



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	07	2022		30	06	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew Liebow			
2	Lucy Liebow			
3	Faye Perry			
4	Chris Sweeting			
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO – Association Registered - 4 th June 2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to “The relief of need, for those in need by way of being a child newly diagnosed with Cancer and their families, In The Southwest Of England, through the provision of Care Packages and supporting oncology departments in the provision of Play Equipment.” This is done with provision of the trustees to ensure we work appropriate to help our beneficiaries.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees had regard to the guidelines issued by the charity commission on Children/Young people and as such the main activities undertaken by Dexter’s Odyssey are:

Vouchers on diagnosis or relapse – The initial diagnosis can be a surreal moment for the family and most definitely life changing. This part of the charity has a very practical impact. We learned you never know where the next hospital admission is and financially this could be at any point which makes it hard to budget. The vouchers’ aims are to be there when you need them, for local amenities in close proximity to the hospital, so you never have to venture far.

Coffee Cake and Break – Children with childhood cancer have a lot of surgical procedures, which is a very anxious time for everyone. Parent’s would wait in their child’s room for their return families will get to a comfortable point where they feel comfortable popping out for a quick coffee and cake refuel. That’s why, as a charity, we feel vouchers* to help make these breaks possible have incredible value to a family’s mental health by being able to offer them a break from the hospital grounds for a short period.

Odyssey Entertainment pack - Children with cancer spend many days, weeks or months in hospital. Dexter’s Odyssey will have an entertainment pack* available to the families with a film-watching device and other goodies to give the family an enjoyable evening together.

Dexter’s Hamper - On the consultant’s morning rounds, families would get permission to leave the hospital for the day on “Day release” with the promise to come back to the hospital that evening. This can put loads of pressure on the family to develop spontaneous plans for the day which can also stretch a family’s budget. Dexter’s Odyssey will supply the family with a picnic hamper* to take away the need to plan for a meal, so more time can go into planning the day out.

Coffee Afternoon - Dexter’s Odyssey have built good relationships for CLIC Sargent for two of our trustees to attend monthly coffee afternoons to help with their emotion support to parents/guardians . This also helps us speak to families directly and gauge a knowledge of what items may be beneficial for us to purchase i.e. A lot of children on the ward are barrier nursed as they have greater risk on getting an infection, so need to spend all there time in the room. One parent mentioned a soft matt would be benficial for her child to play of the bed. We got three matts initially to see how these are

received and of this we purchased more from the great feedback received.

Oncology Play Department – Quarterly we approach the CLIC play specialists at the hospital and see how they feel best a donation can be spent to best benefit the playroom.

Pottery – We run pottery sessions twice a year at the hospital for inpatients and siblings to make pieces of art as a family

Oncology ward entertainment – Arranging magicians to now run virtual magic classes to the children in a safe non-covid affected environment.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Dexter's Odyssey were proud to still be able to offer our support to the Bristol Childrens hospital oncology department.

Fundraising through the charity has been more restricted since March 2020 due to COVID, but we have been able to do small events since this period.

The gift vouchers have been very easy for us to produce and we know by the feedback have been greatly received by the families. We know the child's treatment is out of our control but we hope with these to ease the financial strain for the families we support.

We have been lucky enough with our funds available to be able to ask the play team what they need and be in a position to source everything they've needed up to now.

We have collaborated with CLIC in running the monthly coffee morning, but have since January 2020 been unable to run as COVID restrictions.

Dexter's Odyssey hopes to keep adapting to ensure we can still support families.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Dexter's Odyssey operating costs for July 22 – June 23 were just under £8,000

The charity have managed to build a good reserve amount of monies which has enabled us to look at further options for growing the charity to support other hospitals in 2023/24, we are hoping to use our contacts in CLIC Sargent Bristol to make contact with other hospitals.

The charity has budgeted for our promises over the next, year but will still apply for grants and run fundraising events to help us push on and grow in the future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity have had a fairly low key 2022/23, but having managed to secure significant funding from the MBDA gala we have put ourselves in a position to not rely solely on fundraising alone.

We will continue to support CLIC

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Andy

Lucy

Full name(s)

Andrew Liebow

Lucy Liebow

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Co – Founder

Co – Founder

Date

15/07/2024

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

On accounts for the year ended

2022

Charity no
(if any)

1178623

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.03.2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Ruth Jones

Date:

14.7.24

Name:

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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Disclosure

Section B

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