



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **24/03/2022** To **31/03/2023**

**Charity name:** United Kingdom and Ireland Oesophagogastric Cancer Group

**Charity registration number:** 1198358

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit, the advancement of health and saving of lives by (but not limited to) the following means: a) providing a forum to share knowledge and for discussion about medical cases in the field of oncology; b) providing information and advice to those who work in the field of oncology about care and treatment of cancers, including but not limited to oesophageal and gastric cancer; and c) carrying out such other charitable activities as the trustees see fit from time to time which would improve the standard of care and treatment of oesophageal and gastric cancer patients and cancer patients generally.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides education/advocacy/advice/information</li> <li>• Workshops, conferences, seminars and/or lectures</li> <li>• professional training</li> </ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	THE UKIOG Charity aims to improve outcomes for Oesophago gastric cancer patients by sharing of best practice, supporting research and facilitating training. All of these activities are aimed at ultimately improving the care of cancer patients and therefore are a benefit to the public.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	UKIOG does not presently make grants.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	UKIOG does not carry out social investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The founders, steering group and committees are formed of volunteers who provide their time free of charge.</p> <p>The only payments made are to faculty / speakers to support their attendance at the face to face meetings.</p>
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>The charity has successfully run 4 virtual National MDTs where complex cancer cases are discussed and then learnings from these cases disseminated. This has harmonised best practice and highlighted where centres are offering procedures or other treatments not on offer in other centres. This has directly led to the transfer of patients care to super specialist centres.</p> <p>We also ran our first face to face meeting attended by 130 people from across all the healthcare professions who look after Oesophageal and gastric cancer patients. This meeting highlighted the latest areas of research and shared best practice in managing these complex patients. Feedback from this meeting was extremely positive with 95% of people stating they would attend again.</p> <p>Lastly, we formed the Research committee which took over from the NCRI Oesophago Gastric subgroup after the NCRI shut down. This group provides a mechanism for researchers to discuss their proposed projects, get feedback and then receive letters of support from UKIOG to go with the application. It also supports ongoing research projects with recruitment and helps determine what the research priorities should be for Oesophago-Gastric cancer over the next 5 years based on feedback from both patients and clinicians.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We achieved our goals for this period.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We fund our activities via sponsorship from medical companies. This pays for the events and the remaining money is then available for other activities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We ended the financial period with a sum of £31,071. We have no other assets and no liabilities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We don't aim to keep a reserve, but the sum left at the end of this financial year is to allow us to prepare for the subsequent years activities, cover secretarial support and to invest in a professional website to allow us to disseminate the training materials we have created.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
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	Sponsorship from medical companies.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	None at present. After the first sponsored events the sponsors have made it clear they are very happy to continue sponsoring more events.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO 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	The current three trustees were responsible for the creation of UKIOG and its formation as a charity. New trustees will be appointed as required by a process of self nomination and then voting by the steering committee and all the sub committees that form UKIOG

### 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	We will use the Charity Excellence Framework courses to trainee new trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is formed of the three trustees, a steering committee and then a Research Committee. Additional committees will be set up of the course of 2024.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>None</b>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	United Kingdom and Ireland Oesophagogastric Cancer Group
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1198358
Charity's principal address	Velindre Cancer Centre, Velindre Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL

**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	Thomas Crosby			
2	Christopher Peters			
3	Elizabeth Smyth			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
N/A		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
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

N/A


## Other optional information

N/A

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher John Peters	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	11/9/2024	



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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

### Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
United Kingdom and Ireland Oesophagogastric Cancer Group

### On accounts for the year ended

2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1198358

### Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts 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 confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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 accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



Date:

16/09/2024

Name:

Dr Murray A J Hudson

### Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Qualification: MBChB (University of Edinburgh 2009)  
Registered as a Medical Practitioner with the General Medical Council –  
GMC# 7041191

Address:

45 Pottery Lane

London

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## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**