

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

Charity Number 1175691

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

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021

Charity Number

1175691

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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

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.

During the April 2020 to April 2021 year, all Charity activity was temporarily suspended due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

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.

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SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY

The nature of the Charity work is healthcare. It was set up to deliver direct, in-country healthcare provision and education, in collaboration with 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 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 additional work was ceased.
- 3 – Risks to all were considered; 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 COVID Pandemic included national and local lockdowns and quarantine requirements. Entry for medical volunteers to Vietnam was ceased.
- 5 – International Travel was banned.

Throughout the decision making process, discussions were held via Zoom with both MEET International (Sister Charity in USA) and Vietnamese counterparts, and consideration was given to the potential detrimental effect on the under-privileged children that we strive to help and to the local healthcare teams that we strive to support.

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.

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 26 January 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 2021, 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.



M Koureas FCCA
For and on behalf of Hetherington & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
Second Floor, 289 Green Lanes,
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 January 2022

**MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021**

GENERAL FUND	5.4.2021	5.4.2020
	£	£
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><u>14,992</u></u>	<u><u>14,790</u></u>

**MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2021**

Accounting Basis

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

	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)