

**Aniridia Network**  
(Registered charity, number 1176792)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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**Aniridia Network  
Trustees' annual report  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**Full name** Aniridia Network

**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation

**Registered charity number** 1176792

**Principal address** 22 Cornish House, Adelaide Lane, Sheffield, S3 8BJ

**Trustees (held office throughout year unless noted otherwise)**

Katie Atkinson, Chair  
James Buller, Trustee  
Andrew Baghurst, Trustee

**Independent examiner**

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its governing document adopted 23/01/2018.

Trustees are recruited via adverts on the Aniridia Network's communications channels to members and followers. Trustees are appointed by members at Annual General Meetings or, on an interim basis, co-opted by the existing trustees (in accordance with the charity's governing document).

**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, in the British Isles:

(1) the protection and advancement of health, of people with aniridia, in particular but not exclusively by:

(a) promoting and facilitating research into the causes, effects and treatments of aniridia

(b) providing information to educate people with aniridia, their family members and relevant professionals about the causes, effects, treatments and management of aniridia.

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(2) the relief of people suffering from aniridia and their families, in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) providing a network of families, individuals and professionals in order to share: ideas, knowledge and experiences plus give practical and emotional support
- (b) providing information and services to people with aniridia, their family members and relevant professionals regarding education, health, employment and social security plus life skills relevant to having aniridia.

(3) the education of the public, in all areas relating to aniridia by:

- (a) publicising the needs, stories and achievements of people affected by and working with aniridia

For the purpose of this clause 'aniridia' means the genetic conditions causing iris defects (such as aniridia and iris hypoplasia) usually causing visual impairment. Where they occur in people with aniridia it also encompasses related conditions such as: dry eye, keratopathy, nystagmus, cataracts, glaucoma, auditory processing disorder and WAGR.

### **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

Aniridia Network supports people in the UK affected by aniridia: those who have it plus their family, carers, doctors, educators and others. The charity wants all these people to be hopeful, confident, supported and well informed regarding aniridia. For them we: organise conferences, meetups and befriending, provide access to professionals and distribute or signpost to useful information.

### **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

### **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

Enquiries – 10 medical enquiries on a variety of topics.

Befriending – 8 new members referred to service and offered a buddy, with 4 new adults being offered a buddy or offering to be a buddy. Parent information packs sent to all new members with children. 12 buddy relationships set up in total.

Education – 16 requests for education advice. Information sent out included: pupil passports, EHCP Appendix 1 resource, and links to RNIB Early Years resources and support for parents. 1 referral made to Aniridia Network's education adviser. 26 parents responded to our survey requesting information about support received from their local authority.

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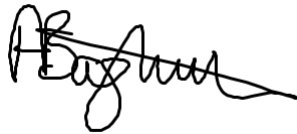
Conference – first in-person conference for 4 years, held in Birmingham on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, with 59 delegates and 9 speakers. The conference covered various topics and included a talk from the Network's patrons on their careers.

Events – various social events were arranged, including several national Rare Disease Day events and an event in London for Aniridia Day.

### **The charity's policy on reserves**

The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed

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Date

17/11/2024

Andrew Baghurst, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Aniridia Network  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aniridia Network (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

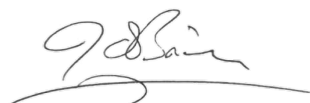
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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.

Signed  Date 21/11/2024  
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE  
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Aniridia Network**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

2023			Unrestricted	Restricted	2024
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
	<b>Receipts</b>				
3180	Grants & donations	2	3247	-	3247
-	Conference attendance		1013	-	1013
-	Bank interest		105	-	105
3	Exchange rate gains		-	-	-
<u>3183</u>	<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>4365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4365</u>
	<b>Payments</b>				
-	Conference		5245	-	5245
664	European Aniridia Conference grants		-	-	-
251	Events		-	-	-
587	Internal services - IT		310	-	310
103	Membership fees		77	-	77
420	Independent examination fees		438	-	438
96	Insurance		96	-	96
175	Printing and postage		583	-	583
52	Trustee expenses		290	-	290
81	Election Fees		201	-	201
4	Bank Fees		52	-	52
320	Website Fees		326	-	326
60	Volunteer awards		17	-	17
<u>2813</u>	<b>Total payments</b>		<u>7635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7635</u>
370	<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		(3270)	-	(3270)
52042	Cash funds at start of this period		52412	-	52412
<u>52412</u>	<b>Cash funds at end of this period</b>		<u>49142</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49142</u>

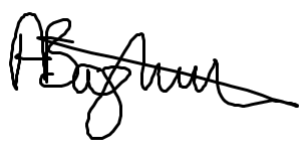
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## Statement of assets and liabilities

### at 31 March 2024

2023		2024
£	<b>Cash assets</b>	£
52412	Bank accounts	49142
<u>52412</u>		<u>49142</u>
	<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	
414	General equipment	414
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
(438)	Creditors - Independent examination fee	(360)
<u>(438)</u>		<u>(360)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Andrew Baghurst, Trustee

Date 17/11/2024

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## Notes to the accounts

### for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### 1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

#### 2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
CAF Donate	2307	-	2307
Cafess	20	-	20
Give As You Live	34	-	34
Justgiving	584	-	584
Paypal Giving Fund	162	-	162
Other	141	-	141
	<u>3247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3247</u>

#### 3. Premises & staff

The Aniridia Network has no staff employed and no premises.

#### 4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

#### 5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

#### 6. Glossary of terms

**Creditors:** These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.