often have fewer opportunities and lower earning capabilities secondary to stigma and caring responsibilities. Improving the opportunities for involvement and engagement of the wider families with work and in the community and the children themselves as they grow and indeed reducing the care burden by performing these surgeries, has a marked benefit that ripples to improve the greater society within these communities and provinces. In providing this service, MEET-UK, directly engages with the local healthcare teams and provides education and training. This expands to the entire patient journey and provides for improved assessment and understanding of the disease pathology, to consider appropriate management options, the surgical and anaesthetic processes and ongoing aftercare and physiotherapy as required, to aim optimal outcome. Local teams were able to partake in in person education, understanding and capabilities are increased and work continues with an aim to grow a self-

		sustaining service at source.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Accounts. Credits, from donations, fund raising activity and bank interest Debits, costs incurred for the international charitable mission, purchase of essential medications, equipment, medical notes and local infrastructure requirements – communications/transport. All of the trustees are volunteers, and none receive remuneration or reimbursement for payments made for charitable purposes. All administrative work is completed by the trustees or volunteers unpaid. The charity ended the financial year in credit, which will be utilised for funding of future international charitable work.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	All monies held go towards provision of charitable activity in future years.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,321
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None. Charitable activities resumed in November 2023. The demand for charitable services remains high and volunteer interest is sustained.

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Medical Education Exchange Teams UK
Other name the charity uses	MEET UK
Registered charity number	117569
Charity's principal address	Markham House 20 Broad Street Wokingham Berkshire RG40 1AH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Lance Tooke	Secretary	Whole Year	
2	Dr Neena Seth	Treasurer	Whole Year	
3	Dr Jacqui Fox Murphy	CEO	Whole Year	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NONE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

NONE

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J Fox Murphy

Full name(s)

J Fox Murphy

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

20th April 2024

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

Charity Number 1175691

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MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

Charity Number

1175691

Address:

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Trustees

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Bankers

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Independent Examiner

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**MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024**

GENERAL FUND	5.4.2024	5.4.2023
	£	£
Income Receipts:		
From Voluntary Sources :		
Donations	6,687	-
Forex	-	561
Bank interest	4	6
	6,691	567
Expenditure		
Charitable costs		
Cost of facilities and consumables	3,455	-
Forex	348	-
Governance costs		
Legal and professional fees	660	630
	4,463	630
Net (expenditure) /receipts for the year and Cash and Bank	2,228	(63)
Cash at bank and in hand brought forward		
	13,093	13,156
Cash at bank and in hand carried forward		
	15,321	13,093

**MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024**

Accounting Basis

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

	5.4.2024	5.4.2023
General Fund		
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Bank Deposit Account	10,807	1,686
Cash in hand	4,514	11,407
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£ <u>15,321</u>	£ <u>13,093</u>
 Liabilities		
	£	£
Accrued expenses	690	660
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	£ <u>690</u>	£ <u>660</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 24 June 2025 by:


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Jacqui Fox Murphy (Trustee)

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MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

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MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2023

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2023.

Structure and Governance

Medical Education Exchange Teams UK ("MEET UK") was registered a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission on 13th November 2017. Medical Education Exchange Teams (MEET UK) is a non-profit organisation and is governed by its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the control and management of the Charity. The number of Trustees serving is restricted to not less than three. Trustees are nominated and appointed by the Board and confirmed by the CEO. The Trustees who served during the year to 5th April 2023 were as follows:

Dr. Lance Tooke
Dr. Neena Seth
Dr. Jacqui Fox Murphy

Risk Policy

The Trustees have identified all of the risks that the Charity may be exposed to and continue to monitor existing controls in place to mitigate those risks. This includes all volunteers undergoing a safeguarding training session prior to travelling out to Vietnam.

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Charity as set out in its governing document are to support global health education by fostering international education partnerships. MEET UK assists in the provision of staff, equipment and services not normally provided by the statutory bodies in particular, the provision of Paediatric Surgery and Anaesthesia to children in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam.

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THOSE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Medical Education Exchange Teams (MEET UK) is a non-profit organisation that supports global health education by fostering international education partnerships. MEET UK assists in the provision of staff, equipment and services not normally provided by the statutory bodies in particular, the provision of Paediatric Surgery and Anaesthesia to children in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam.

The Charity's international work was suspended for this financial year. Meetings resumed between the Trustees of MEET-UK and those of the sister charity MEET-International to determine viability of resuming international work for Q4 2023 and any changes required to that purpose. Policies, procedures and operational practice were reviewed in response to changes in global healthcare.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees of MEET observe the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the public benefit of charitable activities.

MEET consults with our long standing local colleagues and takes guidance from the Vietnamese Board Members and in-country contacts regarding all organisation to ensure relevance, benefit to the local people and underprivileged children and to the healthcare workers, to ensure sustainability.

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2023

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY

The nature of the Charity work is healthcare. Its purpose, to deliver direct, in-country surgical care, to disadvantaged children and medical education to local healthcare providers.

From 2020-2022, all direct charity activities were suspended. During this time, there was ongoing communication between Trustees and stakeholders in the US, UK and Vietnam for the assessment of risk, demand and viability.

From Q3 2022, discussions resumed re planning for potential international charity work in Q4 2023.

Directly re-engaging with the local healthcare teams, has enabled them to begin to re-develop their programme for screening of under-privileged children with congenital deformities, with a realistic prospect of offering surgical treatment, in the near future.

Returning in late 2023, will not only directly benefit those children and families that receive operative treatment but also the local healthcare teams that will be able to partake in direct, face to face, medical education.

Throughout the decision-making process, discussion was held with both MEET International (Sister Charity in USA) and Vietnamese counterparts, to ensure accurate, up to date information was used.

Consideration was given to the risks of both resuming the work for the charity's purpose and the potential detrimental effect on the under-privileged children that we work to help and to the local healthcare teams that we strive to support, by waiting a further term, to do so.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year the Charity received £6 of bank interest. The Charity benefited from a foreign exchange gain of £561 on the translation of US Dollars held in hand at the year-end. Charitable expenses totalled £630 all of which relates to accountancy fees. At the year-end date the Charity's general reserves totalled £13,093.

RESERVE POLICY

In order for the Charity to meet its stated objectives, it continues to be dependent on generating sufficient funds from donations. The level of surplus generated in any given year will dictate the amount the Charity can apply for charitable purposes. Consequently, the Trustees consider it appropriate to only carry forward sufficient reserves to meet its immediate needs. At the year-end date, the Charity had sufficient resources to meet its obligations.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 25 October 2023 by:


25.10.23
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Lance Tooke (Trustee)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Medical Education Exchange Teams UK ("MEET UK") for the year ended 5th April 2023, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



M Koureas FCCA
For and on behalf of Hetherington & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
Second Floor, 289 Green Lanes,
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25 October 2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2023**

GENERAL FUND	5.4.2023	5.4.2022
	£	£
Income Receipts:		
From Voluntary Sources :		
Donations	-	-
Forex	561	570
Bank interest	6	5
	<u>567</u>	<u>575</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable costs		
Cost of facilities and consumables	-	611
Forex	-	-
Governance costs		
Legal and professional fees	630	1,800
	<u>630</u>	<u>2,411</u>
Net (expenditure) /receipts for the year and Cash and Bank	(63)	(1,836)
Cash at bank and in hand brought forward	<u>13,156</u>	<u>14,992</u>
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Cash Funds		
Bank Deposit Account	1,686	2,310
Cash in hand	11,407	10,846
	<u>£ 13,093</u>	<u>£ 13,156</u>
Liabilities		
	£	£
Accrued expenses	660	630
	<u>£ 660</u>	<u>£ 630</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 25 October 2023 by:


 25-10-23
 Lance Tooke (Trustee)

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The objectives of the Charity as set out in its governing document are to support global health education by fostering international education partnerships. MEET UK assists in the provision of staff, equipment and services not normally provided by the statutory bodies in particular, the provision of Paediatric Surgery and Anaesthesia to children in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam.

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THOSE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

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The ongoing effects on healthcare provision caused by the Coronavirus pandemic and the emergence of new variants, resulting in further outbreaks in both the UK and South East Asia, prevented resumption of any in-country charitable activity. All Charity activity was temporarily suspended for this financial year.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees of MEET observe the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the public benefit of charitable activities.

MEET consults with our long standing local colleagues and takes guidance from the Vietnamese Board Members and in-country contacts regarding all organisation to ensure relevance, benefit to the local people and underprivileged children and to the healthcare workers, to ensure sustainability.

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2022

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY

The nature of the Charity work is healthcare. Its purpose, to deliver direct in-country surgical care to disadvantaged children and education to local healthcare providers.

All of the Trustees of the Charity are senior NHS Consultants. All of the volunteers, who participate in the work of the Charity are regular healthcare staff, working in hospitals around the globe.

The in-country collaborators are all local healthcare staff, working in small local hospitals and healthcare facilities in Vietnam.

With the arrival of COVID 19, the global landscape changed. MEET-UK took the considered decision to suspend all charitable activity for a further period based on:

1 - All Trustees and volunteers, were required by their employers to work for the Covid response within their own institutions.

2 - Vietnamese Healthcare professionals were required to work for the COVID response in their institutions and all additional NGO work was ceased.

3 - Risks to all were considered; charity and local healthcare staff and their families, patients, parents and the extended communities from which each of these individuals come. Risk Assessment – Extremely Hazardous.

4 - International Government responses to new COVID variant included further periods of lockdowns and requirements for PCR testing and quarantine. During to the period covered by this report, entry to Vietnam for medical volunteers continued to be forbidden and visa issue suspended.

5 - International Travel continued to be restricted by the Vietnamese government.

Throughout the decision making process, discussions were held with both MEET International (Sister Charity in USA) and Vietnamese counterparts to ensure accurate, up to date information was used. Consideration was given to the potential detrimental effect on the under-privileged children that we work to help and to the local healthcare teams that we strive to support.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year the Charity received £5 of bank interest. The company benefited from a foreign exchange gain of £570 on the translation of US Dollars held in hand at the year-end. Charitable expenses totalled £2,411 of which £611 relates to the cost of facilities and £1,800 for accountancy fees. At the year-end date the Charity's general reserves totalled £13,156.

RESERVE POLICY

In order for the Charity to meet its stated objectives, it continues to be dependent on generating sufficient funds from donations. The level of surplus generated in any given year will dictate the amount the Charity can apply for charitable purposes. Consequently, the Trustees consider it appropriate to only carry forward sufficient reserves to meet its immediate needs. At the year-end date, the Charity had sufficient resources to meet its obligations.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 19 November 2022 by:

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Lance Tooke (Trustee)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Medical Education Exchange Teams UK ("MEET UK") for the year ended 5th April 2022, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

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

accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or

the accounts do not accord with those records; or

the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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19 November 2022

**MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2022**

GENERAL FUND	5.4.2022	5.4.2021
	£	£
Income Receipts:		
From Voluntary Sources :		
Donations	-	1,500
Forex	570	-
Bank interest	5	15
	<u>575</u>	<u>1,515</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable costs		
Cost of facilities and consumables	611	-
Forex	-	1,313
Governance costs		
Legal and professional fees	1,800	-
	<u>2,411</u>	<u>1,313</u>
Net (expenditure) /receipts for the year and Cash and Bank	(1,836)	202
Cash at bank and in hand brought forward	14,992	14,790
Cash at bank and in hand carried forward	13,156	14,992

**MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2022**

Accounting Basis

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

	5.4.2022	5.4.2021
General Fund	£	£
Cash Funds		
Bank Deposit Account	2,310	4,716
Cash in hand	10,846	10,276
	<u>£ 13,156</u>	<u>£ 14,992</u>
Liabilities	£	£
Accrued expenses	630	2,411
	<u>£ 630</u>	<u>£ 2,411</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 19 November 2022 by:

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Lance Tooker (Trustee)

Accounts

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

Charity Number 1175691

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021**

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

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MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

Charity Number

1175691

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Dr. Neena Seth
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MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2021.

Structure and Governance

Medical Education Exchange Teams UK ("MEET UK") was registered a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charity Commission on 13th November 2017. Medical Education Exchange Teams (MEET UK) is a non-profit organisation and is governed by its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the control and management of the Charity. The number of Trustees serving is restricted to not less than three. Trustees are nominated and appointed by the Board and confirmed by the CEO. The Trustees who served during the year to 5th April 2021 were as follows:

Dr. Lance Tooke
Dr. Neena Seth
Dr. Jacqui Fox Murphy

Risk Policy

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year the Charity received donations totalling £1,500 as well as £15 of bank interest. Charitable expenses totalled £1,313 all of which relates to the foreign exchange loss on the translation of the US Dollars held in hand to the year end rate. At the year end date the Charity's general reserves totalled £14,992.

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YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021**

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Income Receipts:		
From Voluntary Sources :		
Donations	1,500	28,236
Investment Income		
Bank interest	15	31
	<u>1,515</u>	<u>28,267</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable costs		
Mission travel and accomodation	-	14,594
Cost of facilities and consumables - Peri Operative	-	3,951
Medication for patients	-	280
Other	-	41
Forex	1,313	286
Governance costs		
Legal and professional fees	-	-
	<u>1,313</u>	<u>19,152</u>
Net (expenditure) /receipts for the year and Cash and Bank	202	9,115
Cash at bank and in hand brought forward	<u>14,790</u>	<u>5,675</u>
Cash at bank and in hand carried forward	<u>14,992</u>	<u>14,790</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021**

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	5.4.2021	5.4.2020
General Fund		
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Bank Deposit Account	4,716	3,201
Cash in hand	10,276	11,589
	<u>£ 14,992</u>	<u>£ 14,790</u>
Liabilities		
	£	£
Accrued expenses	2,411	1,200
	<u>£ 2,411</u>	<u>£ 1,200</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 26 January 2022 by:-

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Lance Tooke (Trustee)