



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/03/2021 **To** 28/2/2022

Charity name: BRITISH LIMB RECONSTRUCTION SOCIETY -BLRS

Charity registration number: 5145382

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance limb reconstruction services in the NHS through research, audit, training and education. To promote limb reconstruction techniques to all Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgical trainees, Limb Reconstruction Surgeons (LRSs) and Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in United Kingdom. To aid with such other purposes which may be charitable according to the laws of England and Wales and related to the acquisition of knowledge and skills in limb reconstruction as seen fit by the Trustees.
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	Education through information provision by digital and paper media to professionals and the public • Organisation of Professional Body (British Orthopaedic Association) or Royal College of Surgeons accredited courses and workshops including invited keynote lectures by nationally and internationally acknowledged leaders in the field of limb reconstruction • To host an annual meeting where the objectives of the charity can be delivered to members of the society and where new ideas and recent developments can be presented and discussed amongst the LRS and AHPs • To publish its own peer-reviewed journal "Strategies in Trauma and Limb Reconstruction" (STLR) which incorporates the latest advances, reviews and research • To support education in this field to the UK and wider world by provision of STLR as an open access journal • To provide educational grants and travel bursaries to successful LRS and AHP applicants in keeping with the objectives of the society • The Charity will raise funds by annual membership fees and sponsored educational events (courses, workshops, meetings). The focus of the Charity

		is the continual delivery of education and advancement of techniques in limb reconstruction. Direct benefits include an organised central forum through which coordinated efforts can be made to further the specialty in terms of education, knowledge and research. There is an indirect translation to greater treatment options and improved services to the patient community within the NHS and outside through the international education efforts. These treatment options and services influence public health through improved psychological, social, mental and physical outcomes and public productivity.
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 had 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	Trustees will support any work related to limb reconstruction and complex trauma and bone infection through its annual meetings; a spring meeting which would be held in March usually and a 2nd autumn meeting to coincide with the annual meeting of the British Orthopaedic Association. b. trustees will use limb reconstruction work as the criteria to help support educational course and meetings.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

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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	Despite COVID restrictions BLRS has achieved its goals in terms of educating surgeons and other practitioners and advancing patient care in the field of limb reconstruction. In March 2021 an annual conference was held online and had close to 200 registrations from UK and abroad to access the varied content. BLRS guided UK surgeons with specific guidelines to safely treat patients within the difficulties of the constraints of the pandemic. Educational grants were given to junior and consultant members, albeit significantly curtailed by COVID restrictions. BLRS supported the journal "Strategies in Trauma and Limb Reconstruction" which is open access.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As a medical charity our aims in terms of supporting surgeons and nurses in terms of educational grants was severely curtailed by the COVID pandemic.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Despite the loss of income from conversion to an online conference in 2021, BLRS did not lose capital funds.
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	Balance at 28/2/2021: £295 872 Balance at 1/3/2022: £305 229 Positive increase: £9 357
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Single bank account administered by BLRS committee treasurer
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£305 229
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	No uncertainty

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	Conference income 2021 - £10 630 Member subscriptions - £8475
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investment – static bank account
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	All outgoings administered by Treasurer and BLRS committee – no risks of major loss
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		CIO association constitution
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO association constitution
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	Minimum 6 trustees, appointed at outset (Feb 2020, application August 2019) by BLRS committee.

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	Links with British Orthopaedic Association and Royal College of Surgeons
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	British Limb Reconstruction Society
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	5145382
Charity's principal address	ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND 35-43 LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS LONDON WC2A 3PE

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	Hemant Sharma	President	March 2022 onwards (president elect March 2020 – 2022)	
2	Selvadurai Nayagam	Previous president		
3	Deepa Bose	Previous committee member		
4	Simon Britten	President Elect	March 2022 onwards (secretary march 2020 – 2022)	
5	Patrick Foster	Treasurer	October 2020 – 2022	
6	David Goodier		Past president March 2020 – 2022	
7	Om Lahoti	Past president	President March 2020-2022	
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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	nil
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)		
Full name(s)	Hemant K Sharma	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President	
Date	2/6/22	