



Mesh UK Charitable Trust

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Chair Report for the AGM of Mesh UK Charitable Trust, October 2023

It has been a very slow year for donations where we have received just over £500 this year. What was very moving though, was that we had one large donation from a mother whose daughter committed suicide due to mesh complications. The daughter wanted any donations received at her funeral to be sent to us. I reached out to the mother and listened to her story, and we were both in tears hearing what her daughter endured with mesh. She was a young mum who left behind a little girl and the grandmother has to raise the child herself now. Listening to this only strengthened our resolve to carry on doing what we are doing.

We did manage to send 2 families away on respite breaks this year and it was very uplifting to listen to their positive experiences of having a break with their families and trying to live a normal life, even though it was only for a few days.

In July, we attended a National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) workshop at Bristol University, which focused on the implementation of information standards for surgical innovation. This was a full day workshop attended by various medical and non-medical professionals including Paula Goss from the Rectopexy Mesh Victims and Support Group and Sir Cyril Chantler from the IMMDSR to name a couple. We discussed concerns about First do no Harm, but also what really is proper informed consent.

As always, I would like to thank our volunteers who run our Facebook support group admin team for helping us provide 24-hour on-line support.

Finally, even though things have been a very slow year, it was amazing to be able to send 2 families on respite breaks and hearing their very positive experiences.

Candia McCullough
Founder and Chairperson

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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

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