

THE ROSE THOMPSON FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1182806

Details

Other names	BME CANCER COMMUNITIES, B'Me Against Cancer
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-04-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	B'Me Against Cancer Christopher Cargill House 21-23 Pelham Road Nottingham NG5 1AP
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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FROM BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC (BME) AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES LIVING WITH OR AFFECTED BY CANCER BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF:A) CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AND APPROPRIATE PRACTICAL ADVICE, INFORMATION, ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT SERVICESB) SERVICES DIRECTED TO IMPROVING PARTICIPATION IN BME CANCER RESEARCH AND DETECTION INITIATIVESC) DIVERSITY TRAINING TO IMPROVE THE CULTURAL SENSITIVITY AND SERVICE DELIVERY OF STATUTORY BODIES.

Activities: We provide or collaborate in the provision of culturally sensitive and appropriate information, advocacy and support services to people particularly, but not exclusively,from Black and Minority Ethnic and low-income communities affected by cancer e.g. establish support groups for cancer patients and carers address cancer inequalities that negatively impact the socioeconomically disadvantaged.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£71,524	£67,085	-	-
2023-11-30	£62,443	£62,911	-	-
2022-11-30	£10,185	£12,544	-	-
2021-11-30	£21,088	£61,978	-	-
2020-11-30	£58,052	£19,892	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LINDSAY RAY THOMPSON	Chair	2018-09-25
ELAINE ISRAEL-SAMUELS		2018-09-25
JACKIE BROWN		2018-09-25
Jenene Aikman		2023-09-12
Rupert Aikman		2021-10-04
SHARON STEVENS		2018-09-25
Vivian Oliver		2018-09-25

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Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2024**

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FOUNDATION**

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1182806

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1182806
PREVIOUS NAME	BME Cancer Communities
DATE OF REGISTRATION	4th April 2019
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st December 2023
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30th November 2024
TRUSTEES AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2024	Lindsay Thompson Sharon Stevens Jackie Brown Vivian Oliver Elaine Israel-Samuels Rupert Aikman Jenene Aikman
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO - Foundation Registered 4th April 2019, As Amended 12th October 2022, As Amended 5th December 2023.
OBJECTS	To preserve and protect the health of people in particular but not exclusively from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and low-income communities living with or affected by cancer by providing and assisting in the provision of: a) Culturally sensitive and appropriate practical advice, information, advocacy and support services b) Services directed to improving participation in BME cancer research and detection initiatives c) Diversity training to improve the culture sensitivity and services delivery of statutory bodies.
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	B'Me Against Cancer Christopher Cargill House 21-23 Pelham Road Nottingham NG5 1AP
PRIMARY BANKERS	Unity Trust Bank Plc Four Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2JB
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd Ground Floor Offices 53 High Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9AJ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2024

Background

Our object is to preserve and protect the health of people in particular, (but not exclusively) from the global majority and low-income communities living with or affected by cancer, by providing and assisting in the delivery of culturally appropriate and adequate:

- Holistic care to provide the patient with one of the best opportunities to enhance survival, containment, or recovery;
- Support for carers of those affected by cancer, and;
- Community engagement and involvement services aimed to improve participation in cancer research and detection initiatives.

Our Income

Our income during this operational year is primarily from existing commissioned projects. We plan to diversify our income streams so as not to be reliant on these engagements. Our annual financial accounts are detailed below.

Main Activities and Achievements

Completion of the Clinical Trials Participation Project Commissioned by UCL

This project proceeded to its final phase during the period covered by this report

The work involved:

- Conducting a rapid appraisal of the existing evidence on clinical trial participation in Black and Minority Ethnic communities;
- Examining the views of Black African and Black Caribbean people on clinical trial participation;
- Exploring interpretations and meanings attached to the term clinical trial among Black Africans and Black Caribbeans, and;
- Making recommendations on practical initiatives relevant to increasing participation and identifying barriers to participation in clinical trials.

A report was completed in December 2023, and the final phase, including awareness-raising events based on the findings and related materials, will be produced in the coming months.

Digital Literacy Project (Phase 1)

Digital Notts (NHS) commissioned this project as part of a broader initiative to:

- help increase the number of people using digital services for their health, care and wellbeing;
- Deliver and facilitate activities designed to help people access digital services and improve IT skills amongst service users.

These are the outcomes (KPI) at the end of Phase One:

- Supported 63 (KPI 50) people to get online and improve their skills and confidence using digital health tools;
- Delivered 15 (KPI 15) digital support hubs to support people in improving their digital skills and confidence in accessing health and care services online;
- Recruited and trained five people (KPI 3) to become Digital Health Champions, and;
- Produced 1 case study from the participants.

These successful outcomes qualify us for a 2nd Phase in the coming operational year.

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Looking Ahead

The Cancer Resource Centre

We are committed to establishing a state-of-the-art cancer resource centre (CRC). This initiative will proceed in phases. As the CRC will provide culturally appropriate and holistic care, the first phase will involve developing services and building capacity.

Key Features and Benefits of the CRC

We plan to provide or facilitate access to services designed to provide emotional, spiritual, social, and practical support to individuals affected by cancer. These are the key features and benefits:

- **Wellness & Recovery Action Planning (WRAP):** A personalised guide supporting cancer patients' physical, emotional, and mental well-being—helping them regain control of their health;
- **Complementary Therapies:** Facilitating access to therapies such as massage, acupuncture, and aromatherapy to ease symptoms and promote relaxation. **Personal Support Adviser:** Offering advocacy and tailored support for patients and carers, including a personal WRAP;
- **Advocacy:** Empowering patients and carers to understand their rights and access the care and services they deserve;
- **Digital Literacy Support:** Helping individuals confidently use digital tools like the NHS App and access reliable online health information;
- **Nutrition Support:** Provide guidance to manage, strengthen and aid recovery and support immunity;
- **Recreational Activities:** Offering uplifting experiences that ease stress, support healing, and build social connection;
- **Clinical Research Awareness:** Raise awareness and facilitate access to new treatments and therapies.

Conclusion

The RTF is in the process of transitioning from activities that were predominantly campaigning, informational, and awareness-raising. Our focus and drive for the future is to be a pioneering and person-centred provider and facilitator of holistic care for cancer patients and carers.

Our task in the coming year is to maintain momentum and build the necessary capacity to deliver on our objectives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)
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Trustees' Responsibilities


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice GAAP).

The Law applicable to Charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 25/09/2025

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: **LINDSAY THOMPSON**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/23 £	TOTAL 2023/22 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	9,527	47,952	57,479	59,293
Charitable Activities	3b	-	5,000	5,000	3,150
Investment Income	3c	-	-	-	-
Activities for Generating Funds	3d	7,606	-	7,606	-
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,439	-	1,439	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		18,572	52,952	71,524	62,443
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	19,742	43,683	63,425	54,538
Governance Costs	4b	1,660	2,000	3,660	8,373
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		21,402	45,683	67,085	62,911
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(2,830)	7,269	4,439	(468)
Funds Brought Forward		(3,272)	2,380	(892)	(424)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(6,102)	9,649	3,547	(892)

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

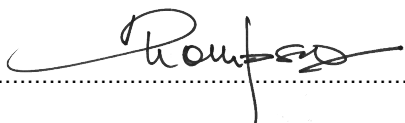
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT NOVEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30-Nov-24 £	TOTAL 30-Nov-23 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	(5,142)	9,649	4,507	8
Total Current Assets		(5,142)	9,649	4,507	8
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	960	-	960	900
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(6,102)	9,649	3,547	(892)
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		(6,102)	9,649	3,547	(892)
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		(6,102)	9,649	3,547	(892)
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		(6,102)	-	(6,102)	(3,272)
Restricted Funds	5	-	9,649	9,649	2,380
Total Funds		(6,102)	9,649	3,547	(892)

25/09/2025

Approved by the Trustees on

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: LINDSAY THOMPSON

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance Basis
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

30th November 2024 : None

30th November 2023 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/23 £	TOTAL 2023/22 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	8,193	-	8,193	10,205
Grants Received	1,334	47,952	49,286	49,088
	9,527	47,952	57,479	59,293
b) Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	-	5,000	5,000	3,150
	-	5,000	5,000	3,150
c) Investment Income				
Interest	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
d) Activities for Generating Funds				
Sponsorship Income	2,590	-	2,590	-
Fundraising Income	5,016	-	5,016	-
	7,606	-	7,606	-
e) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	1,439	-	1,439	-
	1,439	-	1,439	-

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024/23 £	TOTAL 2023/22 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities					
Activities & Projects		4,206	6,567	10,773	7,030
Administrative Expenses		965	4,050	5,015	1,249
Advertising & Publicity		3,420	-	3,420	1,500
Bank Charges		98	-	98	72
Catering Costs		329	-	329	-
Insurance Costs		45	-	45	-
Licenses & Subscriptions		425	-	425	256
Office Costs		384	-	384	-
Rent & Rates		3,250	6,200	9,450	5,721
Staff Costs	12	3,851	21,815	25,666	37,666
Sundry Expenses		2,429	1,904	4,333	902
Telephone Costs		233	3,147	3,380	143
Travel & Subsistence		107	-	107	-
		19,742	43,683	63,425	54,538
b) Governance Costs					
Independent Examiners Fees	9	960	-	960	900
Legal & Professional Fees		700	2,000	2,700	7,473
		1,660	2,000	3,660	8,373

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Dec-23	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Nov-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Carers Federation Ltd	-	5,000	2,591	-	2,409
Kingsmead Fund	-	5,000	750	-	4,250
Prostate Cancer Research	2,380	-	2,380	-	-
UCL Clinical Research Fund	-	42,952	39,962	-	2,990
	2,380	52,952	45,683	-	9,649

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Dec-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Nov-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Prostate Cancer Research	-	3,150	770	-	2,380
	-	3,150	770	-	2,380

The Restricted funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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6. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial period.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 30-Nov-24 £	TOTAL 30-Nov-23 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	(5,142)	9,649	4,507	8
	(5,142)	9,649	4,507	8

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 30-Nov-24 £	TOTAL 30-Nov-23 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	TOTAL 30-Nov-24 £	TOTAL 30-Nov-23 £
Independent Examiners Fees	960	-	960	900
	960	-	960	900

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 30-Nov-24 £	TOTAL 30-Nov-23 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	(6,102)	9,649	3,547	(892)
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	(6,102)	9,649	3,547	(892)

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12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2024/23 £	TOTAL 2023/22 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	23,598	36,647
Employer's National Insurance Costs	2,067	1,019
Pension Contributions	-	-
	25,666	37,666

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

Charitable Activities	2	3
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The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis and is therefore not liable for National Insurance Costs.

13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Trustee Mr Lindsey Thompson received £24,619 (2023/22:£26,340) in staff costs in his capacity as COO for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Ms Cara Thompson (Daughter to Trustee Lindsey Thompson) received £7,561 (2023/22:£4,036) in staff costs in her capacity as Administrator for The Rose Thompson Foundation in furthering the Charity's objects.

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The Rose Thompson Foundation on the accounts for the year ended 30th November 2024 set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 26th September 2025

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CHARITY NUMBER 1182806

PREVIOUS NAME BME Cancer Communities

DATE OF REGISTRATION 4th April 2019

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1st December 2022

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 30th November 2023

TRUSTEES AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2023 Lindsay Thompson
Sharon Stevens
Jackie Brown
Vivian Oliver
Elaine Israel-Samuels
Rupert Aikman

LEGAL STATUS Charitable Incorporated Organisation

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT CIO - Foundation Registered 4th April 2019, As Amended 12th October 2022,
As Amended 5th December 2023.

OBJECTS

To preserve and protect the health of people in particular but not exclusively from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and low-income communities living with or affected by cancer by providing and assisting in the provision of: **a)** Culturally sensitive and appropriate practical advice, information, advocacy and support services **b)** Services directed to improving participation in BME cancer research and detection initiatives **c)** Diversity training to improve the culture sensitivity and services delivery of statutory bodies.

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THE ROSE THOMPSON FOUNDATION

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

BACKGROUND

Our object is to preserve and protect the health of people in particular, (but not exclusively) from the global majority and low-income communities living with or affected by cancer, by providing and assisting in the delivery of culturally appropriate and adequate:

- Holistic care to provide the patient with one of the best opportunities to enhance survival, containment, or recovery;
- Support for carers of those affected by cancer, and;
- Community engagement and involvement services aimed to improve participation in cancer research and detection initiatives.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The Passing of our Co-Founder and Chief Executive Dr Rose Thompson

Our co-founder Dr Rose Thompson (14 August 1956 - 14 June 2023) was a Cancer Information Specialist Adviser and one of the UK's first qualified Black radiotherapy radiographers.

Rose devoted her life to combating the deep-seated disparities in cancer care, both in her professional capacity and personal life. Her professional journey, her wealth of knowledge, and her personal battle with cancer, which ultimately led to her passing, underscore the urgent need for a transformative approach to cancer care, notwithstanding the relentless efforts of dedicated healthcare professionals.

The profound influence of Rose's 40-year-long campaign against cancer disparities will serve as a legacy and the cornerstone of the charity she established. Rose firmly believed that to genuinely comprehend the experiences of marginalised communities affected by cancer, one must first walk a mile in their shoes. This belief was the guiding principle that shaped her life and her service to the cancer community. It is this legacy of proactive empathy that we are called upon to continue.

OTHER INCOME

As a result of the commissioned community engagement, involvement activities, and donations, the income of the Charity increased from £10,185 in the previous year to £62,443 (+613%).

MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

No new or significant initiatives or projects started during the period covered by this report. We therefore focused on:

- Completing the Infopool project workshops;
- The collaborative work with UCL Clinical Trials Centre on clinical research participation by African Caribbeans, and;
- The financial drive to establish a Cancer Resource Centre.

COMPLETION OF THE INFOPOOL PROJECT

We completed our collaborative work with Prostate Cancer Research on the Infopool project. This innovative online resource for those affected by prostate cancer is available at www.theinfopool.co.uk.

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION PROJECT

This project proceeded to its final phase during the period covered by this report.

The work involved:

- Conducting a rapid appraisal of the existing evidence on clinical trial participation in Black and Minority Ethnic communities;
- Examining the views of Black African and Black Caribbean people on clinical trial participation;
- Exploring interpretations and meanings attached to the term clinical trial among Black Africans and Black Caribbeans, and;
- Making recommendations on practical initiatives relevant to increasing participation and identifying barriers to participation in clinical trials.

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A report will be completed in December 2023, and the final phase will include awareness-raising events based on the findings, and related materials produced in the coming months.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Cancer Resource Centre

We are committed to establishing a state-of-the-art cancer resource centre. The Centre will provide culturally appropriate and holistic care involving:

A Support Group Network (SGN) for Patients and Carers

- We are currently focused on capacity-building our Cancer Support Group Network to provide and facilitate holistic care for patients and carers.

Cancer Information Specialists and Cancer Support Advocates

- Cancer Information Specialists and Allied Health professionals will provide culturally appropriate cancer information and support relating to treatment options, side effects, clinical trials, and well-being activities.

- SGN members will be supported with a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) tailored to the cancer treatment pathway of the patient and the elements of care which the participant (patient or carer) considers to be meaningful.

Our task in the coming year is to maintain the momentum and build the needed capacity to deliver on our objective.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice GAAP).

The Law applicable to Charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 27/08/2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: LINDSAU R THOMPSON

THE ROSE THOMPSON FOUNDATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/22 £	TOTAL 2022/01 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	59,293	-	59,293	5,206
Charitable Activities	3b	-	3,150	3,150	2,801
Investment Income	3c	-	-	-	-
Activities for Generating Funds	3d	-	-	-	1,124
Other Incoming Resources	3e	-	-	-	1,055
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		59,293	3,150	62,443	10,185
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	53,768	770	54,538	10,461
Governance Costs	4b	8,373	-	8,373	2,083
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		62,141	770	62,911	12,544
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(2,848)	2,380	(468)	(2,359)
Funds Brought Forward		(424)	-	(424)	1,935
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(3,272)	2,380	(892)	(424)

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT NOVEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 30-Nov-23 £	Total 30-Nov-22 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	(2,372)	2,380	8	276
Total Current Assets		(2,372)	2,380	8	276
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	900	-	900	700
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(3,272)	2,380	(892)	(424)
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		(3,272)	2,380	(892)	(424)
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		(3,272)	2,380	(892)	(424)
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		(3,272)	-	(3,272)	(424)
Restricted Funds	5	-	2,380	2,380	-
Total Funds		(3,272)	2,380	(892)	(424)

Approved by the Trustees on 27/08/2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: LINDSAY R THOMPSON

THE ROSE THOMPSON FOUNDATION
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance Basis
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

30th November 2023 : None

30th November 2022 : None

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/22 £	TOTAL 2022/21 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	10,205	-	10,205	5,206
Grants Received	49,088	-	49,088	-
	59,293	-	59,293	5,206
b) Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	-	3,150	3,150	2,801
	-	3,150	3,150	2,801
c) Investment Income				
Interest	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
d) Activities for Generating Funds				
Advertising Income	-	-	-	1,124
	-	-	-	1,124
e) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	-	-	-	1,055
	-	-	-	1,055

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2023/22 £	TOTAL 2022/21 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	6,260	770	7,030	315
Administrative Expenses	1,249	-	1,249	466
Advertising & Publicity	1,500	-	1,500	246
Bank Charges	72	-	72	72
Licenses & Subscriptions	256	-	256	144
Rent & Rates	5,721	-	5,721	1,401
Staff Costs	37,666	-	37,666	5,102
Sundry Expenses	902	-	902	557
Telephone Costs	143	-	143	458
Travel & Subsistence	-	-	-	1,700
	53,768	770	54,538	10,461
b) Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners Fees	9	900	-	900
Legal & Professional Fees	7,473	-	7,473	1,383
	8,373	-	8,373	2,083

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Dec-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Nov-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Prostate Cancer Research	-	3,150	770	-	2,380
	-	3,150	770	-	2,380

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Dec-21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Nov-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Prostate Cancer Research	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

The Restricted funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

6. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial period.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-23 £	Total 30-Nov-22 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	(2,372)	2,380	8	276
	(2,372)	2,380	8	276

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-23 £	Total 30-Nov-22 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-23 £	Total 30-Nov-22 £
Independent Examiners Fees	900	-	900	700
	900	-	900	700

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 30-Nov-23 £	Total 30-Nov-22 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	(3,272)	2,380	(892)	(424)
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	(3,272)	2,380	(892)	(424)

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12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2023/22 £	TOTAL 2022/21 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	36,647	5,102
Employer's National Insurance Costs	1,019	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	37,666	5,102

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

Charitable Activities	4	3
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The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis and is therefore not liable for National Insurance Costs.

13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Trustee Mr Lindsey Thompson received £26,340 (2022/1:£3,867) in staff costs in his capacity as COO for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Mrs Rose Thompson (Spouse to Trustee Lindsey Thompson) received £3,151 (2022/21:£650) in staff costs in her capacity as CEO and £1,900 for services supplied to The Rose Thompson Foundation in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Ms Cara Thompson (Daughter to Trustee Lindsey Thompson) received £4,036 in staff costs in her capacity as Administrator for The Rose Thompson Foundation in furthering the Charity's objects.

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

THE ROSE THOMPSON FOUNDATION
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of The Rose Thompson Foundation on the accounts for the year ended 30th November 2023 set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 9th September 2024

THE ROSE THOMPSON FOUNDATION

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Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2022**

**BME CANCER
COMMUNITIES**

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

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BME CANCER COMMUNITIES

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1182806
DATE OF REGISTRATION	4th April 2019
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st December 2021
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30th November 2022
TRUSTEES AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2022	Lindsay Thompson Sharon Stevens Jackie Brown Vivian Oliver Elaine Israel-Samuels Rupert Aikman
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO - Foundation Registered 4th April 2019

OBJECTS

To preserve and protect the health of people in particular but not exclusively from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and low-income communities living with or affected by cancer by providing and assisting in the provision of: **a)** Culturally sensitive and appropriate practical advice, information, advocacy and support services **b)** Services directed to improving participation in BME cancer research and detection initiatives **c)** Diversity training to improve the culture sensitivity and services delivery of statutory bodies.

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BME CANCER COMMUNITIES

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

BACKGROUND

The operational period that this report covers was also eclipsed by the COVID-19 pandemic as it did last year. However, having successfully completed the Advocacy Pilot Project, and produced an excellent evaluation report which outlined the model for future delivery, we were expectant to secure funding to extend and eventually expand the service. Unfortunately, our application did not progress to the second stage. This temporary setback, however, afforded us the opportunity to review and reconsider the focus of the charity which should be "treating the the person and not the condition".

Our passion for reducing cancer inequalities and drive to improve cancer and related health services for patients and those affected by cancer are rooted in our founder's personal and professional experience.

- She lost her mother and twin sister to cancer.
- After 26 years of experience in NHS cancer services, was also diagnosed with cancer in 2015.

This action is expressed as the object of our constitution. i.e.

- To preserve the health and well-being of, people in particular, (but not exclusively), from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and low-income communities, living with or affected by cancer.

OUR HISTORY

The VISION which motivated us in 2009 to establish BME Cancer Communities as a Social Enterprise was:

- To Build an effective long-term BME community service that would be a legacy for the future;
- OUR ETHOS was and is Put Yourself in my place! i.e. B'Me!

WE GOT INVOLVED!

Paula, who was diagnosed with cancer, was given 18 months to live, more than 11 years ago. Today, she is the co-founder chair, and cancer support advocate of Sista's Against Cancer Support Group which we established in 2018. She is one of many who survived their condition significantly longer than expected because of self-help and peer support.

WE CALLED TO ACTION!

We authored 2 reports entitled ' Hear Me Now!' to address the uncomfortable reality of prostate cancer in African Caribbean men. The resulting HMN national campaign resulted in groundbreaking. The age for the PSA test was reduced from 55 to 45, and the statement that 1 in 4 black men, (compared to 1 and 8 white men) will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, is now an accepted statistic by which many statutory bodies and cancer service organisations refer to the disparity of this condition.

WE EMPOWERED!

By providing culturally appropriate advice, and information, patients made life-saving decisions and choices about therapies, prescriptions, and adequate care and support.

BECAUSE WE KNOW

- Non-hormonal triple-negative breast cancer is more likely in younger Black African, Black African Caribbean and some Asian women.
- 1 in 4 black men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer (1 in 8 white men).
- Bowel cancer is significantly increasing in the Black UK and Asian UK populations.
- There is a backlog of tens of thousands of referrals to NHS cancer services as a result of the pandemic.
- The urgent needs and the increasing number of requests for cancer-related advocacy and support.
- The fact that the NHS is on its knees; the country is heading for a recession and there are tens of thousands of cases waiting for treatment due to the backlog caused by the Pandemic.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

WE CAN NOT IGNORE

This statement that 1 in 4 black men, (compared to 1 and 8 white men) will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, is now an accepted statistic by which many statutory bodies and cancer service organisations refer to the disparity of this condition. That statement is often punctuated by, "We don't know the cause." Unfortunately, this unacceptable situation has continued for more than a decade. It goes without saying that just as it took purposeful research to establish the first statement, the same is required to address the second. Hence, we recognize the vital importance of informing and encouraging our people to participate in clinical trials. The fact that the research establishments view our lack of interest and participation in research as a disincentive for them to engage with our community.

Research carried out by the University of the West Indies which indicates that there are epigenetic factors which negatively impact clinical response in African Caribbeans to certain diagnoses and treatments, that are formulated based on the research and clinical tests primarily involving the white population. Hence our participation in clinical trials and research cannot be taken lightly.

The prospect that if we don't participate in clinical trials and related genetic research, many of us, and especially our children are likely to be misdiagnosed in the first place, and Prescribed medication, not formulated for us will result in higher mortality rates.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE ACTION

These are the urgent and important initiatives we plan to undertake beginning on the 4th Anniversary of the Charity:

- Advocacy and Support Service;
- The Women's Hair Loss Project;
- Collaborative initiatives to increase participation in Clinical Trials;
- Create and host a Clinical Trials, online information portal;
- A Men's Cancer Support Group;
- Pre- and post-diagnosis Cancer Awareness;
- Wellness Activities;
- Food and Nutrition, and
- THE MOST AMBITIOUS PLAN: TO ESTABLISH A RESOURCE CENTRE.

Advocacy and Support Service

This service will empower, inform, and assist those affected by cancer: to make informed decisions and choices in terms of therapies, clinical trials, welfare entitlements as well as adequate care and support.

Women's Hair Loss Project

There is already a support group for women, Sisters Against Cancer (SAC) and an existing prostate Cancer Support group - Friends and Bredrins (FAB) ; Now we need MAC, (Men Against Cancer) to complete the pack!

Clinical Trials Information Portal

B'Me Cancer Information Portal - A Dedicated Website - This resource will not only provide access to up-to-date information about clinical trials and new therapies; It will also afford some patients the opportunity to find out about new treatments that are not readily available to the NHS.

The B'Me Resource Centre!

There is a dire need for a Resource Centre to facilitate and accommodate the charity's staff functions, and the delivery of its services. This requires the acquisition of an appropriate building, and the board has decided that this is urgent and important enough to make this a campaign. These are the main facilities that we need to include:

- Administrative Office Spaces;
- Consultation rooms for Advocacy and Related Support;
- Cancer Support Groups Meetings;
- Cancer Information Library - including Info Portal;
- Meeting and Training Facility with Appropriate Equipment for face-to-face and Video Conferencing and other appropriate functions for the community, and
- Fundraising.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

RESOURCE CENTRE CAMPAIGN

This facility will not be a cubby hole in the corner, it will express the spirit and essence of B'Me. How can we achieve this in the shortest time?

- We will be launching a campaign for at least 2000 shareholders who would be committed to £10 per month for at least a year. This will be alongside other fundraising efforts.
- We will set up a steering group to ensure we have the mix and balance of people with the same vision, skills and expertise to make it happen.

We are not here to make a name for ourselves; we are here to serve!

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice GAAP).

The Law applicable to Charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

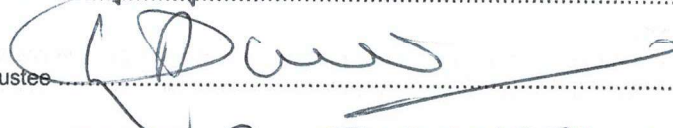
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Governing Document. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on

30/10/2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee



Printed Name:

LINDSAY R THOMPSON

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/21 £	TOTAL 2021/20 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	5,206	-	5,206	21,088
Charitable Activities	3b	2,801	-	2,801	-
Investment Income	3c	-	-	-	-
Activities for Generating Funds	3d	1,124	-	1,124	-
Other Incoming Resources	3e	1,055	-	1,055	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		10,185	-	10,185	21,088
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	10,461	-	10,461	50,281
Governance Costs	4b	2,083	-	2,083	11,023
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		12,544	-	12,544	61,304
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(2,359)	-	(2,359)	(40,216)
Funds Brought Forward		1,935	-	1,935	42,150
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(424)	-	(424)	1,934

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.


The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT NOVEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 30-Nov-22 £	Total 30-Nov-21 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	276	-	276	2,610
Total Current Assets		276	-	276	2,610
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	700	-	700	675
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(424)	-	(424)	1,935
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		(424)	-	(424)	1,935
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		(424)	-	(424)	1,935
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		(424)	-	(424)	1,935
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		(424)	-	(424)	1,935

Approved by the Trustees on 30/10/2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: LINDSAY R THOMPSON

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance Basis
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

30th November 2022 : None

30th November 2021 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/21 £	TOTAL 2021/20 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	5,206	-	5,206	1,490
Grants Received	-	-	-	19,598
	5,206	-	5,206	21,088
b) Charitable Activities				
Activities & Projects	2,801	-	2,801	-
	2,801	-	2,801	-
c) Investment Income				
Interest	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
d) Activities for Generating Funds				
Advertising Income	1,124	-	1,124	-
	1,124	-	1,124	-
e) Other Incoming Resources				
Sundry Income	1,055	-	1,055	-
	1,055	-	1,055	-

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/21 £	TOTAL 2021/20 £	
a) Cost of Charitable Activities					
Activities & Projects	315	-	315	-	
Administrative Expenses	466	-	466	2,150	
Advertising & Publicity	246	-	246	-	
Bank Charges	72	-	72	72	
Gifts & Donations	-	-	-	3,318	
Insurance Costs	-	-	-	326	
Licenses & Subscriptions	144	-	144	191	
Printing & Packaging	-	-	-	215	
Rent & Rates	1,401	-	1,401	1,087	
Staff Costs	5,102	-	5,102	40,076	
Sundry Expenses	557	-	557	917	
Telephone Costs	458	-	458	789	
Transitional Services	-	-	-	200	
Travel & Subsistence	1,700	-	1,700	940	
	10,461	-	10,461	50,281	
b) Governance Costs					
Independent Examiners Fees	9	700	-	700	675
Legal & Professional Fees		1,383	-	1,383	10,348
	2,083	-	2,083	11,023	

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Dec-21	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Nov-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Advocacy Support Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Dec-20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Nov-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Advocacy Support Fund	47,049	-	49,093	2,044	-
	47,049	-	49,093	2,044	-

The Restricted funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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6. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial period.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-22 £	Total 30-Nov-21 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	276	-	276	2,610
	276	-	276	2,610

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-22 £	Total 30-Nov-21 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-22 £	Total 30-Nov-21 £
Independent Examiners Fees	700	-	700	675
	700	-	700	675

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 30-Nov-22 £	Total 30-Nov-21 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	(424)	-	(424)	1,935
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	(424)	-	(424)	1,935

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12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2022/21 £	TOTAL 2021/20 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	5,102	40,076
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	5,102	40,076

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2022/21	TOTAL 2021/20
Charitable Activities	3	5

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis and is therefore not liable for National Insurance Costs.

13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Trustee Mr Lindsey Thompson received £3,867 (2021/20:£6,294) in staff costs in his capacity as COO for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Mrs Rose Thompson (Spouse to Trustee Lindsey Thompson) received £650 (2021/20:£8,165) in staff costs in her capacity as CEO for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of BME Cancer Communities on the accounts for the year ended 30th November 2022 set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 6th November 2023

THE ROSE THOMPSON FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1182806

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021**

**BME CANCER
COMMUNITIES**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1182806
DATE OF REGISTRATION	4th April 2019
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st December 2020
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30th November 2021
TRUSTEES AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2021	Lindsay Thompson Sharon Stevens Jackie Brown Vivian Oliver Elaine Israel-Samuels Rupert Aikman (Appointed 23rd February 2021)
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO - Foundation Registered 4th April 2019

OBJECTS

To preserve and protect the health of people in particular but not exclusively from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and low-income communities living with or affected by cancer by providing and assisting in the provision of: **a)** Culturally sensitive and appropriate practical advice, information, advocacy and support services **b)** Services directed to improving participation in BME cancer research and detection initiatives **c)** Diversity training to improve the culture sensitivity and services delivery of statutory bodies.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Foxhill Business Centre Foxhill Lodge Foxhill Road Forest Fields Nottingham NG7 6LH
PRIMARY BANKERS	Unity Trust Bank Plc Four Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2JB
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd New Barn Mudberry Lane Bosham Chichester West Sussex PO18 8TS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

BACKGROUND

THE PANDEMIC AND ITS IMPACT

The operational period that this report covers was eclipsed by the COVID-9 pandemic. It, therefore, goes without saying, that the negative impact of this global situation means that the primary aim was the charity's endurance in view of our resources. However, this was also an opportunity to demonstrate our capacity to deliver vitally needed services under challenging circumstances.

During this period, the following issues were addressed and services delivered:

- Advocacy and Support Pilot project for Cancer Patients and Carers – completed.
- Cancer and wellbeing during the Covid-19 pandemic – Black Caribbean and Black African cancer patients and carers - completed and published.
- A change of the charity's name.

ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT PILOT PROJECT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND CARERS – COMPLETED

This pilot service was originally planned to begin in February 2020; however, it was decided that a delay would be advisable in view of the pandemic. The project was subsequently initiated in January 2021. Following a four-month development period, the service began in May 2021. The outcomes for this initiative will be published in the charity's evaluation report for the relevant operational year from the report produced in December 2021.

EVALUATION PURPOSE AND AIMS:

While B'Me Against Cancer (B'Me) is a national organisation, the B'Me Advocacy Project has been conceived as a pilot demonstration project to provide a service to black and minority ethnic cancer patients and carers living in the City of Nottingham. B'Me commissioned Dr Sophia Skyers of CIBS IQ Research to undertake a qualitative service evaluation of the project, from the perspective of the service users, and from the perspective of those employed in its planning and delivery. The purpose of the evaluation is to assist B'Me in defining a model for expanded long-term delivery of advocacy as a core service. The terms for the evaluation as agreed by B'Me were:

- To examine the experiences of patients and carers receiving services through the B'Me Advocacy Project.
- To examine the experiences of professionals employed by or connecting with the B'Me Advocacy Project as it relates to patients and carers.
- To explore the promotion of the B'Me Advocacy Project, and the services it provides.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the B'Me Advocacy Project training module and its delivery.
- To explore the linkages between the B'Me Advocacy Project and access to other services and support from a patient and practitioner perspective.
- To explore what might be done differently to enhance the effectiveness of the B'Me Advocacy Project to embed in future practice.

The outcomes of this initiative will be made evident in the Evaluation report due December 2021.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

CANCER AND WELLBEING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - BLACK CARIBBEAN AND BLACK AFRICAN CANCER PATIENTS AND CARERS - COMPLETED AND PUBLISHED

In June 2020, BME Cancer Communities (BMECC) commissioned CIBS IQ Research and Consulting to undertake a small-scale open-ended survey and to develop some case studies that explored the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Black patients living with a diagnosis of cancer.

BMECC is a charity that provides advocacy, and a range of support services for patients and carers who have been affected by cancer. As part of its work, the organisation was seeking to understand more about the experiences of Black cancer patients and carers and their wellbeing during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The report was completed in February 2021 and is published on our website: <https://www.bmecancer.com/index.php/bme-related-publications>

CHANGE OF OPERATIONAL NAME

It was agreed by the trustees that a change of the charity's registered and operational name from 'BME Cancer Communities' to 'B'Me Against Cancer' would have a positive impact, thereby expressing our ethos, "Put yourself in my place against cancer." This would also incorporate the use of the B'Me brand.

This was resolved by the board of trustees on 4th October 2021. However, due to a data input error, only one of the two elements was registered with the Charity Commission. The operational name was duly changed, but the registered name was not. Due to the stipulation that the change had to be made during a specifically limited period following the resolution, another resolution will be required to affect this change. This matter will be resolved at the first opportunity at a meeting of the

FUTURE PLANS

The Advocacy and Support Service pilot ended 31st October 2021. Our original aim was to have the evaluation report completed three months prior to the project end date so that funding applications for extension and expansion could be submitted to various sources. This would enable us to maintain the service even if in a limited way. However, due to the negative impact of the lockdown, this was not feasible. We will continue supporting existing service users as much as remaining resources allow until funding for a long-term service is secured.

FUNDRAISING

It is clear that the focus at this juncture should be on fundraising, both restricted and unrestricted so we can afford the much-needed human resources for the longer term.

Hence, the emphasis will be on fundraising for which we should devise a strategy, engage a fundraising lead and capitalise on our B'Me brand and other intellectual assets in the coming months. The measures that we now need to take are foundational, in that, a solid financial base is needed to build on what has already been achieved, e.g. the completion of our 1st financial audit and the advocacy pilot project etc.

OUR BUSINESS PLAN

We will therefore revise our existing business plan accordingly to include fundraising as a primary initiative, and re-evaluate our core services and activities after the pandemic.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

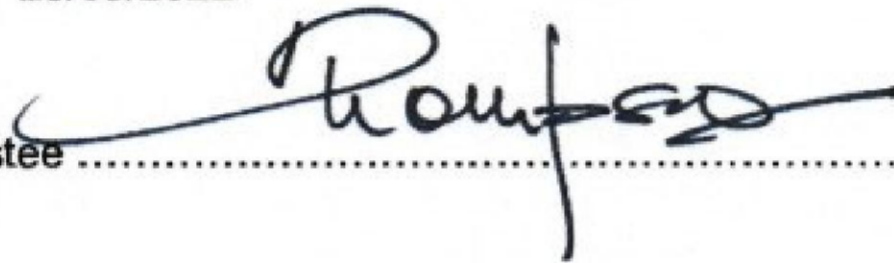
The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 28/09/2022

Signed on their behalf by Trustee



Printed Name: Lindsay R Thompson

BME CANCER COMMUNITIES

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/20 £	TOTAL 2020/19 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	21,088	-	21,088	58,052
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		21,088	-	21,088	58,052
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	11,904	38,377	50,281	16,049
Governance Costs	4b	982	10,716	11,698	3,843
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		12,885	49,093	61,978	19,892
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		8,203	(49,093)	(40,890)	38,160
Funds Brought Forward		(4,899)	47,049	42,150	3,990
Transfer of Funds		(2,044)	2,044	-	2,044
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,260	-	1,260	44,194

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

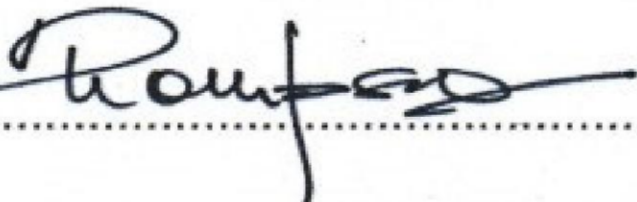
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT NOVEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 30-Nov-21 £	Total 30-Nov-20 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	6	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	2,610	-	2,610	42,800
Total Current Assets		2,610	-	2,610	42,800
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	675	-	675	650
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,935	-	1,935	42,150
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		1,935	-	1,935	42,150
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		1,935	-	1,935	42,150
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		1,935	-	1,935	(4,899)
Restricted Funds	5	-	-	-	47,049
Total Funds		1,935	-	1,935	42,150

Approved by the Trustees on 28/09/2022.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: Lindsay R Thompson

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance Basis
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

30th November 2021 : None

30th November 2020 : None

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/20 £	TOTAL 2020/19 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	1,490	-	1,490	3,003
Grants Received	19,598	-	19,598	55,049
	21,088	-	21,088	58,052

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021/20 £	TOTAL 2020/19 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Administrative Expenses	270	1,880	2,150	1,000
Bank Charges	72	-	72	72
Consumables	142	-	142	365
Equipment Costs	-	-	-	470
Gifts & Donations	3,318	-	3,318	1,020
Insurance Costs	0	326	326	-
Licenses & Subscriptions	64	127	191	208
Printing & Packaging	215	-	215	-
Rent & Rates	1,087	-	1,087	720
Staff Costs	4,032	36,044	40,076	4,736
Sundry Expenses	775	-	775	150
Telephone Costs	789	-	789	1,370
Transitional Services	200	-	200	5,465
Travel & Subsistence	940	-	940	473
	11,904	38,377	50,281	16,049

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fees	9	675	-	675	650
Legal & Professional Fees		307	10,716	11,023	3,193
		982	10,716	11,698	3,843

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Dec-20	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Nov-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Advocacy Support Fund	47,049	-	49,093	2,044	-
	47,049	-	49,093	2,044	-

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

	Balance 01-Dec-19	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 30-Nov-20
	£	£	£	£	£
Advocacy Support Fund	-	49,049	2,000	-	47,049
	-	49,049	2,000	-	47,049

The Restricted funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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6. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial period.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-21 £	Total 30-Nov-20 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	2,610	-	2,610	42,800
	2,610	-	2,610	42,800

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-21 £	Total 30-Nov-20 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-21 £	Total 30-Nov-20 £
Independent Examiners Fees	675	-	675	650
	675	-	675	650

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

11. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 30-Nov-21 £	Total 30-Nov-20 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	1,935	-	1,935	42,150
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	1,935	-	1,935	42,150

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

12. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2021/20 £	TOTAL 2020/19 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	40,076	4,736
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	<u>40,076</u>	<u>4,736</u>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2021/20	TOTAL 2020/19
Charitable Activities	5	3

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis and is therefore not liable for National Insurance Costs.

13. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Trustee Mr Lindsey Thompson received £6,294 (2020/19:£1,740) in staff costs in his capacity as COO for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Mrs Rose Thompson (Spouse to Trustee Lindsey Thompson) received £8,165 (2020/19:£2,686) in staff costs in her capacity as CEO for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Miss Cara Thompson (Daughter to Trustee Lindsey Thompson) received £3,948 (2020/19:£310) in staff costs in her capacity as social media consultant for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

16. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of BME Cancer Communities on the accounts for the year ended 30th November 2021 set out on pages 7 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

K. Collaku MAAT
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Bosham
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West Sussex
PO18 8TS



Date: 30th September 2022

THE ROSE THOMPSON FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1182806

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2020**

BME CANCER COMMUNITIES

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1182806

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1182806
DATE OF REGISTRATION	4th April 2019
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st December 2019
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30th November 2020
TRUSTEES AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2020	Lindsay Thompson Sharon Stevens Jackie Brown Vivian Oliver Elaine Israel-Samuels
LEGAL STATUS	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO - Foundation Registered 4th April 2019

OBJECTS

To preserve and protect the health of people in particular but not exclusively from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and low-income communities living with or affected by cancer by providing and assisting in the provision of: **a)** Culturally sensitive and appropriate practical advice, information, advocacy and support services **b)** Services directed to improving participation in BME cancer research and detection initiatives **c)** Diversity training to improve the culture sensitivity and services delivery of statutory bodies.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	Foxhill Business Centre Foxhill Lodge Foxhill Road Forest Fields Nottingham NG7 6LH
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PRIMARY BANKERS	Unity Trust Bank Plc Four Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2JB
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS	Castle View Accounting Ltd Old Printing House Square Unit 16, Tarrant Street Arundel West Sussex BN18 9JF
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BME CANCER COMMUNITIES

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

Background

'Our Objects' in the Executive Summary of the charity's business plan are: To preserve and protect the health of people in particular but not exclusively from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and low-income communities living with or affected by cancer by providing and assisting in the provision of: a) Culturally sensitive and appropriate practical advice, information, advocacy and support; b) services directed to improving participation in BME cancer research and detection initiatives; c) diversity training to improve the cultural sensitivity and service delivery of statutory bodies.

The need for the following services were therefore identified as the basis for a 5-year Action Plan. However, there are core services identified that require our immediate attention to address urgent needs and requests, develop effective and viable models and lay solid foundations for future funding and delivery of services. We therefore aimed to deliver our achieve our objects in and through the following core Services and Activities:

- Establish an Advocacy and Support Service for cancer patients and carers;
- Establish culturally Appropriate Cancer Support Groups;
- Provide pre and post diagnosis Cancer Information & Awareness;
- Encourage, Collaborate, and Support Appropriate BME Cancer Research Initiatives;
- Provide Consultancy Services informed by our experience of effectively delivering BME community-based services;
- Provide Diversity Awareness Training to Cancer Service Providers;
- Play a pro-active role in updating and progressing the Hear Me Now (HMN) call to action to reduce black men's higher prostate cancer death rates, and
- Provide a platform for patients and carers to feedback both positive and negative experiences of cancer services.

Our intention and expectation were that these services would be implemented and established within 2 – 3 years.

Our Focus over the Period of this Report

Our primary goal during the period covered by this report was to complete the development stage of the advocacy and support service for which a grant of £49,049 was awarded by the National Lottery's Community Development Fund, February 2020. The attached Proposal outlines the aims and objectives of the initiative which was to run for 12 months. One of the key elements for this pilot was to engage a professionally qualified and culturally competent researcher to undertake a qualitative and quantitative evaluation to:

- Produce an evaluation report within 9 months from the projects commencement, which would, define a model for expanded long-term delivery as a core service, and
- Provide a qualitative and quantitative feasibility assessment to inform and determine the expansion and extension of such a service and make relevant recommendations with a focus on cancer patients and carers. This would establish the need for the service and also support our applications for its long-term funding. The proposed start date of this pilot was 03/02/2020.

The Impact of the Pandemic

Due to the unprecedented situation arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and the implications in terms of financial risks and operational limitations, the board agreed to postpone the receipt of the funding for up to 6 months. This would enable us to evaluate and revise the implementation of the project, thus safeguarding its funding and afford the charity the needed time to modify its delivery.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

Cancer and Wellbeing During the Covid-19 Pandemic Report

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic served to place an even brighter spotlight on Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) health inequalities. As an organisation, we primarily focus on cancer, but have learned from our service users that health inequalities are not driven by a single issue. It was of concern to BMECC when, in early March 2020, our service users, families and friends began to report COVID-19 associated hospital admissions, followed by an increasing number of deaths within weeks of hospitalisation. BMECC also noted that ethnicity was listed as a risk factor for increased mortality among the black and minority ethnic community.

Black Caribbean And Black African Cancer Patients And Carers - Report

BMECC therefore commissioned a survey and produced a report entitled 'Cancer and Wellbeing During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Black Caribbean And Black African Cancer Patients And Carers.'

This was intended to underpin a discussion about the wider social and economic factors that contribute to health inequalities. The PDF version of the report may be downloaded from <https://www.bmecancer.com/index.php/bme-related-publications>

Sista's Against Cancer- Support Group (SAC)

As a group that focuses on self-help and support in the community SAC, is an invaluable resource for both cancer patients and carers especially during the current pandemic. During the period covered by this report, there was an active membership of 30 and increasing. Peer support, advocacy, shared experience, culturally appropriate information and activities played a vital role in the holistic wellbeing of the group's members, especially during the lockdown when particular NHS and other support services were not available or accessible. The online meetings are being increasingly joined by women in from areas such as London, Manchester and Leamington Spa.

Contributions to Community Initiatives due to COVID-19

The charity was able to make meaningful contributions to community-based initiatives which provided relief (preparation and delivery of meals to the vulnerable) to stakeholders during the lockdown. The amount of contribution towards catering equipment and related costs is detailed in the financial report.

Outcomes

Advocacy Pilot

Having established that the COVID-19 lockdown period was likely to remain in force for several months, a decision was made to revise the implementation of the Advocacy project, especially those elements that were originally intended to involve face to face engagements. A revised project start date for the lottery funding was agreed for 01 August 2020, and the development grant was made available to the organisation.

A project planning team was subsequently established and the project delivery start date was 01.10 2020. The period covered by this report involving this initiative is one month. The board would, if necessary, request an extension of the project end date from the Lottery Community Fund in the event of an underspend at the end of the original 12-month period ending 31/07/2021.

B'Me Trademark Registration Application

In recent years, the term Black and Minority Ethnic, (abbreviated as BME), Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (abbreviate BAME) and BAMER (to include refugees) has been used to refer to Minority groups in the UK with regards to equal opportunities, and policies aimed at addressing racial and ethnic disparities. Consequently, a raft of ethnic community organisations used "BME" to identify themselves. However use of these labels have, in our experience and observation, progressively issued in a trend of marginalisation.

In conjunction with this, we recognised that the creation of a brand which stands for our core values would enhance the charity's profile, identity and emphasise the charity's core values which focus on treating the person and not the condition. We have therefore adopted and applied for ' B'Me', which we take to mean "put yourself in my place" to be registered as a trademark with the Intellectual Property Office. If successful, this will be published in the appropriate journal by 20/11/2020. It is the charity's intention to eventually change its name to "B'Me Against Cancer" if the application for registration with the IPO is successful.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

Funding & Fund Raising

During the period covered by this report, due to the lockdown, no organised fundraising efforts were initiated. There was, however, a significant donation of £2500 from sales of a Windrush Commemoration limited edition print, created by Artist Kim Thompson, on behalf of the charity. This print will be available for the annual commemoration event in June 2021.

Looking Ahead

The charity will employ staff and set salary levels pro-rata for management and admin posts, and Cancer Support Advocates, to deliver on our prime objectives.

Now that the charity is firmly established, the transition arrangements with the former CIC will end 30 June 2021.

Our main focus during the operational year relating to this report was the development and delivery of the advocacy development project, ensuring that SAC functions are maintained especially during the COVID-19 lockdown period, by steering through the period of the pandemic, which has curtailed our capacity to implement the range of activities and services outlined in our business plan.

The board will review the charity's business plan at an appropriate time, as due to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, the focus was on core and essential activities.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on10/09/2021.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: LINDSAY R THOMPSON

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/19 £	TOTAL 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	9,003	49,049	58,052	7,598
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		9,003	49,049	58,052	7,598
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	14,049	2,000	16,049	3,608
Governance Costs	4b	3,843	-	3,843	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		17,892	2,000	19,892	3,608
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(8,889)	47,049	38,160	3,990
Funds Brought Forward		3,990	-	3,990	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(4,899)	47,049	42,150	3,990

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Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	(4,249)	47,049	42,800	3,990
Total Current Assets		(4,249)	47,049	42,800	3,990
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	650	-	650	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(4,899)	47,049	42,150	3,990
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Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	10	-	-	-	-
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Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		(4,899)	-	(4,899)	3,990
Restricted Funds	5	-	47,049	47,049	-
Total Funds		(4,899)	47,049	42,150	3,990

Approved by the Trustees on ...10/09/2021.....

Signed on their behalf by Trustee 

Printed Name: LINDSAY R THOMPSON

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

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Assessment of Going Concern

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Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% - Reducing Balance Basis
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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

30th November 2020 : None

30th November 2019 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/19 £	TOTAL 2019 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies				
Gifts & Donations	3,003	-	3,003	598
Grants Received	6,000	49,049	55,049	7,000
	9,003	49,049	58,052	7,598

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/19 £	TOTAL 2019 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities				
Administrative Expenses	1,000	-	1,000	-
Bank Charges	72	-	72	-
Consumables	365	-	365	-
Equipment Costs	470	-	470	-
Gifts & Donations	1,020	-	1,020	-
Licenses & Subscriptions	208	-	208	-
Rent & Rates	720	-	720	-
Staff Costs	4,736	-	4,736	-
Sundry Expenses	150	-	150	21
Telephone Costs	1,370	-	1,370	-
Transitional Services	3,465	2,000	5,465	3,500
Travel & Subsistence	473	-	473	-
Volunteers Costs	-	-	-	87
	14,049	2,000	16,049	3,608

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fees	9	650	-	650	-
Legal & Professional Fees		3,193	-	3,193	-
		3,843	-	3,843	-

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance 01-Dec-19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 30-Nov-20 £
Advocacy Support Fund	-	49,049	2,000	-	47,049
	-	49,049	2,000	-	47,049

The Restricted funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

6. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial period.

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-20 £	Total 30-Nov-19 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	(4,249)	47,049	42,800	3,990
	(4,249)	47,049	42,800	3,990

8. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-20 £	Total 30-Nov-19 £
Sundry Debtors	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 30-Nov-20 £	Total 30-Nov-19 £
Independent Examiners Fees	650	-	650	-
	650	-	650	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

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11. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2020/19 £	TOTAL 2019 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	4,736	-
Employer's National Insurance Costs	-	-
Pension Contributions	-	-
	<u>4,736</u>	<u>-</u>

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2020/19	TOTAL 2019
Charitable Activities	3	Nil

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000. The Charity also employs members of staff on a self employed basis and is therefore not liable for National Insurance Costs.

12. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year Trustee Mr Lindsey Thompson received £1,740 in staff costs in his capacity as COO for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Mrs Rose Thompson (Spouse to Trustee Lindsey Thompson) received £2,686 in staff costs in her capacity as CEO for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

During the financial year Miss Cara Thompson (Daughter to Trustee Lindsey Thompson) received £310 in staff costs in her capacity as social media consultant for BME Cancer Communities in furthering the Charity's objects.

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

13. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

14. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

15. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of BME Cancer Communities on the accounts for the year ended 30th November 2020 set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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