



**Annual Report
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Poland Syndrome Support &
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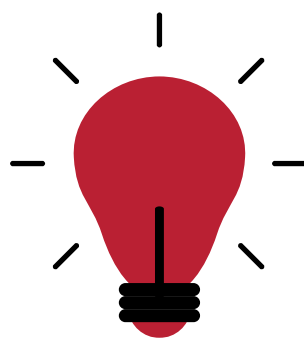
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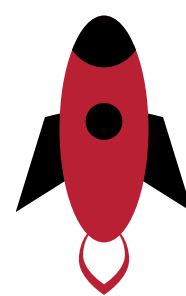
Vision

We will be the centre of expertise for Poland Syndrome Research, Wellbeing & Support Services and Connection.



Mission

Advocate for earlier, consistent diagnosis and treatment paths for the Poland Syndrome community. Building awareness for Poland Syndrome and providing support to the community.



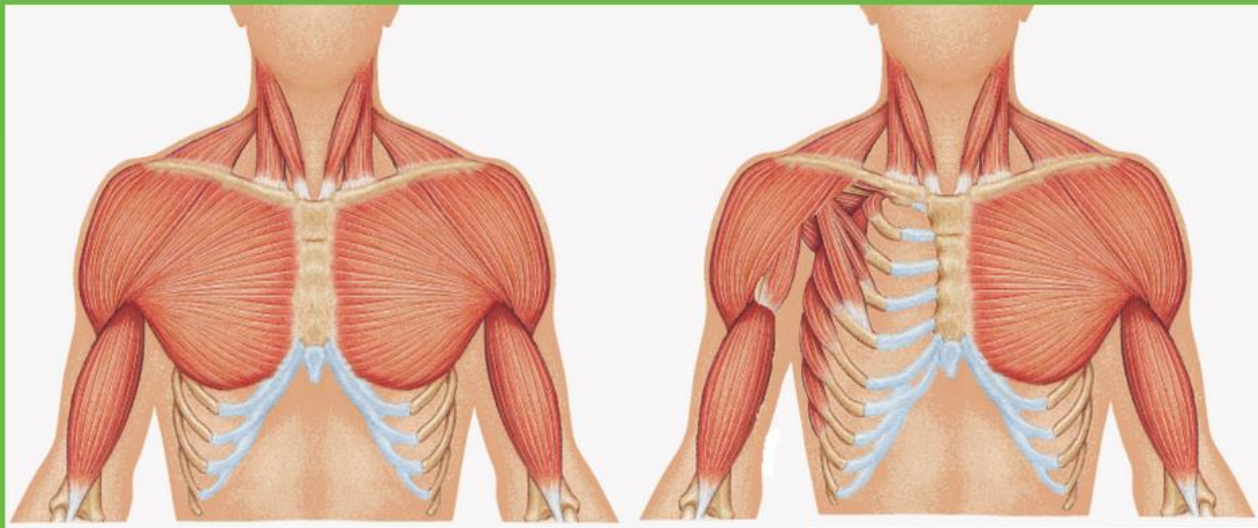
Goals

Our main goals are centred around generating scientific activity, supporting the wellbeing of & connecting people across the Poland Syndrome Community.

Poland Syndrome

About Poland Syndrome

Babies are born with underdeveloped chest muscle on one side.



Typical symmetry seen in pectoralis major muscles

Asymmetry seen due to absent pectoral muscle

Poland Syndrome is a rare birth difference named after Dr Alfred Poland credited with its discovery

Chest Differences

01

80-99% OF PEOPLE WITH POLAND SYNDROME HAVE: ABSENT OR UNDERDEVELOPED:

- CHEST MUSCLE
- BREAST
- NIPPLE

02

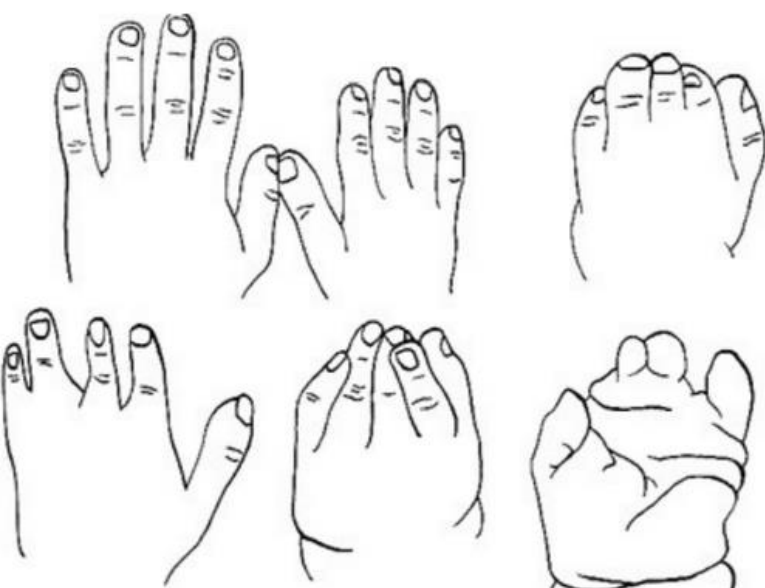
5-29% of people with Poland Syndrome have: Aplasia/Hypoplasia of the sternum



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Hand Differences

POLAND SYNDROME CAN AFFECT ONE HAND ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE BODY. VISUALLY SMALLER OR FUSED FINGERS, ABSENT OR SHORTENED



01

5-29% of people have Finger syndactyly

02

30-79% of people have Finger symphalangism or Fused Finger bones



About PIP-UK

Founded by Sam Fillingham in 2011, PIP-UK began as a community group to raise awareness of Poland Syndrome (PS) and improve the lives of those affected by the condition. Initially, the organization created a website to share information, set up a phone line, and launched a Facebook page to connect individuals and families. Early on, it became clear that many people were struggling to get a proper diagnosis for themselves or their children. Some families we connected with had spent years without answers, and even individuals in their 80s were living without a formal diagnosis.



This lack of awareness left many grappling not only with the physical challenges of PS but also with mental health struggles, believing they were alone in their experiences.

Since then, PIP-UK has grown into a vibrant and supportive community. The organization offers peer support events, wellbeing sessions, family fun days, children's clinics, and has established a global Poland Syndrome Register to deepen understanding of the condition. All activities are free to access, with optional donations supporting the community, and are open to all ages.

Living Well for Parents 2023

On October 22, 2023, PIP-UK hosted the Living Well for Parents: Stay, Play, and Connect event, bringing together families affected by Poland Syndrome for an afternoon of connection, learning, and support. Held with the generous support of Forever Manchester and the Co-op Community Fund, the event welcomed 30 attendees, ranging in age from 1 to 60 years old.



Key Highlights:

- **Engaging Parent Workshop:** Led by guest speaker Angel, the session provided parents with practical tools to discuss Poland Syndrome with their children. Parents expressed appreciation for learning new communication strategies, with one participant noting, "I learned how to better communicate as a family."
- **Children's Play Activities:** Expert play workers & volunteers facilitated interactive indoor and outdoor activities, allowing children to bond and have fun while their parents engaged in discussions.
- **Community Connection:** Families shared their experiences, strengthened friendships, and built supportive networks. As one attendee said, "Meeting other families and watching the kids interact was the best part."

Living Well for Parents

2023

Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive:

- 100% of attendees who responded said they found the event valuable and that similar workshops should be held in the future.
- The event received an average rating of 4.8/5, with particular praise for the parent workshop and the opportunity to meet other families.
- Parents valued hearing shared experiences, with one commenting, "It was great to hear how other parents and families approach Poland Syndrome."
- Several attendees suggested longer sessions and additional activities to deepen engagement.



This event marked the beginning of our Living Well series, with more planned sessions to support parents and families affected by Poland Syndrome. Based on the feedback, we are exploring options for:

- More structured workshops focused on mental health, family dynamics, and self-care.
- Regional and online sessions to reach more families across the UK.
- Extended and overnight events to allow deeper connections within the community.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Forever Manchester, the Co-op Community Fund, our dedicated volunteers, and the families who attended. Your engagement and feedback are instrumental in shaping future initiatives. Together, we continue building a stronger, more connected Poland Syndrome community.



What about PS? A Poland Syndrome Podcast Launch

The PIP-UK community proudly launched its first-ever podcast series on Poland Syndrome Awareness day in 2023.

Hosted by Giselle Barbosa, PIP-UK Ambassador, entrepreneur, and athlete and co-created with young volunteers from the community. The podcast aims to illuminate the lived experiences of the Poland Syndrome (PS) community while raising awareness of this rare condition. Since its debut, the podcast has achieved remarkable success, reaching nearly 1,000 downloads across platforms like Apple, Spotify, Amazon, and TuneIn + Alexa.



Most Popular Episodes:

- Gunnar Anderson Episode: A deep dive into Gunnar Anderson's inspiring journey.
- Male Perspective Episode: Offering insights into the unique challenges faced by men living with PS.

Diverse Guests: The series features interviews with notable individuals, including:

- Paralympian Kim Daybell
- Former Cricketer Lewis Hatchett
- Australian Gymnast Clay Mason Stephens
- Medical professionals and experts
- Innovative brands like bra companies
- Members of the PS community sharing personal stories

With thought-provoking discussions and an inclusive approach, "What about PS?" has become an essential resource for people living with Poland Syndrome, their families, medical professionals, and the broader rare disease community.



What about PS? A Poland Syndrome Podcast Launch



Key Achievements:

1. Community Engagement: The podcast provides a platform for the PS community to connect, share experiences, and feel seen. Listeners frequently comment on the relevance and value of the topics covered.
2. Awareness Raising: By featuring prominent figures and personal stories, the podcast amplifies awareness about Poland Syndrome and the challenges faced by individuals living with it.
3. Resource Building: The series serves as an educational tool for medical professionals and families, offering insights into diagnosis, treatment options, and mental health support.
4. Volunteer Development: The podcast was co-created with young volunteers, including Kira Aspland and Barry and Giselle Barbosa, who led the production alongside Garry at Grow Media. The experience gained through their volunteer roles resulted in paid employment opportunities for Kira and Barry as they harnessed the skills developed during the project.

Sam Fillingham, CEO of PIP-UK, shared, "We're thrilled to be launching this new podcast series and can't wait to share it with our audience. With Giselle Barbosa's expertise and the insights of our guests, we believe this podcast will become a valuable resource for the Poland Syndrome Community and medical professionals."

Listeners have expressed gratitude for the podcast's relatable content, noting it has provided comfort, inspiration, and practical information for navigating life with PS.



Inclusive Fashion Show

Birmingham

In March 2024, the third annual Birmingham Children's Hospital Accessible Fashion Show was a groundbreaking moment for PIP-UK, showcasing the transformative power of collaboration, advocacy, and community connection. As a small charity supporting individuals and families affected by Poland Syndrome, this event exemplified our commitment to raising awareness, fostering inclusivity, and empowering our beneficiaries to celebrate their uniqueness.

This year's event marked a significant milestone for the Poland Syndrome community. For the first time, a group of young women with Poland Syndrome walked the runway in bespoke outfits designed by the renowned Malawian fashion designer Lily Alfonso, who flew in to meet the models and showcase her collection.

Through the generous support of Dr. Andrea Jester and Birmingham Children's Hospital, this was made possible. Their funding covered vital costs, including sponsoring our community member Gift, who travelled from Uganda to participate in this life-changing experience.



For many of the participants, this was a moment of empowerment and self-acceptance:

Erika: “Today has been life-changing. It’s my first time meeting others with Poland Syndrome, and being part of this wider community has been so special.”

Becca: “Walking down the runway today made me feel amazing. I hope this shows how beautiful and diverse our bodies are.”

Gift: “It was emotional, but all emotions are welcome. I’m so happy to be here.”



Inclusive Fashion Show

Birmingham

These personal stories highlight the profound impact of PIP-UK's efforts to bring individuals with Poland Syndrome together and create opportunities for them to be seen, heard, and celebrated.

PIP-UK's CEO, Sam Fillingham, reflected on the importance of the event:

“This accessible fashion show means that we have been seen and heard in the fashion world for the first time as a community with Poland Syndrome. People living with this rare condition often go their entire lives without meeting anyone else with it. At PIP-UK, we are changing that. No one should ever feel alone with Poland Syndrome.”

By partnering with Birmingham Children's Hospital, South and City College Birmingham, and Lily Alfonso, we ensured that this event served as a platform to educate the public, medical professionals, and stakeholders about Poland Syndrome while empowering our beneficiaries to share their experiences.



The success of this event would not have been possible without the dedication and expertise of key collaborators:

Dr. Andrea Jester: Her unwavering support for the Poland Syndrome community provided the critical funding needed to make this event a reality, including enabling Gift's participation.

Carmen Burkett, Lecturer in Fashion and Textiles at South and City College Birmingham: Carmen worked tirelessly beyond her busy role, guiding students to create adaptive designs tailored to each participant's needs and preferences.



Inclusive Fashion Show

Birmingham



Their passion and commitment ensured that the models felt celebrated, supported, and included throughout the process.

This year's fashion show continued to shine a spotlight on adaptive clothing and the need for inclusivity in fashion. Collaborating with South and City College Birmingham allowed fashion students to develop bespoke designs that met the specific needs of our community members while breaking down societal barriers.

This partnership not only fostered creativity and empathy among the students but also ensured that our beneficiaries felt confident and proud to walk the runway, showing the world that beauty comes in all forms.

The event has become a beacon of hope and celebration for our community. It brought together individuals living with Poland Syndrome from around the world, creating opportunities for connection, self-expression, and confidence building.

For stakeholders and supporters, it underscored the importance of PIP-UK's work in advocacy, education, and fostering community. With ongoing support, we aim to expand these opportunities and continue to raise awareness for Poland Syndrome.

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- Birmingham Children's Hospital and Dr. Andrea Jester for their funding and belief in the Poland Syndrome community.
 - South and City College Birmingham and Carmen Burkett for their collaboration, dedication, and countless hours of work to make this event a reality.
 - Lily Alfonso for bringing her designs and vision to life for our models.

At PIP-UK, our mission is to ensure no one feels alone with Poland Syndrome. The success of this year's fashion show demonstrates the power of collaboration and community to create lasting impact. With your support, we will continue to empower our beneficiaries, raise awareness, and advocate for inclusivity.

Together, we are making a difference—one step, one story, one stitch at a time.

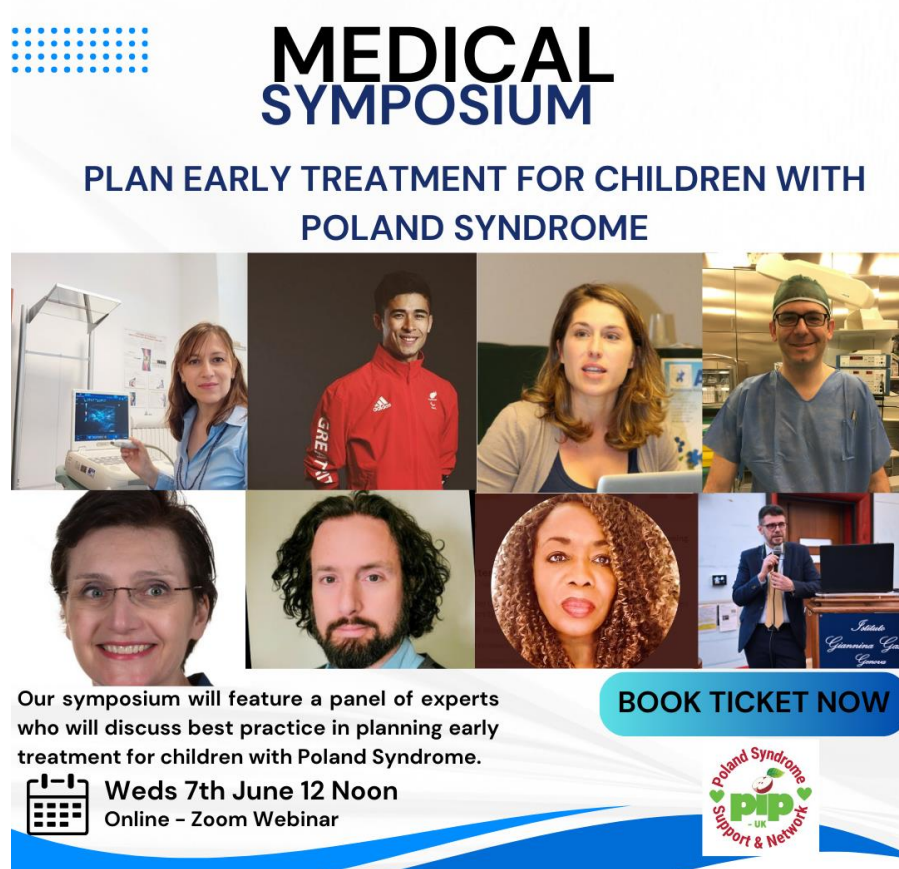


Our first medical symposium

Trustee Impact Report
Professor Peter Bannister

On both a global and a national level, Poland Syndrome is a condition with very low awareness amongst the Therefore, and healthcare professionals alike, with even less understanding and agreement on how to support patients, who may present during childhood or in some cases, due to the low familiarity mentioned above, later in life.

Amongst Poland Syndrome advocates, it has been known for some time that the leading country for the awareness of the condition has been Italy who some years ago established a national patient register. This is what led to PIP-UK setting up the first global registry to improve awareness and support. Therefore the significance of the first PIP-UK Medical Symposium held online on Wednesday 7th June 2023 around the topic “Plan Early Treatment for Children with Poland Syndrome” which featured leading clinicians from both the UK and Italy, cannot be understated.



The panellists were:

Dr Andrea Jester – Birmingham Women’s and Children’s NHS Foundation Trust

Prof Andrew Hart – Royal Childrens Hospital (Glasgow Royal Infirmary)

Dr Kim Daybell – NHS Junior Doctor and PIP-UK Ambassador

Dr Sondra Butterworth – Community Health Psychologist, RareQol

Prof Michele Torre – Gaslini Children’s Hospital, Genoa

Dr Nunzio Catena – Gaslini Children’s Hospital, Genoa

Prof Llaría Baldelli – University of Genoa

Prof Laura Mori – University of Genoa



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The format included several rapid-fire presentations on patient management followed by a moderated panel discussion. What was most striking about the discussed was the open debate between UK clinicians and their Italian counterparts across highly emotive subjects for the patients and families, most notably the differing views on offering aesthetic surgery to children diagnosed at a young age. On a healthcare delivery level, there was a valuable exchange of information between the two countries given the relatively higher level of mental health support in the UK compared with the greater level of clinical agreement in Italy. In terms of wider impact, the Symposium was delivered live online so that many members of the Poland Syndrome community could attend and input questions to the panellists.

MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

PLAN EARLY TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH POLAND SYNDROME

Our symposium will feature a panel of experts who will discuss best practice in planning early treatment for children with Poland Syndrome.

Weds 7th June 12 Noon
Online – Zoom Webinar

BOOK TICKET NOW

Poland Syndrome Support & Network PIP-UK

The poster for the Medical Symposium is a white rectangular graphic with a blue wavy border at the bottom. It features a grid of eight small images showing various people, likely the panelists and speakers. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. A prominent blue button with white text says 'BOOK TICKET NOW'. The PIP-UK logo is in the bottom right corner.

Further impact has been achieved by publishing plain English reports on the PIP-UK website and a reply is available on our youtube channel. Since this Symposium a second event has been held with further clinicians joining the expert discussion and focusing on specific patient treatment decisions that were highlighted in the first panel discussion. A further symposium took place in 2024 which we look forward to reporting on next year.

You can read the reports on the symposium [here](#) and watch the symposium replay [here](#).



Poland Syndrome community register 2023-2024

Real-world data from registries and other real-world evidence sources remain a fertile ground of opportunity for advocacy groups and biopharma companies to accelerate rare disease research and better characterize and manage these diseases, their progression and treatment.

OBJECTIVES

To answer this challenge, PIP-UK was focused on ensuring that the data were collected in a standardized way, met regulatory requirements and aligned with their vision to build global collaboration, with the technology as a nucleus for patients to convene and share their experiences.

METHODS

PIP-UK started working with Pulse Inf FRAME in 2021 to launch the Poland Syndrome Community Register. Utilising the Pulse Platform, PIP-UK were able to deploy the registry within 4 months with a recruitment target of 100 participants in the first 3 months. Common data elements to form the central hub for data to be characterized and curated were created. PIP-UK and Pulse addressed the regulatory requirements that would be needed for drug development by ensuring that the data are collected in a platform that adheres to FDA and EMA data standards and further provides confidence to participants that their data are stored safely due to compliance with HIPAA and GDPR.

RESULTS SO FAR

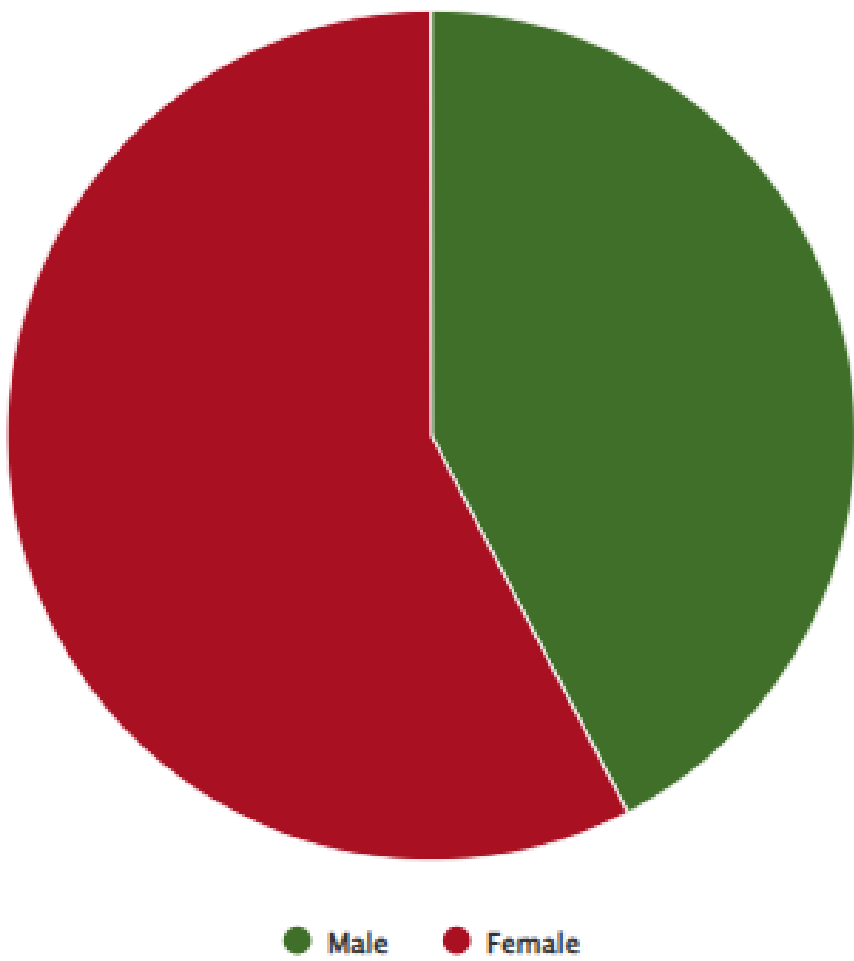
The registry currently has 366 active participants enrolled into the platform where 60 of them are under the age of 10. The majority of participants are female and right side affected. The majority of participants are diagnosed between ages 0-9 years but a significant number aged 10 and over with the latest reported diagnosis aged 60+.



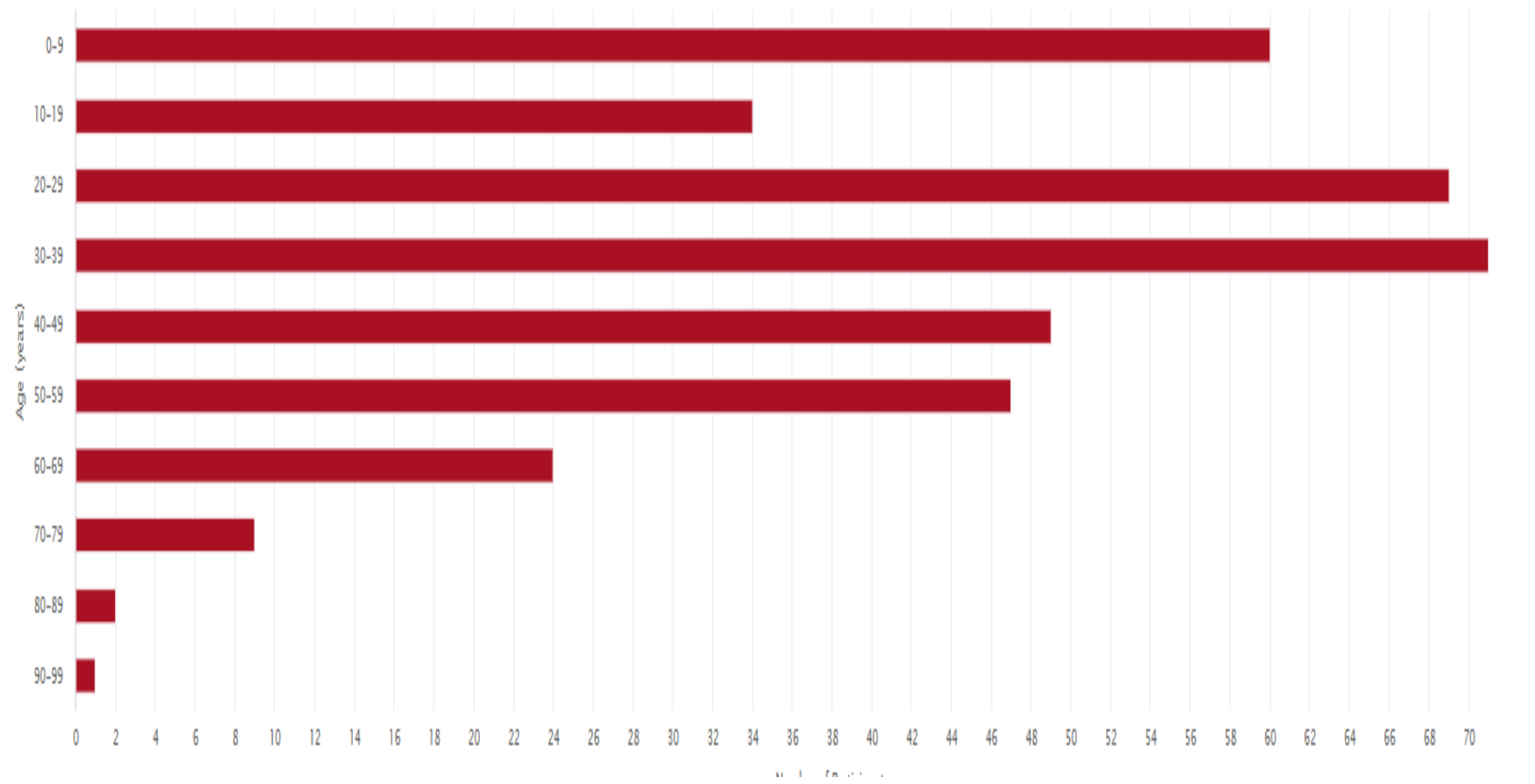
Poland Syndrome community register

2023-2024

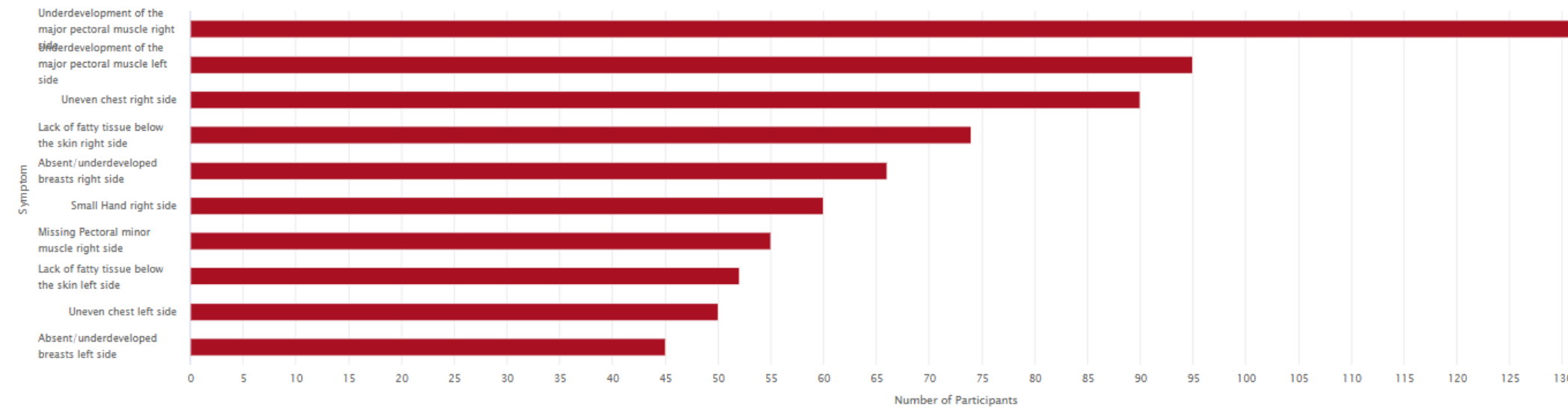
Sex of Participants



Age of Participants



Top 10 First Symptoms





Poland Syndrome community register 2023

The journey of the Poland Syndrome Community Register has been nothing short of inspiring. This initiative, powered by a passionate team of volunteers, researchers, and advocates, is breaking new ground in understanding and addressing Poland Syndrome. Since its inception, the team has worked tirelessly to transform a shared vision into tangible progress, making 2024 a pivotal year for the register.

2024 marked a major turning point for the register. In August, we gained full access to the data collected from hundreds of participants—data that provides invaluable insights into the lived experiences of those affected by Poland Syndrome. Armed with this information, Dr. Kim Daybell, Dr. Sebastian Tuille, and Mac McNichol have begun the meticulous process of analysing the registry data. Their dedication and expertise are paving the way for groundbreaking discoveries that will inform future research and improve patient outcomes.

One of the most significant achievements of 2024 has been securing ethical approval for our chest wall surgery research. This critical milestone sets the stage for an ambitious pilot study in 2025, focusing on the long-term outcomes of chest surgeries, including latissimus dorsi (lat flap) procedures. By working closely with our community, we aim to assemble a pilot group that reflects the diverse experiences of those living with Poland Syndrome, ensuring the research is as comprehensive and impactful as possible.

Looking ahead, 2025 will be a year of action and determination. The focus will shift to making the chest wall surgery research a reality, despite the challenges of a difficult funding landscape. The team is committed to pushing forward, collaborating with patients, families, and medical professionals to design and execute this groundbreaking study.



Poland Syndrome community register 2023

At the heart of this effort is the unwavering dedication of our volunteers and researchers. Their commitment to understanding the long-term effects of surgeries and providing the community with accurate, evidence-based information is the driving force behind this initiative. The results of this research will empower individuals with Poland Syndrome to make informed decisions about their care and pave the way for better surgical outcomes in the future.

The progress we've made would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our team and the generosity of our supporters. To the donors who have believed in this mission from the beginning, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your contributions have enabled us to take critical steps forward, transforming dreams of research into a growing reality.

As we enter 2025, we remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing Poland Syndrome research. The road ahead will require resilience, creativity, and collaboration as we are encountering a funding shortfall. The foundation we've built gives us confidence that meaningful breakthroughs are within reach.

PIP-UK in Scotland



Expanding Our Reach: Supporting the Poland Syndrome Community in Scotland

2024 marked an exciting and significant year for PIP-UK as we expanded our support to Poland Syndrome families in Scotland with the official launch of our Scotland Branch. This milestone was driven by the passion and dedication of our incredible volunteer, Jen Mellin, who has worked tirelessly to raise awareness, fund raise and create a sense of community for those affected by Poland Syndrome in Scotland.

One of the highlights of the year was our awareness initiatives at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow with the Office for Rare Conditions and a takeover dare on Rare Revolution Magazines social media.



In February, we proudly took part in Rare Disease Day initiatives at the hospital, taking part in an awareness event that provided vital information and resources to families, healthcare professionals, and hospital staff. This event was the first of many aimed at increasing knowledge and understanding of Poland Syndrome within Scotland's healthcare sector, ensuring better support for those affected.

Jen Mellin's unwavering commitment to the cause has been nothing short of inspirational. Through her relentless efforts, she has built connections, hosted meetups, and spearheaded fundraising activities, helping to establish a strong Poland Syndrome community in Scotland. Her work has ensured that individuals and families no longer feel isolated and can access much-needed support.

PIP-UK in Scotland



While 2023/24 laid the foundation for our Scotland Branch, 2024 promises even more growth and impact. We have already celebrated Poland Syndrome Awareness Day at the hospital and had the privilege of visiting the Scottish Parliament with our young ambassador, Jack—but more about that in next year's report!

We extend our deepest gratitude to Jen Mellin, Angeline O'Connor, Trustee Robbie Woods and family, and everyone in Scotland who has supported this expansion. Your dedication is changing lives, and we can't wait to see what we achieve together in the years to come.





PIP-UK in the Midlands



MIDLANDS BRANCH

2023 marked a significant milestone for PIP-UK as we launched our Midlands branch, thanks to the dedication of volunteers Paul and Rachel Preston. Over the past year, we have expanded our reach, hosted impactful events, and received vital support from local leaders. This report highlights key events, community engagement, and the growing support for Poland Syndrome awareness in Birmingham.

Key Events & Community Engagement

Christmas Themed Coffee Morning

Hosted at Birmingham Children's Hospital, this festive gathering brought together families, healthcare professionals, and charities, including PIP-UK. Attendees enjoyed carols, face painting, and an illustration workshop, fostering a warm and supportive atmosphere.

Key Outcomes:

- Strengthened relationships with hospital staff and other charities supporting children with upper limb differences.
- Provided a platform for families to connect, reducing isolation.
- Raised awareness of Poland Syndrome among new audiences.

This event also led to an important connection—Paul and Rachel met James Godsall and his family, who later went on to fundraise for PIP-UK.





PIP-UK in the Midlands

Picnic in the Park at Warley Woods

A vibrant, family-friendly event that brought together individuals affected by Poland Syndrome, their loved ones, and the broader community. PIP-UK set up an awareness stall, offering information, support, and a space for connection.

Key Outcomes:

- Community Engagement: Strengthened PIP-UK's presence in Birmingham by connecting with families and individuals eager to learn about Poland Syndrome.
- Volunteer Involvement: Demonstrated the power of grassroots efforts in raising awareness, led by Paul and Rachel Preston.
- Educational Outreach: Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, share personal experiences, and gain insights into the condition.

The success of this event reinforced the importance of in-person community gatherings in fostering a sense of belonging and support.

Earth Day Event

PIP-UK's Earth Day Event in Birmingham combined environmental education with community building. Held near the town clock, families participated in activities designed to nurture a connection with nature while engaging in meaningful conversations about Poland Syndrome.

Key Outcomes:

- Environmental Awareness & Wellbeing: Families learned about native plants, engaged in rock painting, and planted seedlings to take home, promoting sustainability and mindfulness.
- Intergenerational Participation: Attendees ranged from young children to older adults, showcasing the power of inclusive community events.
- Stronger Community Bonds: The relaxed atmosphere allowed for deeper connections between attendees, reducing isolation among those affected by Poland Syndrome.

This event highlighted the importance of integrating well-being initiatives with awareness efforts, offering a holistic approach to community support.

PIP-UK in the Midlands

Fundraising & Growing Support

James Godsall's Half-Marathon Fundraiser



James Godsall

James's fundraiser for PIP-UK Poland Syndrome Charity

Inspired by his son Benjamin, James Godsall took on the Birmingham Black Country Half Marathon to raise funds for PIP-UK. His story resonated with many:

“In November 2018, we welcomed our wonderful, beautiful, funny, kind, and sometimes infuriating son Benjamin to the world. We also started a journey that led us to learning about Poland Syndrome. Shortly after he was born, it became apparent that something wasn't quite right. Benjamin didn't look symmetrical in his chest area, and one of his hands looked to me to be smaller and somewhat conjoined. Most worryingly, no one seemed to know what or why this was. A few weeks later, thanks to the amazing Birmingham Children's Hospital, we had an answer. Benjamin has Poland Syndrome.” James' dedication raised essential funds and increased visibility for Poland Syndrome awareness.

PIP-UK in the Midlands

Political & Community Support

We received significant backing from Birmingham leaders, further establishing PIP-UK's Midlands branch:

- Cllr John Cotton, Leader of Birmingham City Council, took time out of his busy schedule to support Poland Syndrome awareness.
- MP Preet Kaur Gill lent support to our medical clinics, advocating for better resources.
- Cllr Sam Forsyth also joined efforts to promote awareness.



This level of engagement demonstrates growing recognition of Poland Syndrome within Birmingham's political and healthcare landscape.

The Role of Paul Preston & His Special Friend from the North Pole

Paul Preston played a key role in multiple fundraising initiatives, including hosting festive events with Father Christmas. These events not only raised funds but also brought joy to families affected by Poland Syndrome.

Conclusion

The launch of PIP-UK's Midlands branch has been a resounding success, thanks to the unwavering commitment of volunteers, fundraisers, and community leaders. Through impactful events, increased visibility, and vital political support, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by Poland Syndrome.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to expanding our outreach, strengthening our partnerships, and continuing to support families in Birmingham and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this journey—we couldn't do it without you! Special thanks to Paul and Rachel Preston.



Poland Syndrome Clinic



Established in 2021, the Poland Syndrome Clinic at Birmingham Women and Childrens Hospital has gone from strength to strength. The doctors are building a specialism in Poland Syndrome diagnosis and treatment for Poland Syndrome which is the first of its kind in the UK.

Our mission to provide essential appointments and tests for families in need has been made possible through the support of Birmingham Children's Hospital. They have generously offered their invaluable NHS time to make this vision a reality, but they looked to us to guide and support families in finding the clinic. Without hesitation, we embraced this opportunity with enthusiasm. This is the only clinic in the UK for children with Poland Syndrome, families are travelling hundreds of miles to get the answers and medical assistance that cannot be found anywhere else.

Since 2021, we've had the privilege of overseeing ten clinics, providing essential appointments and tests for 75+ families. But our work extends beyond these appointments; we offer unwavering assistance in securing appointments through correspondence with GPs, and we stand by these families before, during, and after their clinic visits.

We are still working with the hospital and the local MP to find a pathway to fund this clinic's resources long term, it's proving very difficult. The waiting list is now over 12 months long due to the overwhelming need. While the community rallied to raise funds to support the clinic services, we now face a substantial financial gap. We have worked tirelessly to apply for funding since 2021 for this clinic and continue to do so, whilst also working on community fundraising campaigns.

Comfort

With Artist Lois Blackburn

The Comfort Project – Celebrating Poland Syndrome Awareness Day 2023

In celebration of Poland Syndrome Awareness Day 2023, PIP-UK partnered with artist Lois Blackburn to deliver a unique and deeply moving workshop, The Comfort Project. This one-off event provided a space for women and teenagers—including members of the Trans and Non-Binary community—to explore and express their personal stories about their breasts through art and storytelling.

The workshop aimed to shine a light on the experiences of women in the Poland Syndrome community, many of whom have long felt isolated in their journey. Through guided discussions and creative expression, participants worked together to create embroidered artwork that will form part of a larger quilt, set to be exhibited across the UK.



Lois Blackburn, a talented artist and a member of the Poland Syndrome community, led the workshop with both vulnerability and strength. Her reflections on the experience highlight the power of storytelling in healing and connection:

"Thanks to the Poland Syndrome charity PIP-UK, awareness and support for people with this rare condition is improving. Through the organisation, I can now say with confidence that I have Poland Syndrome."

For Lois, meeting another woman with the condition for the first time was life-changing. One participant shared:

"It wasn't the Poland's – it was trying to hide it that was the problem."



Comfort

With Artist Lois Blackburn

This sentiment resonated throughout the session, as attendees reflected on their personal journeys—from the challenges of puberty to the realities of motherhood and aging. Throughout the workshop, participants used textiles, embroidery, and visual storytelling to give form to their narratives. The quilt they created stands as a testament to their collective experience—an artistic legacy that will help others understand and connect with the realities of living with Poland Syndrome.

Lois spoke about the significance of this work:

"As an artist, I often speak about the power of sharing stories across different ages, backgrounds, and strengths—sharing experiences with people, feeling less alone. Taking a leap of faith and revealing my own story was not easy, but as one of the driving points behind this whole project, I can say that I am proud I have.

For those who wish to learn more about The Comfort Project and its impact, the full report is available [here](#). PIP-UK extends heartfelt thanks to Lois Blackburn for her vision and leadership, and to every participant who courageously shared their story. This project is just one example of how creative expression can empower, heal, and bring a community together.



Our Impact 2024



**6 POLAND
SYNDROME
CLINICS**

**30 CHILDREN
& FAMILIES
VISITED THE
CLINIC FOR
TREATMENT
&
DIAGNOSIS**





Our Community Fundraisers

This year saw more people than ever raising money in the community in new and exciting ways, helping us expand our reach and impact. A special mention goes to our youngest fundraiser and new Young Ambassador, Charlie, who was born with Poland Syndrome.

Charlie has already overcome many challenges, including learning to write with his left hand. The support of the PIP-UK community has meant so much to him, and now he is determined to give back so that we can continue helping others like him.

For Poland Syndrome Awareness Day (30th April) 2023, Charlie took on an inspiring challenge—completing 25 laps of his local football pitch, covering a total of 5 miles. Through his dedication, he raised an incredible amount of money to support PIP-UK.



A huge thank you to Darragh Malloy for his support of PIP-UK.



Darragh was diagnosed with Poland Syndrome. He has never met anyone else with the condition in person. After discovering PIP-UK and attending online meetings, he found a sense of community and support that helped him embrace his diagnosis. Determined to give back, he launched a fundraiser to raise awareness and support vital Poland Syndrome clinics for children in the UK. His efforts will have a lasting impact, ensuring that more families receive the support and information they need. Darragh said “I myself have struggled with my hand and chest in the past but hurling has been an outlet for me from such a young age. I was never seen as the kid with the small hand or weird chest. It was just me and I was seen as just Darragh, Not Darragh with the small hand. I have never let my hand or chest stop me in doing things but this day is to hopefully highlight that if there are kids out there, they excel in anything they put their mind to.” Thank you, Darragh! You are an inspiration and a true support to the community.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our amazing fundraisers this year, including Michelle Ridley and Buttons Nursery, Holly and Tom Noonan, James Godsall, Paul and Rachel Preston, Tony Moore and Elemental Games, Laura Bird, Carol Tierney, David Adejuyigbe. Your generosity and commitment make a real difference to the Poland Syndrome community.



Our Community Fundraisers

This year saw more people than ever raising money in the community in new and exciting ways, helping us expand our reach and impact. A special mention goes to our youngest fundraiser and new Young Ambassador, Charlie, who was born with Poland Syndrome.

Charlie has already overcome many challenges, including learning to write with his left hand. The support of the PIP-UK community has meant so much to him, and now he is determined to give back so that we can continue helping others like him.

For Poland Syndrome Awareness Day (30th April) 2023, Charlie took on an inspiring challenge—completing 25 laps of his local football pitch, covering a total of 5 miles. Through his dedication, he raised an incredible amount of money to support PIP-UK.





Our Community Fundraisers

A huge thank you to Darragh Mallon and Portaferry GAC, who raised an incredible £6,823 in support of PIP-UK!



Darragh, who was diagnosed with Poland Syndrome at birth, had never met anyone else with the condition in person. After discovering PIP-UK and attending online meetings, he found a sense of community and support that helped him embrace his diagnosis. Determined to give back, he launched a fundraiser to raise awareness and support vital Poland Syndrome clinics for children in the UK. His efforts will have a lasting impact, ensuring that more families receive the support and information they need. Darragh said “I myself have struggled with my hand and chest in the past but hurling has been an outlet for me from such a young age. I was never seen as the kid with the small hand or weird chest. It was just me and I was seen as just Darragh, Not Darragh with the small hand. I have never let my hand or chest stop me in doing things but this day is to hopefully highlight that if there are kids out there, they excel in anything they put their mind to.” Thank you, Darragh! You are an inspiration and a true support to the community.

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Our Grant Funders

2023-2024: A Year of Unprecedented Support

This year, PIP-UK was fortunate to receive support from a diverse and broad range of grant foundations, enabling us to meet the increasing demand for our services and support our growing community. The generosity of these organisations has been instrumental in expanding our reach, ensuring that more individuals and families affected by Poland Syndrome receive the help, guidance, and connection they need.

None of our work would be possible without the kind support of these giving organisations, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to: The National Lottery, Maryland Trust, Eveson Trust, Grimmitt Trust, RPJ Energy Solutions, Spiegel Foundation, The Souter Family Trust, Manchester Guardian Society, and Co-op Local. Their commitment to our cause has made a profound difference in the lives of our beneficiaries.





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Trustee's Report - General Information

Registered Charity Number: 1188941

Flat 3, School Court, Meyer Street, Stockport, SK3 8JE

Trustees:

Angel Scott-Bottoms (Chair)

Paul Preston (Chair Appointed 2 October 2023)

Dr Peter Bannister (Trustee Appointed 13 February 2022)

Julie Erasmus (Secretary Appointed 03 October 2022)

Josh Spiegel (Trustee Appointed 30 July 2023)

Matthew Walton (Treasurer Appointed 24 January 2024)

Liz Mckenna (Resigned September 2024 Trustee)

Victoria Bedwell (Resigned March 2024 Treasurer)

Shirley Proctor (Resigned September 2024 Trustee)

Robbie Woods (Resigned September 2024 Trustee)

Kira Aspland (Resigned 21 February 2024 Trustee)

Our purpose

To relieve those effected by Poland Syndrome in particular but not exclusively by:

- Promoting improvements in care for people who are affected by Poland syndrome.
- Undertaking research into effects of Poland Syndrome and disseminating the useful results thereof
- Increasing awareness of Poland Syndrome amongst health professionals and the general public
- The provision of free advice and assistance to persons effected by Poland Syndrome and their families

Structure, Governance and Management

PIP-UK is a registered charity number 1188941, governed by the Charities Act 2006. The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered on 7 April 2020 under the CIO Governing Document. New trustees are appointed by the serving trustees, considering the skills required by the board.

Activities

121 advice and support for families affected by Poland Syndrome. Advocacy services with health care professionals. Wellbeing services and family support services. Hosting events that bring the community together.



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Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives for the year. Public benefit has been achieved as per the activities outlined in the 'Our Achievements' section of this report.

Financial Review

We have sufficient funds to support the planned projects and running costs and we will be working on diversifying our fundraising to support our growth and vision for the Poland Syndrome Community by increasing the community fundraising and reaching out to other grant providers.

Reserves Policy

The policy is designed to set out the process of determining the appropriate level of reserves that PIP-UK is required to hold in order to meet its requirements, while ensuring we are meeting the needs of our service users as best as possible.

This means ensuring we can meet our basic running costs, periods of funding and other uncertainty, while ensuring money is available to allow us to meet our charitable aims.

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Charity No. 1188941

Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 March 2024

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The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1188941

Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

K. Aspland (Resigned 21 February 2024)

P. Bannister

V. Bedwell (Resigned 30 March 2024)

J. Erasmus

E. McKenna (Resigned 2 October 2023)

P. Preston

S.B. Proctor (Resigned 2 October 2023)

A. Scott-Bottoms (Resigned 2 October 2023)

J. Spiegel

M. Walton

R. Woods

Accountants

Solutions Accountancy & Bookkeeping Ltd

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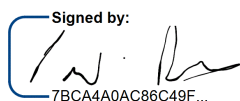
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed by:

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P. Preston

Trustee

30 January 2025

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Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of PIP Parents Information Portal

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of PIP Parents Information Portal for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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30 January 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	29,934	28,320	58,254	43,093
Other trading activities	4	2,319	-	2,319	1,357
Investments	5	41	-	41	5
Total		32,294	28,320	60,614	44,455
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	4,268	-	4,268	1,022
Charitable activities	7	3,676	-	3,676	9,523
Other	8	19,251	24,020	43,271	37,845
Total		27,195	24,020	51,215	48,390
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	9	5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		5,725	3,700	9,425	13,360
Total funds carried forward		10,824	8,000	18,824	9,425

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2024

Charity No. 1188941

		2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	191	287
		<u>191</u>	<u>287</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	50	3,005
Cash at bank and in hand		19,363	7,074
		<u>19,413</u>	<u>10,079</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(780)	(941)
Net current assets		<u>18,633</u>	<u>9,138</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>18,824</u>	<u>9,425</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>18,824</u>	<u>9,425</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>18,824</u></u>	<u><u>9,425</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	14		
Restricted income funds		8,000	3,700
		<u>8,000</u>	<u>3,700</u>
Unrestricted funds	14		
General funds		10,824	5,725
		<u>10,824</u>	<u>5,725</u>
Reserves	14		
Total funds		<u><u>18,824</u></u>	<u><u>9,425</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 30 January 2025

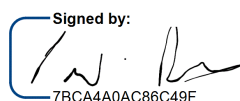
And signed on their behalf by:

P. Preston

Trustee

30 January 2025

Signed by:



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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Notes to the Accounts

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% Straight Line
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Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

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Notes to the Accounts

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	27,393	15,700	43,093
Other trading activities	1,357	-	1,357
Investments	5	-	5
Total	28,755	15,700	44,455
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	1,022	-	1,022
Charitable activities	9,523	-	9,523
Other	25,845	12,000	37,845
Total	36,390	12,000	48,390
Net income	(7,635)	3,700	(3,935)
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(7,635)	3,700	(3,935)
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	(7,635)	3,700	(3,935)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	13,360	-	13,360
Total funds carried forward	5,725	3,700	9,425

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	23,006	-	23,006	12,393
Grants receivable	6,928	28,320	35,248	30,700
	29,934	28,320	58,254	43,093

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fund raising events	2,319	2,319	1,357
	2,319	2,319	1,357

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Notes to the Accounts

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	41	41	5
	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>5</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Donations	90	90	203
Grants receivable	-	-	43
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Fund raising events	4,178	4,178	776
	<u>4,268</u>	<u>4,268</u>	<u>1,022</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
	2,000	2,000	8,630
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	1,676	1,676	893
	<u>3,676</u>	<u>3,676</u>	<u>9,523</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	13,350	23,020	36,370	33,849
Motor and travel costs	1,649	1,000	2,649	1,844
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	96	-	96	96
General administrative costs	3,124	-	3,124	1,796
Legal and professional costs	1,032	-	1,032	260
	<u>19,251</u>	<u>24,020</u>	<u>43,271</u>	<u>37,845</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

9 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

	2024	2023
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	96	96

10 Staff costs

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	33,965	32,178
Pension costs	795	826
	<u>34,760</u>	<u>33,004</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment £	Total £
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 April 2023	<u>383</u>	<u>383</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>383</u>	<u>383</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 April 2023	96	96
Depreciation charge for the year	96	96
At 31 March 2024	<u>192</u>	<u>192</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2024	<u>191</u>	<u>191</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>287</u>	<u>287</u>

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	3,000
Other debtors	50	5
	<u>50</u>	<u>3,005</u>

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxes and social security	-	162
Accruals	780	779
	<u>780</u>	<u>941</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

14 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
Eveson Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Manchester Guardian Society	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Main Grants - National Lottery	-	19,720	(11,720)	8,000
Grimmitt Trust	-	600	(600)	-
Donation for Scotland	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Forever Manchester CDL Fund	700	-	(700)	-
The Souter Charitable Trust	3,000	-	(3,000)	-
<i>Total</i>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>28,320</u>	<u>(24,020)</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	5,725	27,294	(22,195)	10,824
Designated funds:				
Maryland Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
<i>Total</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u><u>9,425</u></u>	<u><u>60,614</u></u>	<u><u>(51,215)</u></u>	<u><u>18,824</u></u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Eveson Trust	Living Well with PS
Manchester Guardian Society	Living Well with PS
Main Grants - National Lottery	Living Well with PS
Grimmitt Trust	Living Well with PS
Donation for Scotland	Living Well with PS
Forever Manchester CDL Fund	Living Well with PS
The Souter Charitable Trust	Clinic Delivery

Designated funds:

Maryland Trust	Core Costs
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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets	191	191
Net current assets	18,633	18,633
	<u>18,824</u>	<u>18,824</u>

16 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	7,074	12,289	19,363
	<u>7,074</u>	<u>12,289</u>	<u>19,363</u>
Net debt	<u>7,074</u>	<u>12,289</u>	<u>19,363</u>

17 Commitments

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 Land and buildings £	2024 Other £	2023 Land and buildings £	2023 Other £
Operating leases with expiry date:				

Pension commitments

	2024 £	2023 £
The pension cost charge to the charity amounted to:	<u>795</u>	<u>826</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	23,006	-	23,006	12,393
Grants receivable	6,928	28,320	35,248	30,700
	<u>29,934</u>	<u>28,320</u>	<u>58,254</u>	<u>43,093</u>
Other trading activities				
Fund raising events	2,319	-	2,319	1,357
	<u>2,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>1,357</u>
Investments				
Bank interest receivable	41	-	41	5
	<u>41</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>5</u>
Total income and endowments	32,294	28,320	60,614	44,455
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies				
Donations	90	-	90	203
Grants receivable	-	-	-	43
	<u>90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>246</u>
Costs of other trading activities				
Fund raising events	4,178	-	4,178	776
	<u>4,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,178</u>	<u>776</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	4,268	-	4,268	1,022
Charitable activities				
	2,000	-	2,000	8,630
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>8,630</u>
Governance costs				
	1,676	-	1,676	893
	<u>1,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,676</u>	<u>893</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	3,676	-	3,676	9,523
Employee costs				
Salaries/wages	10,945	23,020	33,965	32,178
Pension costs	795	-	795	826
Staff training	1,610	-	1,610	845
	<u>13,350</u>	<u>23,020</u>	<u>36,370</u>	<u>33,849</u>
Motor and travel costs				
Travel and subsistence	1,649	1,000	2,649	1,844

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

	1,649	1,000	2,649	1,844
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Depreciation of Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	96	-	96	96
Bank charges	181	-	181	59
Equipment repairs and maintenance	75	-	75	19
General insurances	227	-	227	227
Postage and couriers	468	-	468	270
Software, IT support and related costs	623	-	623	622
Stationery and printing	1,023	-	1,023	169
Subscriptions	152	-	152	-
Sundry expenses	110	-	110	398
Telephone, fax and broadband	265	-	265	32
	3,220	-	3,220	1,892
Legal and professional costs				
Consultancy fees	1,000	-	1,000	200
Other legal and professional costs	32	-	32	60
	1,032	-	1,032	260
Total of expenditure of other costs	19,251	24,020	43,271	37,845
Total expenditure	27,195	24,020	51,215	48,390
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	5,725	3,700	9,425	13,360
Total funds carried forward	10,824	8,000	18,824	9,425

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The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1188941

Trustees

The following trustees served during the year:

K. Aspland (Resigned 21 February 2024)

P. Bannister

V. Bedwell (Resigned 30 March 2024)

J. Erasmus

E. McKenna (Resigned 2 October 2023)

P. Preston

S.B. Proctor (Resigned 2 October 2023)

A. Scott-Bottoms (Resigned 2 October 2023)

J. Spiegel

M. Walton

R. Woods

Accountants

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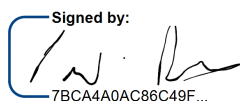
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed by:

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P. Preston

Trustee

30 January 2025

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Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of PIP Parents Information Portal

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of PIP Parents Information Portal for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	29,934	28,320	58,254	43,093
Other trading activities	4	2,319	-	2,319	1,357
Investments	5	41	-	41	5
Total		32,294	28,320	60,614	44,455
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	4,268	-	4,268	1,022
Charitable activities	7	3,676	-	3,676	9,523
Other	8	19,251	24,020	43,271	37,845
Total		27,195	24,020	51,215	48,390
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	9	5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		5,725	3,700	9,425	13,360
Total funds carried forward		10,824	8,000	18,824	9,425

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2024

Charity No. 1188941

		2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	191	287
		<u>191</u>	<u>287</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	50	3,005
Cash at bank and in hand		19,363	7,074
		<u>19,413</u>	<u>10,079</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	13	(780)	(941)
Net current assets		<u>18,633</u>	<u>9,138</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>18,824</u>	<u>9,425</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>18,824</u>	<u>9,425</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>18,824</u></u>	<u><u>9,425</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	14		
Restricted income funds		8,000	3,700
		<u>8,000</u>	<u>3,700</u>
Unrestricted funds	14		
General funds		10,824	5,725
		<u>10,824</u>	<u>5,725</u>
Reserves	14		
Total funds		<u><u>18,824</u></u>	<u><u>9,425</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 30 January 2025

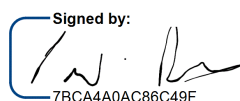
And signed on their behalf by:

P. Preston

Trustee

30 January 2025

Signed by:



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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
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Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
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Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
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Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
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Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
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Notes to the Accounts

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	25% Straight Line
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Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

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Notes to the Accounts

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	27,393	15,700	43,093
Other trading activities	1,357	-	1,357
Investments	5	-	5
Total	28,755	15,700	44,455
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	1,022	-	1,022
Charitable activities	9,523	-	9,523
Other	25,845	12,000	37,845
Total	36,390	12,000	48,390
Net income	(7,635)	3,700	(3,935)
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(7,635)	3,700	(3,935)
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	(7,635)	3,700	(3,935)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	13,360	-	13,360
Total funds carried forward	5,725	3,700	9,425

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	23,006	-	23,006	12,393
Grants receivable	6,928	28,320	35,248	30,700
	29,934	28,320	58,254	43,093

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fund raising events	2,319	2,319	1,357
	2,319	2,319	1,357

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Notes to the Accounts

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	41	41	5
	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>5</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Donations	90	90	203
Grants receivable	-	-	43
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Fund raising events	4,178	4,178	776
	<u>4,268</u>	<u>4,268</u>	<u>1,022</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
	2,000	2,000	8,630
<i>Governance costs</i>			
	1,676	1,676	893
	<u>3,676</u>	<u>3,676</u>	<u>9,523</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	13,350	23,020	36,370	33,849
Motor and travel costs	1,649	1,000	2,649	1,844
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	96	-	96	96
General administrative costs	3,124	-	3,124	1,796
Legal and professional costs	1,032	-	1,032	260
	<u>19,251</u>	<u>24,020</u>	<u>43,271</u>	<u>37,845</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

9 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

	2024	2023
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	96	96

10 Staff costs

	2024	2023
Salaries and wages	33,965	32,178
Pension costs	795	826
	<u>34,760</u>	<u>33,004</u>

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment £	Total £
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 April 2023	<u>383</u>	<u>383</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>383</u>	<u>383</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 April 2023	96	96
Depreciation charge for the year	96	96
At 31 March 2024	<u>192</u>	<u>192</u>
Net book values		
At 31 March 2024	<u>191</u>	<u>191</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>287</u>	<u>287</u>

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	3,000
Other debtors	50	5
	<u>50</u>	<u>3,005</u>

13 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxes and social security	-	162
Accruals	780	779
	<u>780</u>	<u>941</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

14 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
Eveson Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Manchester Guardian Society	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Main Grants - National Lottery	-	19,720	(11,720)	8,000
Grimmitt Trust	-	600	(600)	-
Donation for Scotland	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Forever Manchester CDL Fund	700	-	(700)	-
The Souter Charitable Trust	3,000	-	(3,000)	-
<i>Total</i>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>28,320</u>	<u>(24,020)</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	5,725	27,294	(22,195)	10,824
Designated funds:				
Maryland Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
<i>Total</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u><u>9,425</u></u>	<u><u>60,614</u></u>	<u><u>(51,215)</u></u>	<u><u>18,824</u></u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Eveson Trust	Living Well with PS
Manchester Guardian Society	Living Well with PS
Main Grants - National Lottery	Living Well with PS
Grimmitt Trust	Living Well with PS
Donation for Scotland	Living Well with PS
Forever Manchester CDL Fund	Living Well with PS
The Souter Charitable Trust	Clinic Delivery

Designated funds:

Maryland Trust	Core Costs
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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets	191	191
Net current assets	18,633	18,633
	<u>18,824</u>	<u>18,824</u>

16 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	7,074	12,289	19,363
	<u>7,074</u>	<u>12,289</u>	<u>19,363</u>
Net debt	<u>7,074</u>	<u>12,289</u>	<u>19,363</u>

17 Commitments

Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Land and buildings	Other	Land and buildings	Other
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases with expiry date:				

Pension commitments

	2024	2023
	£	£
The pension cost charge to the charity amounted to:	<u>795</u>	<u>826</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	23,006	-	23,006	12,393
Grants receivable	6,928	28,320	35,248	30,700
	<u>29,934</u>	<u>28,320</u>	<u>58,254</u>	<u>43,093</u>
Other trading activities				
Fund raising events	2,319	-	2,319	1,357
	<u>2,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,319</u>	<u>1,357</u>
Investments				
Bank interest receivable	41	-	41	5
	<u>41</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>5</u>
Total income and endowments	32,294	28,320	60,614	44,455
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies				
Donations	90	-	90	203
Grants receivable	-	-	-	43
	<u>90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>246</u>
Costs of other trading activities				
Fund raising events	4,178	-	4,178	776
	<u>4,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,178</u>	<u>776</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	4,268	-	4,268	1,022
Charitable activities				
	2,000	-	2,000	8,630
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>8,630</u>
Governance costs				
	1,676	-	1,676	893
	<u>1,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,676</u>	<u>893</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	3,676	-	3,676	9,523
Employee costs				
Salaries/wages	10,945	23,020	33,965	32,178
Pension costs	795	-	795	826
Staff training	1,610	-	1,610	845
	<u>13,350</u>	<u>23,020</u>	<u>36,370</u>	<u>33,849</u>
Motor and travel costs				
Travel and subsistence	1,649	1,000	2,649	1,844

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	1,649	1,000	2,649	1,844
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Depreciation of Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment	96	-	96	96
Bank charges	181	-	181	59
Equipment repairs and maintenance	75	-	75	19
General insurances	227	-	227	227
Postage and couriers	468	-	468	270
Software, IT support and related costs	623	-	623	622
Stationery and printing	1,023	-	1,023	169
Subscriptions	152	-	152	-
Sundry expenses	110	-	110	398
Telephone, fax and broadband	265	-	265	32
	3,220	-	3,220	1,892
Legal and professional costs				
Consultancy fees	1,000	-	1,000	200
Other legal and professional costs	32	-	32	60
	1,032	-	1,032	260
Total of expenditure of other costs	19,251	24,020	43,271	37,845
Total expenditure	27,195	24,020	51,215	48,390
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)	5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	5,099	4,300	9,399	(3,935)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	5,725	3,700	9,425	13,360
Total funds carried forward	10,824	8,000	18,824	9,425