



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2021 Period start date To 31/12/2021 Period end date

Charity name: **Surgical teams Working in Africa Together for Safer Surgery**

Charity registration number: **1186564**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purpose of the Charity is, for the public benefit, the advancement of health and the saving of lives, in particular (not not limited to) by facilitating improvements in surgical care in Africa and elsewhere.
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	The main activity of the charity is to offer training courses to surgeons on safer and better surgical techniques that will culminate in sustainable and consistent surgery processes and techniques.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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	
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>The Charity's first project is the Tanzania Mesh Hernia Project. Hernia surgery, however, is the most common general surgical procedure performed worldwide, including in Tanzania where there are an estimated 800,000 hernias currently requiring treatment. The morbidity rate is very high due to a lack of resources, training and inadequate procedures. The Project is proposing to adopt a well-established procedure using mesh for hernia repair, rather than a traditional suture plication technique.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Project was undertaken in March 2020, when 72 surgeons (of all grades) and 5 centres were involved. Feedback and results were again very encouraging. The centres continue to use the Mesh technique and in the first year up to 150 operations were performed with no recurrences.</p> <p>The Charity has liaised with the University of Winchester and has completed the 1st phase of a research project which involved teaching/coaching our Tanzanian clinical counterparts techniques in undergoing qualitative research using the results obtained in Phase 2.</p> <p>Progress has been very slow in the last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>

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	

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	For this year, the Charity received income from donations, gift aid and from the University of Winchester to undergo a research project. There was minimal spend due to Covid-19 pandemic.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Currently, the reserves are £18,575. This was not spent during the year as travel to Tanzania did not materialise.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£18,744.00
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	The COVID-19 pandemic has hindered the Charities ability to raise awareness of the Charity and to raise money, mainly because the main grant holders have diverted their funds to address COVID-19 challenges.

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	
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	

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Our governing document is a trust deed.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO.
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	Any person who is willing to act as a Trustee, and who would not be disqualified from acting under the provisions of Clause 10 in the CIO constitution, may be appointed to be a Trustee by a decision of the Trustees.

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	Surgical teams Working in Africa Together for Safer Surgery
Other name the charity uses	SWIFTSS
Registered charity number	1186564
Charity's principal address	6 Balniel Gate, London, SW1V 3SD

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	Mark Szymankiewicz			
2	Katharine Szymankiewicz			
3	Karen Nugent			
4	Paul Smith			
5	Helena Kelly	Secretary		
6	Jonathan Linton			
7	Richard Constant	Chair		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

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)		
Full name(s)	Helena Kelly	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date		

SWIFTSS
Financial Activities
January - December 2021

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Donations and legacies	£25,590
Other Income (Gift Aid etc)	£6,465
Other Income (Uni of Winchester)	£17,000
Total Income	<u>£49,055</u>
Total	£49,055
Expenditures	
Accounting/Project Management	£650
Advertising/Promotional	£450
Bank charges	£90
Computer Costs	£148
Research Assistant	£6,306
Total Expenditures	<u>£7,644</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>£41,411</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	£41,411

SWIFTSS
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2021

	Total
Fixed Asset	
Total Fixed Asset	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Charity Bank account	£19,373
Foreign Cash	£129
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£19,502
Debtors	
Debtors	£0
Total Debtors	£0
Net current assets	£19,502
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Trade Creditors	
Creditors	£798
Total Trade Creditors	£798
Current Liabilities	
Mark Shim	£0
Richard C Loan	£0
Total Current Liabilities	£0
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£798
Net current assets (liabilities)	£18,704
Total assets less current liabilities	£18,704
Total net assets (liabilities)	£18,704
Charity funds	
Retained Earnings	-£22,707
Surplus/(Deficit)	£41,411
Total Charity funds	£18,704



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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SWIFTSS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the SWIFTSS ('*Surgical teams Working in aFrica Together for Safer Surgery*') charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 and can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination that would give me cause to believe that in any material respect that:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a '*true and fair view*' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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I confirm that 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.

Name: **JENNIFER ADAMS FCG TEP ATT (Fellow)**

Signed: _____ 

Date: 11th AUGUST 2022

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies:

FELLOW OF THE CHARTERED GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE (formerly the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators)

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