



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 5/4/2020 Period start date To 4/4/2021  
Period end date

Charity name: Aries UK

Charity registration number: 1185623

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THE ELIMINATION OF OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY BY A) CREATING A SAFE SPACE FOR MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQI COMMUNITY. B) PROVIDING PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL REFERRALS TO PARTNER ORGANISATIONS. C)PROVIDING PEER SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING WITH A FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THE ELIMINATION OF OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY BY A) CREATING A SAFE SPACE FOR MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQI+ COMMUNITY. B) PROVIDING PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL REFERRALS TO PARTNER ORGANISATIONS. C)PROVIDING PEER SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING WITH A FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH. D)IDENTIFYING AND CREATING NEW SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. E) COLLABORATIVELY WORKING WITH EXISTING SERVICES TO ENSURE LGBTQI + PEOPLE ARE REPRESENTED AND PROVIDED FOR. F)PROVIDING SEXUAL HEALTH ADVICE AND SUPPORT. G)</b>

		<b>TO FURTHER ANY OTHER PURPOSE WHICH IS CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public Benefit.</b>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Aries UK successfully formed prior to the covid19 pandemic. This put a delay on several services planned due to the legislation on social isolating.</b></p> <p><b>The Achievements were amended to allow the remote provision of services including obtaining a dedicated office to allow remote peer support systems. Remote 1-2-1 sessions were also held.</b></p> <p><b>Aries supported the facilitation of digital pride events and provided support to service users experiencing isolation and unable to obtain any other support during the pandemic.</b></p>
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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>Due to the pandemic, fundraising activities planned were reduced and all events were cancelled.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>Aries UK expected to have minimal funds at the end of the period due to the lack of fundraising capabilities during the pandemic. The strategy was adjusted to remove any liabilities at the end of the period and to provide services on a largely voluntary basis.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>At this time Aries UK works to SLAs agreed with grant funders so only minimal reserves are held.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>267</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Grant Funding, Covid 19 relief</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>Ongoing risks are based on financial insecurity and lack of grants due to the covid 19 pandemic.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Foundation</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Trustee selection methods are by election by current trustees.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Aries UK
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1185623

Charity's principal address	1b Market Avenue Ashton Under Lyne OL6 6AR

## 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	Oliver Ryan	Chair		
2	JOAN RYAN	Trustee		
3	Karen Attaway	Trustee		
4	Ellesse Oakes	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	




## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature(s)**

Joan Ryan

**Full name(s)**

Joan Ryan

**Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Trustee

**Date**

31/5/23



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Aries UK

1185623

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

4/5/2020

To

4/4/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Donations	704	-	-	704
Grants	29,495	-	-	29,495
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	30,199	-	-	30,199
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	30,199	-	-	30,199
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Software	1,158	-	-	1,158
Wages	21,992	-	-	21,992
Rent	3,650	-	-	3,650
Office Consumables	1,130	-	-	1,130
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	27,930	-	-	27,930
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
Computer Equipment	2,002	-	-	2,002
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	2,002	-	-	2,002
<b>Total payments</b>	29,932	-	-	29,932
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	267	-	-	267
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	267	-	-	267

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-
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	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>
		-	-
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<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
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<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees			
Signature		Print Name	
Joan Ryan		Joan Ryan	

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**Endowment  
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**When due  
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Date of  
approval

5/31/2023

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees**

Charity Name  
ARIES UK

**On accounts for the year ended**

2022

**Charity no (if any)**

1185623

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **04/04/22**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- ☐ the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- ☐ the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- ☐ the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:** AARON CARSON

**Date:** 31/05/23

**Name:** AARON CARSON

**Relevant**

**professional  
qualification(s) or  
body (if any):**

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**Address:**

12A GEORGE STREET

ASHTON UNDER LYNE OL6 6AQ

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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

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