



Peaches Womb Cancer Trust  
Annual Report and Accounts  
2021-2022

Registered Charity Number: 1190440

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## Trustees' Report 2020-2021

In early 2020, a group of doctors from Saint Mary's Hospital in Manchester, all with a special interest in womb cancer and research realised that there was no charity dedicated to womb cancer and those affected identified that there was a great unmet need. Womb cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women, affecting nearly 10,000 women every year in the UK and the numbers are rising. And yet, very few people have heard of womb cancer or know what it is. Additionally, research into womb cancer has long been under-funded compared to other gynaecological cancers such as ovarian and cervical, despite it being more common.

In September 2020, Peaches Womb Cancer Trust was established by Professor Emma Crosbie, Dr Eleanor Jones, Dr Chloe Barr, Dr Helen Clarke, Dr Helena O'Flynn and Mrs Rosemary Pike. Its aim is to improve the lives of those affected by womb cancer by raising awareness, supporting patients and promoting and funding research. The name comes from the peach-coloured ribbon that represents womb cancer and was inspired by the fact that a group of survivors refer to themselves as "Peach Sisters".

This is our second annual report, and what a fantastic year Peaches Womb Cancer Trust has had. We have kept up the momentum we gained in our first year and we have increased all of our charitable activities, supporting patients, raising awareness, advocating for patients and funding and promoting research. We have been innovative, creative and flexible in order to raise our profile, our funds and to fulfil our charitable aims to help those with womb cancer.

## Achievements this year

### *Patient Support*

This year we have continued to keep our website updated with reliable information for patients. Our social media channels update our supporters on events that we are hosting, and we have released a series called "Peaches Patient Stories", where women have generously shared their own womb cancer story in the hope that it might be of some comfort and support to readers, as well as raising awareness. We would like to say a huge thank you to Debby, Nicola, Karen, Jenny, Carol Sally, Helen, Lavinia and Lynne. Their unique stories and poems will help others to feel less alone.

In September 2021 we hosted our first "Living Well after Womb Cancer" afternoon. This virtual event featured talks from experts in nutrition, psychology, pelvic physiotherapy and sexual function and the personal journey of one of our supporters. The event was very well received

and we hope that it gave those who have had or are currently receiving treatment up-to-date and expert advice on recovery and wellness that will help them in their journey.

In May 2022 we hosted a webinar on “Intimate health changes and sexual wellbeing after womb cancer treatment”. The speakers, Julia Pugh, a psychosexual therapist, and Lavinia Winch, ambassador for YES! delivered an excellent webinar and addressed several common issues patients face that are not often discussed or addressed by clinicians.

We recognised that in order to reach and support more women, we needed to spread the word about Peaches amongst cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS). Thanks to a generous grant from GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) we were able to create promotional packs, with business cards and leaflets to be given to patients, posters to be displayed in hospitals, and pens, lanyards and pin badges to raise awareness of Peaches Womb Cancer Trust amongst clinicians. To date we have sent out over 90 packs to hospital teams across the country and we know from many of our new supporters that they have received the information about Peaches Womb Cancer Trust from their CNS.

In April 2022 we launched our Peaches Coffee Mornings, virtual events facilitated by Anne our CNS, where those affected by womb cancer come together to share their experience. Living with womb cancer can be a lonely place, as those affected rarely get to meet others like them, and the last two years of the Covid pandemic have made things even more challenging. Our Coffee Mornings aim to provide a safe space for those affected to meet others with similar experiences, to talk, listen, share stories and tips. Since they launched, the Coffee Mornings have gone from strength to strength. We have seen a big increase in the numbers attending and interesting, supportive and varied discussions take place at each meeting.

In July 2022 the Peaches Team attended the British Gynaecological Society Annual Scientific Meeting in London. This was a fantastic opportunity to network and to spread the message about the Charity, the patient support services that we offer and our Peaches Patient Voices group (see below) to doctors and CNSs working in gynaecological oncology.

### *Raising Awareness*

Our social media channels aim to spread the message about womb cancer and its symptoms. This year we have also delivered awareness talks to the UK employees of GSK and Addleshaw Goddard LLP. The purpose of these talks was to raise awareness of womb cancer and educate employees on the risk factors, early symptoms and diagnosis.

### *Advocating for those affected by womb cancer*

Last year we were invited to review and provide opinion on the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Consultation on dostarlimab, a new treatment being considered for advanced and recurrent womb cancer. We were therefore delighted with the news in February 2022 that NICE decided to approve the use of dostarlimab for previously treated advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer with high microsatellite instability or mismatch repair deficiency. This is the first time in a generation that a new treatment for womb cancer has been made available and patients with advanced and recurrent disease have so far had very few options available to them. Whilst dostarlimab will not be an option for all of those with advanced and recurrent womb cancer we hope that this heralds a wave of new targeted treatments to improve the lives and survival of all those with this devastating disease. Following this news, we put out a press release which was picked up by some national news outlets leading to us being quoted in the Daily Mail newspaper.

We have also been asked this year to comment on the NICE and Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) appraisals of a new combination treatment, pembrolizumab with lenvatinib, for all women with previously treated advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer. The appraisal processes are currently ongoing, but we very much hope that this treatment option will be approved by both NICE and the SMC in the coming year.

Earlier in the year, the UK Government made a call for public views to help inform and develop their 10-Year Cancer Plan. We circulated this on social media to give our followers a chance to have their voices heard and we put in a compelling submission to advocate for those affected by womb cancer.

### *Promoting research*

We are proud to have supported two early career researchers to present their work at scientific conferences. Dr Kelechi Njoku and Miss Olivia Aurangzeb were both awarded Peaches Womb Cancer Trust Bursaries to allow them to present their research at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Annual Academic Meeting in February 2022. It was wonderful to see two early career researchers presenting their work into womb cancer at such a prestigious meeting and helping to raise awareness of womb cancer.

In June 2022 we hosted a webinar “AI in Cancer Care”, where we were informed about the role that artificial intelligence (AI) and software might play in womb cancer treatment.

### *Peaches Patient Voices*

In October 2021, Peaches Patient Voices (PPV) was launched, led by Helen White. Helen, who was herself diagnosed with womb cancer in 2017, was already involved in a number of patient and public involvement (PPI) activities and recognised that a wider and more diverse range of views, experiences and perspectives was needed to inform research. She therefore approached the Peaches Team with her idea and, together, we set up PPV. PPV is a group of people with lived experience of womb cancer who are keen to be connected with researchers looking for PPI in their work. PPV has proven to be extremely popular with our supporters and there are currently 60 members. So far, eight research projects have been shaped or influenced by our PPV members, some of which have involved the formation of longer-term partnerships. For example, PPV members Danni and Sandra have partnered with Dr Louise Wan to guide her research (on shared decision-making in womb cancer treatment), and we are extremely grateful to them for writing a blog about their experience of working together.

It has been fantastic to see how rewarding many of our members have found their experience of PPI and how it has promoted patient wellbeing and empowerment.

*““Being a patient voice participant is an important opportunity. I'm excited to think that my experience can hopefully feed into the health and wellbeing of future cancer patients.”*

PPV involvement has helped to shape ground-breaking research that could inspire change and benefit patients all over the country, and beyond. The research community have also universally welcomed the opportunity to connect easily with people affected by womb cancer from across the UK:

*“[Peaches Patient Voices] is a great initiative as it provides a single point of contact for researchers like me to find people who have already expressed an interest in being involved in research”.*

PPV members' contributions have also been instrumental in shaping the Peaches submissions for the recent NICE and SMC new treatment appraisals. Having access to a group of people who were willing to share their perspectives of advanced womb cancer, and the impact of treatment, was an enormous help to Peaches and ensured the collective patient voice was heard, loud and clear.

### *Awards*

In July 2022 the Peaches team attended the University of Manchester Outstanding Contribution to Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) Awards. We were delighted that Peaches Womb Cancer Trust was awarded the Group Winner and Helen White was Highly Commended in the Individual category. This award was in recognition of Peaches Patient Voices and the contribution that it has made to research.

### *Fundraising events*

Our fundraising efforts began during September 2021, Gynaecological Cancer Awareness Month, with “Walking for Wombs”, where supporters were encouraged to set the location and distance and walk to raise awareness of womb cancer and raise money for Peaches. In May 2022, we had 10 fundraisers running the Great Manchester Run for Peaches, raising over £4000 between them. One runner, Rosina, ran both the half marathon and the 10km races back-to-back! In May and June 2022 we also ran our first “Peaches and Cream Tea” event, inviting fundraisers to host afternoon tea events for their friends and families.

### *In memory*

We were so sorry to hear the news in March this year that Sally Spencer sadly died from her womb cancer. Sally and her daughter Sarah Shapcott have championed Peaches since we launched. They have been our biggest supporters and raised an enormous amount of money. They have tirelessly campaigned, helping to raise the profile of womb cancer. Sally was a kind and generous woman and a wonderful ambassador for Peaches. We are so very grateful for everything she did for Peaches and for all of her support. We will never forget her.

### *A huge thank you*

We could not undertake any of our work without the generous donations and hard work of our supporters. Our fundraisers were creative during the pandemic and have continued since to raise a huge amount of money for Peaches. We would like to say a massive thank you to all who have held fundraising events and activities. Without all of your support and you attending our events, we would not be where we are today.

A special thank you must go to Womb Cancer Support UK. Kaz Molloy from Womb Cancer Support UK has done an amazing job of supporting patients over many years, which she continues to do, whilst also championing us at Peaches. Womb Cancer Support UK have continued to raise and donate money to Peaches this year, which has made a big difference to us.

Finally, thank you to all the Trustees and volunteers who have worked so hard over the last year to grow the charity. Most have done this alongside full-time jobs and the dedication they have shown to the Charity and to the womb cancer cause is inspiring.

We are delighted by the success that Peaches Womb Cancer Trust has had in its second year and are looking forward to a very bright future for the charity and all of those affected by womb cancer.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Peaches Womb Cancer Trust is registered with the Charity Commission no: 1190440. It was established on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and officially launched on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. This is the second set of accounts the charity has prepared, and this set of accounts covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

### Charitable Objects

The objectives, as set out in the governing document are:

*“To relieve sickness and to preserve the health and improve the experience of women with or at risk of womb cancer and their families in the United Kingdom, in particular but not exclusively by; carrying out research, raising awareness and the provision of patient education and support services.”*

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, the Charities Act requires that all charities ensure they meet their charitable objectives and that these are for the public benefit. The Charity Commission in its “Charities and Public Benefit” Guidance states that there are two key principles that must be met:

1. There must be an identifiable benefit
2. The benefit must be for the public or a section of the public.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The Trustees are satisfied that the aims and objectives of the charity and the activities reported on in this Annual Report meet these principles.

### Management Structure

The Charity is run by a Board of six Trustees, who together founded Peaches Womb Cancer Trust. They are:

#### *Professor Emma Crosbie, Chair of Trustees*

Professor Crosbie is Professor of Gynaecological Oncology at the University of Manchester and consultant gynaecological surgeon at St Mary’s Hospital. Her clinical practice focuses on the fertility-sparing management of endometrial cancer and its precursor lesion, atypical hyperplasia. Her research into the prevention and early detection of womb cancer was recognised through a prestigious National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinician Scientist Fellowship award in 2013 and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists William Blair



Bell Memorial Lectureship in 2017. She led the James Lind Womb Cancer Alliance Priority Setting Partnership that identified the top ten most important unanswered research questions in womb cancer, according to patients, carers and healthcare professionals. She is Chair of the Endometrial Subgroup of the National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) Gynaecology Group, a member of the NCRI Screening, Prevention and Early Diagnosis (SPED) committee, and Early Detection Lead for the Manchester NIHR Biomedical Research Centre. Her research team 'Team Womb', won the NCRI Cancer Research Excellence in Surgical Trials (CREST) award in 2019 for outstanding recruitment to surgical trials.

Professor Crosbie is a busy mum of three who leads a diverse team of enthusiastic scientists and doctors who strive to carry out high quality research that improves the care of women affected by womb cancer. #wombwarriors.

#### *Dr Chloe Barr*

Chloe is a Specialist Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Manchester investigating novel diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers for gynaecological malignancy. In 2010, she graduated from the University of Liverpool with MBChB honours and commenced the Obstetrics and Gynaecology specialist training programme in 2013. In 2018, she joined the clinical research team at St. Mary's Hospital Manchester, where, in addition to her research, she worked clinically looking after and treating women with gynaecological cancers. She is now back working clinically and aims to apply for gynaecological cancer surgical training. During her time working for Professor Crosbie, she treated and monitored women with womb cancer who are unable to undergo surgical treatment, either due to fertility reasons or other medical issues. Her experience as a clinician and researcher has made her passionate about improving services for women with womb cancer, including early detection, prevention and personalised treatment. This inspired her to be a part of the founding team of Peaches Womb Cancer Trust, a charity dedicated to raising awareness about womb cancer and funding ground-breaking womb cancer research.

#### *Dr Eleanor Jones*

Eleanor is a Specialist Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, currently working as a Clinical Research Fellow in Gynaecological Oncology, in the final year of a PhD at the University of Manchester, investigating the early diagnosis of endometrial cancer and how it can be improved. She undertook her medical training at the University of St Andrews (BSc) and then the University of Manchester (MBChB), graduating in 2013. She started specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2015 and came out of her training programme in 2018 to join Professor Crosbie's research team. Eleanor's long-term aim is to have a career as a Gynaecological Oncologist.

#### *Dr Helen Clarke*

Helen studied medicine at Keele University following completion of an undergraduate BSc in Biomedical Science at De Montfort University, Leicester in 2007. She commenced her specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2014 within the Mersey region. In 2016 she was awarded an £18,000 entry level research scholarship from the Wellbeing of Women for research based at University of Liverpool. In 2019 she commenced her PhD at the University of Manchester with Professor Crosbie and Dr Sacha Howell (Christie Hospital, Manchester) developing a clinical trial for cancer prevention in both endometrial and breast cancer, using dietary interventions.

#### *Dr Helena O'Flynn*

Helena is a General Practitioner working in Manchester following the completion of an Academic Clinical Fellowship training programme and a Masters in Public Health. She has an interest in the early detection of gynaecological cancers in Primary Care and women's health. She graduated from medical school at the University of Manchester and was subsequently awarded an NIHR Doctoral Research Fellowship in 2018 and is undertaking a PhD at the University of Manchester investigating methods of early detection of endometrial cancer as well as awareness of symptoms of endometrial cancer.

#### *Mrs Rosemary Pike*

Rosemary is a trustee of Peaches Womb Cancer Trust and is a non-medical member of the team. She is a retired solicitor and was a magistrate for 18 years. Over the years she has been involved in a number of charities, with one of her longstanding roles as a trustee of a large North West children's charity.

#### *Employees*

The Charity has had no employees this year.

#### *Volunteers*

##### *Mrs Anne Lowry*

Anne is a Macmillan Gynaecology Clinical Nurse Specialist at St Mary's Hospital in Manchester. Anne qualified as a nurse and graduated from the University of Northumbria with BSc (Hons) in Nursing Studies in 1997. She has worked within the speciality of gynaecology for most of her career in a variety of roles before becoming a nurse specialist in 2007. This nurse specialist role allows Anne to support women and their families who are affected by gynaecological cancers.

Anne has always had an interest in womb cancer. She completed her MSc in Nursing Studies in 2019 with distinction and focused the modules of this degree towards learning more about the experiences of women with womb cancer and how best to support them. She has also been involved in health promotion events to raise the profile of womb cancer and is very aware through this work that a national charity like Peaches Womb Cancer Trust has a big part to play in improving the outcomes for women with this disease. Anne has set up, nurtured and grown our Peaches Coffee Mornings and created a mutually supportive environment in them. She has also grown our network of CNS contacts to allow us to reach more patients.

#### *Miss Elisabeth Pinggera*

Lilly has recently completed a BSc at the University of Manchester and is currently working as a Research Assistant within the Womb Cancer Research Group. She manages our social media channels, designing and producing the posts we put out and she helps with the production of promotional materials for the Charity. This has allowed us to post more regular content, to increase our engagement and to ensure consistency with our styling.

#### *Mrs Helen White*

Helen was diagnosed with womb cancer in 2017 which she subsequently discovered was due to Lynch syndrome. This lived experience inspired Helen's keen interest in PPIE and led her to join the Participant Panel at Genomics England, the Patient Reference Panel for CanGene-CanVar, and the NCRI Gynaecological Group. Helen established and runs Peaches Patient Voices, our fantastic group of people with lived experience of womb cancer who want to be involved in shaping womb cancer research. She also provides a unique patient perspective to the Peaches Team, helping to make sure we stay focused on what matters to those affected.

#### *Mrs Harriet Hirst*

Harriet began her career as a software developer and is currently a Customer Relationship Manager Leader at Heywood Pension Technologies. Harriet has volunteered this year as our website developer, bringing lots of great ideas to the team and she has done a brilliant job of ensuring that website content is kept up to date.

#### *Dr Madeline Poulton*

Madeline is an HR professional with over 20 years' experience working with regional and global HR teams. She also volunteers for Maternity Action as their HR Volunteer. Madeline joined the Peaches Team in July 2022 and has already been pivotal in setting the Charity up as an employer and leading on the recruitment process for our Fundraising and Operations Manager.

**Peaches Womb Cancer Trust**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1 SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Donations and legacies	1	8,466	8,640
Income resources from charitable activities	2	24,298	10,451
Interest			
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>32,764</b>	<b>19,091</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	3		
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>			
Costs of generating voluntary income		2,447	1,308
Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold			1,134
Employee costs		1,075	
Charitable aims		5,766	
		<b>9,288</b>	<b>2,442</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES AVAILABLE</b>		<b>23,476</b>	<b>16,649</b>
Governance costs	3	1,164	1,265
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>10,451</b>	<b>3,707</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>22,313</b>	<b>15,384</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>22,313</b>	<b>15,384</b>

# **Peaches Womb Cancer Trust**

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2022**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	<b>5</b>	-	268
Cash and bank		37,697	16,196
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		37,697	16,464
 <b>CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year</b>	 <b>6</b>	 -	 (1,080)
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		 <hr/> <hr/>	 <hr/> <hr/>
		37,697	15,384
 <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
Brought forward funds		15,384	
Movement in year		22,313	
Unrestricted funds		<hr/>	<hr/>
		37,697	15,384
 <b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		 <hr/> <hr/>	 <hr/> <hr/>
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## Peaches Womb Cancer Trust

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### **Resources expended**

Expenditure has been charged to the income and expenditure account on the accruals basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises these costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity

#### 1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Direct Donations	5,806	1,713
Just Giving		3,525
CAF Donate		1,469
Paypal Giving Fund		1,237
Giving.com		412
Gift Aid		269
Amazon Smile		16
Memory Giving	660	
Legacies	2,000	
	<b>8,466</b>	<b>8,640</b>

#### 2 INCOMING RESOURCES FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Helen 10k Run		1,108
Funds Raised by WCSUK		2,000
Funds Raised by Womb Cancer Awareness		5,430
Walking for Wombs		1,913
Owned fundraising	7,733	
Community fundraising	5,217	
Corporate fundraising	1,420	
Grants and trusts fundraising	9,606	
Shopping fundraising	322	
	<b>24,298</b>	<b>10,451</b>

# Peaches Womb Cancer Trust

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **3 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<b>Total 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>		
Costs of generating voluntary income	2,447	1,308
Fundraising trading: costs of goods sold	-	1,134
Charitable aims	5,766	
Employee costs	1,075	
Total	<u>9,288</u>	<u>2,442</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Account fees	93	79
Research bursary		98
Running costs	1,071	8
Accountancy fee	-	1,080
	<u>1,164</u>	<u>1,265</u>
	<u><b>10,451</b></u>	<u><b>3,707</b></u>

### **4 TRUSTEES**

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the period.

### **5 DEBTORS**

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Trade debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>268</u>
	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>268</b></u>

### **6 Creditors**

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>1,080</u>
	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>1,080</b></u>

## Independent Examiner's Report

### **PEACHES WOMB CANCER TRUST INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PEACHES WOMB CANCER TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 1 September 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirements of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- (iii) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

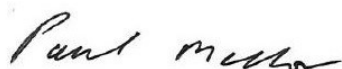
#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination is carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) and the requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 of the Charities Act 2011;Have not been met; or
- (b) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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## Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

As shown in the Statement of Accounts, Peaches Womb Cancer Trust's income for this second year has been predominantly from donations through different streams, all of which is unrestricted. Another large source of funds was in the form of a grant from GSK to fund the acquisition and distribution of promotional and awareness materials to be sent to CNS teams in hospitals across the country. We are very grateful to GSK for this grant. We were also delighted to receive a grant from the Hospital Saturday Fund to cover some of our running costs and the salary of our first employee.

In order for Peaches Womb Cancer Trust to grow and to further its aims and objectives, more manpower in the form of both volunteers and employees is needed. Our primary focus has been to obtain sufficient resources to fund our first employee. Therefore, the bulk of the income we have received has not yet been spent as it is being saved for this purpose. Our secondary financial focus is to fund a patient support project, an awareness campaign and significant research projects, all of which are extremely costly. Once an employee is in post and we have the time and resources to achieve these projects, funds will be raised for, saved for and spent on carrying out these projects.

## Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

## Plans for 2022-2023

### *Patient Support*

In the coming year, we will continue to update our website and social media channels with high-quality, accurate and relevant information for patients. We will continue to host patient information events, beginning with our second “Living Well after Womb Cancer” event in September 2022. This will feature talks from experts in pelvic floor physiotherapy, hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and sexual function after cancer treatment, as well as talks from other charitable organisations who offer services that may be of benefit to our supporters. We will continue to grow and develop our Coffee Mornings and we will increase the frequency of these as demand increases.

We are also planning a large patient support project to provide more information on a wide range of different topics related to womb cancer in an easily accessible format.

### *Raising Awareness*

We will continue and increase the awareness content we post on our social media channels and encourage our supporters to share this. We are also planning a large national awareness campaign to go live in late 2023. We believe that if we can increase the number of people who are aware of the signs and symptoms of womb cancer, and if they know what to do if they have these symptoms, we can catch cancers earlier and reduce the number of women dying of this disease.

### *Advocacy*

We will continue to advocate for womb cancer patients and their loved ones on a national level to #GiveWombCancerAVoice. We will do everything we can as part of the NICE and SMC appraisal process to ensure that the views of those with experience of womb cancer are counted. We hope that this will increase the likelihood of a positive outcome of these appraisals and approval of these vital new treatments.

### *Promoting Research*

We will continue to offer research bursaries to early career researchers presenting their work into womb cancer at conferences to support the future of womb cancer research. Our long-term goal is to fund significant research projects with tangible outcomes, however these are very

costly. We plan to start a fund that will grow over the coming years to allow us to do this in the future.

### *Peaches Patient Voices*

We will continue to grow the Peaches Patient Voices community and its involvement in varied research projects, ensuring that womb cancer research is focused on the needs of the patients. We plan to host PPV webinars, the first of which is in September on the topic of “Womb Cancer Genomics: Research and Patient Benefit”. These webinars will aim to promote the womb cancer research that is going on among those affected by womb cancer and the wider public and inform PPV members about how their involvement makes a real difference to research outcomes.

### *Organisation*

#### *Trustees*

After our upcoming AGM, Mrs Rosemary Pike will step down as a Trustee but will continue to volunteer for Peaches. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Helen White and Mr Malcolm Pike as new Trustees.

Helen is a patient volunteer who has done a fantastic job of setting up Peaches Patient Voices this year. We know that the personal experience that she will bring to Peaches will be a huge asset to our Board, ensuring that we remain focused on what is most important to patients.

Malcolm is an employment lawyer, business advisor and non-executive director with over 40 years’ experience in private legal practice. He is currently Chair of Governors at Withington Girls’ School, Vice President and NED of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Rugby Football League’s Independent Employment Tribunal, a member of the ACAS panel of Independent Arbitrators, and Associate General Counsel - Employment (EMEA) at Associated British Foods plc. We know that Malcolm’s governance, management and legal experience will be very beneficial to our Board.

Over the coming year we will seek to diversify our Board in order to bring in a wider skillset and different experiences. We will particularly look for Trustees with financial, marketing and fundraising experience.

#### *Volunteers*

Lilly Pinggera will be stepping down as a volunteer for Peaches as she is relocating to attend medical school. We are enormously grateful for everything that Lilly has done for Peaches over

the last year. She has produced beautiful leaflets, posters and social media posts for us and has helped us at events, including our Peaches and Cream Tea afternoon and at the BGCS Annual Scientific Meeting. She has dramatically increased our social media activity and following and has always been happy to help with any task. We will miss her, but we wish her every success in her career!

We are delighted to welcome a new volunteer to the Peaches team. Dr Molly Riglar is a newly qualified doctor, working at Stoke Hospital. Whilst she was a medical student, Molly was the Social Media Secretary for the University of Manchester Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society. She will be taking over Lilly's role in the creation of our social media posts and managing our social media accounts. We are very grateful to Molly for volunteering her time and we look forward to working with her.

### Employees

For the last two years, Peaches Womb Cancer Trust has been entirely run by volunteers who all work full time, with Peaches work being done in our spare time. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to generate sufficient funds this last financial year to allow us to recruit our first employee. We are delighted to welcome Ms Louise Brimble to the Peaches Team as our newly appointed Fundraising and Operations Manager. Louise has a wealth of experience in the charity sector and will start her post in September 2022, working four days per week. We hope that having Louise in our team will really drive Peaches forwards, allowing us to be more responsive to enquiries, deliver more in terms of services for our patients, and increase our awareness work. We also hope to continue this growth and potentially expand our team further by Autumn 2023.

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