

MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK

Charity Number 1175691

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2023**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2023

Charity Number

1175691

Address:

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Dr. Jacqui Fox Murphy**

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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.

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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 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,
Palmers Green, London N13 4XS

25 October 2023

**MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE TEAMS UK
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
	567	575
Expenditure		
Charitable costs		
Cost of facilities and consumables	-	611
Forex	-	-
Governance costs		
Legal and professional fees	630	1,800
	630	2,411
Net (expenditure) /receipts for the year and Cash and Bank	(63)	(1,836)
Cash at bank and in hand brought forward	13,156	14,992
Cash at bank and in hand carried forward	13,093	13,156

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2023

Accounting Basis

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

	5.4.2023	5.4.2022
General Fund	£	£
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)