



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01 April 2023** (Period start date) To **31 March 2024** (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	ThymicUK provides a support network for patients with thymic cancers in the United Kingdom and advocates on their behalf. 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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	-ThymicUK charity stand at the Annual Conference of the British Thoracic Oncology Group (BTOG2023); -Patient Advocates at BTOG2023; -ThymicUK Research Poster at BTOG2023; Maintaining a dedicated website and mailing list; -Co-organisation of the International Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month; -Running the ThymicUK Patient Support Group; -Organisation of Patient Webinars; -Production and distribution of Information Leaflets, awareness badges and ribbons; -Cancer52 Membership; Association of Chairs Membership; -Patient Advocacy as member of the BTOG Thymic Cancer Special Interest Group.
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		

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>Research Poster Prize at BTOG2023 Our ThymicUK research poster "THE EXPERIENCE OF PATIENTS WITH THYMIC EPITHELIAL TUMOURS: A survey of patient perception of support from their clinical team and beyond" raised awareness of thymic cancers and won a runner up conference poster prize (£100 that went to the charity funds).</p> <p>As patient advocates, we have been effective in liaising with relevant professional bodies, including the International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group (ITMIG), the British Thoracic Oncology Group (BTOG), and as a member of the rare cancer umbrella charity Cancer 52.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We continued our work in the BTOG Special Interest Group (SIG) for Thymic Malignancies, with chair Karen Ruddock being a member representing ThymicUK. - Together with ITMIG and BTOG, we ran a successful 2nd edition of the Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month in May 2023. - We continued to work closely with both professional bodies to co-organise the 3rd edition of the Thymic Malignancy Awareness Month to be held in May 2024. - We attended the ITMIG virtual conference and Cancer 52 events to represent the voice of those affected by thymic cancers. <p>We organised two ThymicUK Patient Events; an in-person Patient Meeting with Allied Healthcare Professionals in London (24 May 2023); an End of Year Patient Webinar (7 December 2023).</p>

		<p>Working towards a comprehensive Thymic Cancer Database</p> <p>ThymicUK has long been advocating for the need of a comprehensive database that would allow healthcare professionals to bring together information on the rare cases of thymic malignancies, to advance learning and ultimately lead to more effective and safer treatment regimes.</p> <p>Support Group, Mailing List and website: We continued to run the website, the ThymicUK mailing list and the closed ThymicUK patient support group on Facebook. The group provides a safe space, in which patients and carers can exchange experiences and often very practical tips, supporting each other. Both forums have seen sustained growth with about 100 new patients and carers joining. This indicates that more doctors and nurses are aware of and signpost patients to ThymicUK as a source of information and support.</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	31 st March 2024: £31766 (Starting position on 1 st April 2023: £15712 Incoming funds over the reporting period: £16805; Outgoing funds over the reporting period: £751)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	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), for postage and other essential costs (e.g., our website domain, hosting, and mailing list, zoom subscription for patient webinars, and for our patient advocacy and raising of awareness activities (e.g. conference charity stand). No personal expenses are used as all trustees volunteer their time. With the aim to initiate research into the causes, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and management of thymic cancers, we hold as reserves all those funds not immediately needed for the above charity aims.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	No set amount
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		

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 three 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

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		Whole Year	
2	Heidrun Bien		Whole Year	
3	Marrika Colvin		Whole Year	
4	Oliver Neeley		01.04.23 – 01.02.24	
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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)	Dr Heidrun Bien	Karen Ruddock
Full name(s)	Dr Heidrun Bien	Karen Ruddock
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee, Secretary & Treasurer	Chair
Date	26.01.2025	



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ThymicUK

1193092

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01.04.2023

To

31.03.2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations through fundraisers via Justgiving	3,280	-	-	3,280	-
Donations as direct transfers to the charity bank account	8,351	-	-	8,351	-
Donations and fundraisers via PayPal Giving Fund	4,490	-	-	4,490	-
Donations through donate button on the charity website via PayPal	30	-	-	30	-
awareness badges and ribbons donations via website via PayPal	107	-	-	107	-
donations via AmazonSmile	132	-	-	132	-
research poster prize at BTOG 2023 annual conference	100	-	-	100	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,490	-	-	16,490	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
charity savings account interest	315	-	-	315	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	315	-	-	315	-
Total receipts	16,805	-	-	16,805	-
A3 Payments					
postage (sending awareness badges/ribbons/information)	74	-	-	74	-
mailchimp and webhosting fees	324	-	-	324	-
printing reserarch poster for BTOG 2023	45	-	-	45	-
cost for charity stand at BTOG2024	300	-	-	300	-
paypal fees	8	-	-	8	-
Sub total	751	-	-	751	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	751	-	-	751	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,054	-	-	16,054	-

A5 Transfers between funds
A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

-	-	-	-	-
15,712	-	-	15,712	-
31,766	-	-	31,766	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	net taz year income (receipt minus payments)	16,054	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	31,766	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Dr Heidrun Bien	Dr Heidrun Bien	26.01.2025	
	Karen Ruddock	Karen Ruddock	26.01.2025	