



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 April 2024	To	31 March 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Max's Trust

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1184081

Charity's principal address

98 Meadow Way, Theale

Reading

Berkshire

Postcode

RG7 5DG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lauren Stahly	Chair		
2	Deepti Grover	Treasurer	From 08/05/2024	
3	Helen Millard	Secretary		
4	Andrew Button	Vice Chair		
5	Cassandra Finnigan			
6	Kate MacFarlane		From 08/05/2024	
7	Kate Tyler		From 08/05/2024	
8	Harriet Crosthwaite Eyre			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the charity (Max's Trust)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. The preservation and protection of good health and the relief of sickness of people born with Imperforate Anus (IA) / Anorectal Malformation (ARM) and their families in particular but not exclusively by:
2. Raising awareness of the issues for babies born with Imperforate Anus (IA) / Anorectal Malformation (ARM) and the need for human support for each child.
3. The production and distribution of care boxes for families of new-born babies with IA/ARM, providing information and products to help families learn about and cope with caring for their child.
4. Providing access to comprehensive, approved resources, relevant to all people affected by IA/ARM including the production and distribution of information via digital channels and leaflets that are endorsed by medical professionals and bodies across the UK
5. Access to a network of renowned surgical and clinical care providers, from family doctors (GP's) through to highly trained specialists, with programs in place for the transition from paediatric to adult care.

6. Providing mental health support for adults, children, parents, and families and the provision of well led peer support programs for members of the IA/ARM community.
7. An annual educational conference, bringing together specialist medical professionals with families and adults affected by IA/ARM to provide information and support.

The trustees having had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, the main activities undertaken were:

1. On 14th & 15th September 2024 Max's Trust held its Annual Conference at the Delta Hotel by Marriot, Warwick. The conference had a comprehensive programme providing formal and informal sessions, with the opportunity to ask questions to UK experts. The weekend provided a rare opportunity for parents and adults born with ARM to ask questions in the open forum, or if preferred, speak privately with the specialists. We had presentations from 5 paediatric surgeons. There was also the opportunity to talk to a Consultant Gynaecologist and Reproductive Medicine Specialist as well as Children's Specialist Nurses. Childcare was also provided during the conference.
2. Trustees of Max's Trust have been involved in a subcommittee for Digital Healthcare Passports. We produced a report regarding Digital Healthcare Passports and have taken part in numerous meetings with two medical professionals and external individuals. This project has resulted in the creation of a web app that allows individuals to have an accessible record of their healthcare that can be easily updated. This project is nearing its final stages, and we will continue to be involved with this project so that it can be shared with individuals and families who are impacted by ARM.
3. We have produced a flyer which was reviewed by a paediatric surgeon who specialises in ARM. These flyers have been distributed at two events. The flyer goes together with our new website that is near completion. The website has information about ARM and Max's Trust as well as links to other organisations. The information about ARM has been reviewed by paediatric surgeons and a specialist colorectal nurse.

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

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Charitable Donations Policy

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity's two main achievements were as follows:

1. Our annual conference held on the 14th and 15th September 2024 was one of our best attended conferences to date. 49 adults attended the conference and a further 29 children were in attendance. Attendees had access to presentations and support from 5 Paediatric Surgeons, three Children's Specialist Nurses and one Consultant Gynaecologist and Reproductive Medicine Specialist. Representatives from other charities and organisations also attended the conference including A Bear Names Buttony, The Pyjama Fairies and Coloplast. Childcare was provided for the children and attendees were provided with snacks and a buffet lunch on both days of the conference.
2. Having appointed new trustees in 2024, Max's Trust has been represented at 3 events (excluding our own conference). Representatives of Max's Trust have attended: TOFS Seminar in Warrington on 16th November 2024; TOFS Seminar in Bristol on 1st March 2025; and Bladder and Bowel Symposium Bolton on 20th March 2025. At these events we spread awareness of ARM, promoted the charity and networked with other organisations.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves policy

1. In development

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

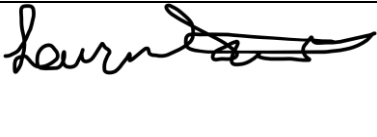
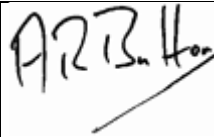
The main expenditure this year was on the Conference in September 2024, which worked towards objectives 5, 6 and 7.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lauren Stahly	Andrew Button
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair

Date

8th October 2025

Max's Trust

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Total Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 1 April 2025

	Unrestricted	Previous year	Budget
Receipts			
Conference 2024	2,011.31		
Donations	89.05		
Fundraising	387.00		
Total receipts	2,487.36	-	-
Payments			
Conference 2024	9,057.80		
Publicity materials	77.08		
Website	381.36		
Total payments	9,516.24	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	(7,028.88)	-	-
Transfer	-	-	
Balance brought forward	12,536.75		
Balance carried forward	5,507.87	-	-
Made up of:			
Santander	5,507.87		
Co-Operative	0.01		
Account 3	-		
Account 4	-		
Account 5	-		
	5,507.88		

-0.01**Approval of the accounts**

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the management committee and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Name (Management Committee member)

Date:

Row Labels	Sum of Money In	Sum of Money Out
Balance brought forward	12,537	
Conference 2024	2,011	9,058
Donations	89	
Fundraising	387	
Publicity materials		77
Website		381
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Grand Total	15,024	9,516

