

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

Charity Number 117569

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2022**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2022

Charity Number

1175691

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2022

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2022.

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 2022 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

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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.

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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.



M Koureas FCCA
For and on behalf of Hetherington & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
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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

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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)