

Financial Statements

Auto Immune and Multiple Sclerosis (A.I.M.S)

For the year ended 5 April 2022

Charity Number 1177907

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Registered Office

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Governing Document

The charity was set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under a governing document registered on 11th April 2018.

Contact

Mrs Alison Coates

Trustees

- Alison Coates
- Ann Wilson (Resigned November 2022)
- James Coates
- Rebecca White
- Laura Robb
- Philippa Charman (Resigned December 2022)
- Preeti Jaswal
- Damien Scott
- Janet Voyce
- Adrian Berkeley

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Independent Examiner

Amanda Watt

Trustees Report

Auto Immune and Multiple Sclerosis (A.I.M.S)

For the year ended 5 April 2022

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 5th April 2022

Governing Instrument

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Risk Assessment

The charity has reviewed, and systems have been established to mitigate those major risks to which the charity is exposed. In particular with regard to future funding income, new avenues are being explored on a regular basis, including raising awareness of the charity's profile to the general public.

Objectives and Public Benefit

The charity is set up to preserve and protect the health of patients suffering from MS and Autoimmune disease in the UK by providing and assisting in the provision of signposting, advice, support services and grants with particular emphasis (but not by way of limitation) on those seeking HSCT (Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant).

Results for the year

The results for the year are set out on page 6.

Review of the Year

- Accounting & Reporting - During the year we have enhanced our financial reporting capability using Xero financial accounting software. Full reconciliation of all bank account transactions since 31st March 2021 has created an historic adjustment of £57 relating to the credit balance in the PayPal account as of 5th April 2021 and not reflected in the previous year (2020) balance sheet
- Peer Support Project - In July 2021 we obtained a grant of £10K from the National Lottery Communities fund to setup our Peer Support Project offering free Peer Support Calls via Zoom to patients seeking information about HSCT. We developed a platform to deliver this service, and now have 7 HSCT veteran Peer Support consultants (3 Trustees & 4 external recruits) that we trained to provide non-medical advice. Our consultants also undertook and passed the accredited online 'Understanding MS' online course from the University of Tasmania to develop their own understanding of the basic biology and pathology of MS. Our other trustees also undertook this course. In addition to this, new groups were added to our social media profile to target specific groups who may need our help and support. We wanted to expand our digital reach given the isolation that many people with MS have experienced due to Covid-19.
- StarMS is a UK trial to compare HSCT against high efficacy DMTs. The trial will take place across 19 centres across the UK and AIMS has been working closely with the StarMS team to publicise and recruit candidates. To this end, AIMS sent 6,000 leaflets detailing HSCT and StarMS to UK neurological centres and continues to host monthly round table meetings with the StarMS team and MS charities.
- We have continued to award grants every quarter. The advent of the StarMS trial means that there will be more patients being treated in the UK who will need our support, and we will be taking this into account when we review our maximum grant policy. We will continue to award travel grants to patients being treated in Mexico but have paused grants to patients opting to be treated in Russia, due to the Russia / Ukraine crisis, and government advice of travel to Russia.
- We have expanded our online shop with branded merchandise to create an additional stream of income for the charity and to increase awareness. Supporters wore our branded clothing at high profile events such as the London Marathon and the LEJOG cycle race in 2021-2022. We plan to expand on the exposure of our brand by developing our links with the media in 2023.

Future of the charity

Our objectives for the charity's growth include:

- To continue the growth of our Peer Support Project, which has allowed us to support MS patients from across the world, and to develop other projects including continuing Peer Support calls and advice regarding Hospital appointments where applicable. We plan to expand this service to include a patient advocacy service for patients who wish to discuss HSCT at a neurology appointment – cognitive function can be severely impacted by MS, and our research has confirmed that many patients would value having an AIMS advocate with them at appointments, to ask the right questions and record outcomes.
- To maintain the awarding of grants and ensure sustainability over the long term, primarily by fundraising. Covid-19 prevented us from hosting fundraising events on the scale that we would have liked, and we plan to expand in this area in the coming months. We aim to host an international HSCT for MS conference to link practitioners, patients, and other interested parties – this has not been done in the UK before.
- To seek, apply for and obtain further grants applicable to developing and sustaining new and existing Projects which will be kept separately to the provision of funds for support and travel grants for HSCT.
- To maximise our fundraising efforts and maintain and expand our relationship with the facilities who treat MS patients with HSCT, and the MS Society, MS Trust, and other organisations (such as the Scottish HSCT Network) raising awareness of this treatment for people with MS and Autoimmune conditions. To build new relationships with relevant organisations and key people.
- To grow as an organisation by recruiting more trustees with specific skills to aid the charity, as well as volunteers. We also aim to begin to employ staff to support the operational side of the charity.
- To invest a proportion of our general reserves, to generate a return that can help us to develop additional products and services.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to bridge the funding gaps between expenditure and receiving income from fundraising and donations. The trustees have established a reserves policy for unrestricted reserves, whereby, in order to enable the charity to operate effectively they aim to have twelve months worth of expenditure in general fund reserves.

The trustees therefore consider that the ideal level of reserves as at 5th April 2022 would be £ 18,000. On 5th April 2022 the general reserves were £51,299.33



Alison Coates (Secretary)

On behalf of the Charity

Date

Independent Examiner's Report

Auto Immune and Multiple Sclerosis (A.I.M.S)

For the year ended 5 April 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period 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')

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 can 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or**
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or**
- 3. 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.



Amanda Watt
Independent Examiner

Date

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Statement of Financial Activities

Auto Immune and Multiple Sclerosis (A.I.M.S)

For the year ended 5 April 2022

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	2021
Income				
Donations & Legacies ¹	6,824	-	6,824	12,726
Grants ²	-	10,000	10,000	-
Other Trading Activities ³	594	-	594	-
Fundraising Events	9,289	-	9,289	3,611
Total Income	16,706	10,000	26,706	16,337
Expenditure				
Charitable Activities				
Grants to UK Individuals ⁴	7,115	-	7,115	5,000
Peer Support Project ⁵	-	2,688	2,688	-
Operating Expenses				
Bank Fees	5	-	5	-
Audit & Accountancy fees	100	-	100	150
IT Software and Consumables	132	-	132	-
General Expenses	30	-	30	-
Insurance	274	-	274	274
Postage, Freight & Courier	284	-	284	-
Printing & Stationery	69	-	69	-
Professional fees	52	-	52	136
Purchase Of Merchandise Stock	3,206	-	3,206	-
Subscriptions	97	-	97	-
Website costs	453	-	453	921
Total Operating Expenses	4,702	-	4,702	1,481
Total Charitable Activities	11,817	2,688	14,505	6,481
Raising Funds				
Card Processing fees	62	-	62	-
Just Giving Monthly Fee	216	-	216	216
Total Raising Funds	278	-	278	216
Total Expenditure	12,095	2,688	14,783	6,697
Gross Profit	4,611	7,312	11,923	9,640
Net funds	4,611	7,312	11,923	9,640
Total Funds for the period	4,611	7,312	11,923	9,640

1. Donations & Legacies

We introduced a donation form with direct payment options on our website in November 2021 and despite the ongoing impact of Covid-19 donations have remained flat. We have also split out donations raised by fundraising events such as the 2021 Xmas Quiz (£1068) and LeJog (£8210)

2. Grants

In July 2021 we secured a grant from the National Lottery to launch our Peer Support project offering free peer support calls to patients seeking information on HSCT

3. Other Trading Activities

We started selling AIMS branded products on our website in November 2021

4. Grants to UK Individuals

Mexico - 7 grants totalling £5186

Russia - 5 grants totalling £1929

UK - 0 grants

In 2021 we paid grants to 5 individuals for treatment in Mexico

5. Peer Support Project

This represents total expenditure relating to the set-up of the infrastructure, recruitment and training of consultants and calls conducted from October 2021 to April 2022. A full breakdown of transactions is provided at the end of this report

Balance Sheet

Auto Immune and Multiple Sclerosis (A.I.M.S)

As at 5 April 2022

	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	5 APR 2021
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	7,312	51,356	58,669	46,745
Total Current Assets	7,312	51,356	58,669	46,745
Liabilities falling due within one year				
Historical Adjustment ¹	-	57	57	57
Total Liabilities falling due within one year	-	57	57	57
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	7,312	51,299	58,612	46,688
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	7,312	51,299	58,612	46,688
Total Net Assets	7,312	51,299	58,612	46,688
Capital and Reserves				
Current Year Earnings	7,312	4,611	11,923	9,640
Retained Earnings				
Retained Earnings	-	46,688	46,688	37,048
Total Retained Earnings	-	46,688	46,688	37,048
The Funds Of The Charity	7,312	51,299	58,612	46,688

1. Historical Adjustment

We have implemented a new financial accounting system and fully automated and reconciled all our transactions creating a small restatement of £57. This adjustment relates to the PayPal balance as at 5th April 2021 that was not included in 'cash at bank and in hand' in the published financial statement for 2020 -2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

Auto Immune and Multiple Sclerosis (A.I.M.S)

For the year ended 5 April 2022

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2015 FRSI 02). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the charity at the discretion of the trustees. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the charity are also unrestricted.

Restricted funds are funds received which are subject to specific conditions imposed by the donors.

Transfers of funds are made to recognise the release of restricted funds or to meet expenditure not covered by restricted income.

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity is held responsible in law.

Income from Charitable Activities

Income from charitable activities is accounted for when receivable by the charity to the extent that the amount is expected to be received.

Income from investments

Interest is accounted for when received. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Expenditure - Charitable activities

This includes all costs relating to the activities of the charity and those activities that whilst are fundraising in nature, are also relating to the objects of the charity.

The management and administration of the charity is carried out by the trustees.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation Fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Assets used within the charity are currently owned by the trustees personally. New equipment with a purchase price of £1000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

Current Assets

Amounts owing to the charity at 5th April 2021 are shown as debtors less provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

Value Added Tax

The charity is not registered for VAT. Any tax that is paid on the supply of goods and services is charged with the appropriate expense to "Expenditure On".

Reserves Policy

Notes to the Financial Statements

The trustees intend to ensure that there are sufficient reserves to cover the running costs of the charity for a period of approximately 12 months at any one time

Investment Policy

Much of the income of the charity is irregular and uncertain, hence the need to keep funds readily available, therefore the charity invests surplus funds in short term cash deposits with banks or building societies.

Peer Support Project Spend (Restricted Funds)

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For the period 6 April 2021 to 5 April 2022

Restricted funds is expense.

DATE	CONTACT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	ACCOUNT TYPE
Peer Support Business Planning Support					
15 Mar 2022	ALISON COATES	ALISON COATES - Delivery of Peer Support Consultancy Training 28/02/2022	100.00	-	Expense
15 Mar 2022	LAURA ROBB	LAURA ROBB - Peer Support Consultant Induction Training	100.00	-	Expense
Total Peer Support Business Planning Support			200.00	-	
Peer support consultancy costs					
1 Apr 2022	Jean Garrett	Jean Garrett - Peer Support Calls	25.00	-	Expense
1 Apr 2022	Karen Davies	Karen Davies - Peer Support Calls	25.00	-	Expense
Total Peer support consultancy costs			50.00	-	
Peer support marketing/ publicity					
25 Feb 2022	ZOHO	ZOHO - Zoho Social subscription upgrade	213.04	-	Expense
Total Peer support marketing/ publicity			213.04	-	
Peer Support software					
7 Mar 2022	LAURA ROBB	LAURA ROBB - 1 year subscription to Xero Bridge by Parex- to sync website sales with Xero	100.08	-	Expense
7 Mar 2022	LAURA ROBB	LAURA ROBB - Ganttter Project Management Software (Peer Support Project)1 year subscription (3 licences)	95.88	-	Expense
28 Sep 2021	WIX	WIX - Upgrade Ascend business plan (website forms)	180.14	-	Expense
6 Sep 2021	Zoom.US	Zoom.US - Peer Support Call service	143.88	-	Expense
Total Peer Support software			519.98	-	
Trustee Peer Support Consultancy Payments					
1 Apr 2022	James Coates	James Coates - Peer Support Calls	50.00	-	Expense
1 Apr 2022	ALISON COATES	ALISON COATES - Peer Support Calls	125.00	-	Expense
1 Apr 2022	Philippa Charman	Philippa Charman	25.00	-	Expense
1 Apr 2022	Damien Scott	Damien Scott	25.00	-	Expense
8 Mar 2022	Philippa Charman	Philippa Charman - PS004	25.00	-	Expense
7 Mar 2022	LAURA ROBB	LAURA ROBB	175.00	-	Expense
7 Mar 2022	James Coates	James Coates	100.00	-	Expense
7 Mar 2022	ALISON COATES	ALISON COATES	1,125.00	-	Expense
Total Trustee Peer Support Consultancy Payments			1,650.00	-	

Peer Support Project Spend (Restricted Funds)

DATE	CONTACT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	ACCOUNT TYPE
Total			2,633.02	-	

Payments To Trustees

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For the period 6 April 2021 to 5 April 2022

Restricted funds is expense, Income.

DATE	CONTACT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT
Peer Support Business Planning Support			
15 Mar 2022	LAURA ROBB	LAURA ROBB - Peer Support Consultant Induction Training	100.00
15 Mar 2022	ALISON COATES	ALISON COATES - Delivery of Peer Support Consultancy Training 28/02/2022	100.00
Total Peer Support Business Planning Support			200.00
Trustee Peer Support Consultancy Payments			
8 Mar 2022	Philippa Charman	Philippa Charman - PS004	25.00
1 Apr 2022	Philippa Charman	Philippa Charman	25.00
7 Mar 2022	LAURA ROBB	LAURA ROBB	175.00
7 Mar 2022	James Coates	James Coates	100.00
1 Apr 2022	James Coates	James Coates - Peer Support Calls	50.00
1 Apr 2022	Damien Scott	Damien Scott	25.00
7 Mar 2022	ALISON COATES	ALISON COATES	1,125.00
1 Apr 2022	ALISON COATES	ALISON COATES - Peer Support Calls	125.00
Total Trustee Peer Support Consultancy Payments			1,650.00
Total			1,850.00