



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 12 January 2021 **Period start date** **To** 31 March 2022
Period end date

Charity name: ThymicUK

Charity registration number: 1193092

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>ThymicUK provides a support network for patients with thymic cancers in the United Kingdom and advocates on their behalf.</p> <p>The purposes of ThymicUK are to support people affected by thymic cancers, and to improve the quality of life and access to available treatments for patients with thymic cancers in the UK. We endeavour to do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) identifying patients with thymic cancers and offering support throughout their journey.b) providing information resources for patients, carers, and medical professionals such as listing available treatments, clinical trials, and the location of thymic cancer specialists in the UK.c) raising awareness of thymic cancers among the general public, and medical professionals.d) promoting research into the causes, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and management of thymic cancers.e) liaising with relevant organisations such as the British Thoracic Oncology Group (BTOG), the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG), and the pharmaceutical industry for the advancement of knowledge and treatment of thymic cancers.f) liaising with and influencing key health decision makers such as NICE and the NHS in the UK.g) facilitating fundraising to promote the above objectives.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, ThymicUK has provided information and support to patients, carers, and medical professionals. We have further developed our dedicated website (www.thymicuk.org), and continued to provide a mailing list, and a closed group</p>

identified in the accounts.		<p>on the social media platform Facebook. We have seen a substantial growth in traffic on the website, in the number of subscribers to the mailing list, and in people joining our support group. All the above indicate that more people affected by thymic cancers in the UK are becoming aware of our existence and are reaching out for support.</p> <p>We organised two virtual meetings for the support group; a social meeting on 14.06.2021, and a session with expert speakers on 'responding to cancer, tips for managing anxiety, depression, stress and more' on 30.11.2021.</p> <p>We liaised with BTOG and ITMIG, amongst others in preparation to co-organise the first international Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month to be held in May 2022. As patient advocates, we attended the BTOG virtual conference (22-23.04.2021) and the ITMIG virtual conference (16-17.10.2021).</p> <p>We produced ThymicUK awareness badges and ribbons and started to sell these on our website and at fundraising events. We also produced contact cards and distributed them to hospitals.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that all trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>ThymicUK has been effective in reaching and supporting more of those affected by thymic cancers in the UK. This includes patients, carers and medical professionals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have further developed our dedicated website (www.thymicuk.org), and continued to provide a mailing list, and a closed group on the social media platform Facebook. We have seen a substantial growth in traffic on the website, in the number of subscribers to the mailing list, and in people joining our support group. All the above indicate that more people affected by thymic cancers in the UK are becoming aware of our existence and are reaching out for support. - We organised two virtual meetings for the support group; a social meeting on 14.06.2021, and a session with expert speakers on 'responding to cancer, tips for managing anxiety, depression, stress and more' on 30.11.2021. <p>We have been effective in liaising with relevant professional bodies, including the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG), and the British Thoracic Oncology Group (BTOG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the latter, we were instrumental in the creation of a Special Interest Group (SIG) dedicated to Thymic Malignancies. The ThymicUK chair is a member of the group. - We liaised with both professional bodies to co-organise the first international Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month to be held in May 2022. - We attended the BTOG virtual conference (22-23.04.2021) and the ITMIG virtual conference (16-

		<p>17.10.2021) as patient advocates.</p> <p>To increase the awareness of thymic cancers, we produced ThymicUK awareness badges and ribbons, and started to sell these on our website and at fundraising events. We also produced contact cards and distributed them to hospitals.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£3156
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The ThymicUK policy to holding reserves is that we currently only use funds as needed to produce information and awareness materials (such as leaflets, posters badges and ribbons) and for essential costs (e.g., our website domain). No personal expenses are used as all trustees volunteer their time.</p> <p>All funds which are not immediately needed for the above are to be held as reserves, with the aim to initiate research into the causes, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and management of thymic cancers.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	This is a varying amount as explained above. It started from £0 at 12 th January 2021, and had reached £3156 at 31 st March 2022.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	All four trustees have been co-founders of the charity. The appointment of any new trustee would be agreed by all current trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ThymicUK
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1193092

Charity's principal address	69 Worcester Road London E17 5QR
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Karen Ruddock (chair)		Whole year	
2	Heidrun Bien		Whole year	
3	Oliver Neely		Whole year	
4	Marrika Colvin		Whole year	
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information



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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Dr Heidrun Bien	Karen Ruddock
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee - Secretary & Treasurer	Chair & Trustee
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Date

25.01.2023
