



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 2022 Period start date To 2023 Period end date

Charity name: **CANCER UK-SALONE**

Charity registration number: **1198908**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Summary of the Purposes of CANCER UK-SALONE As outlined in its governing document, CANCER UK-SALONE is established to: 1. Raise Cancer Awareness – Promote education and awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment, particularly in Sierra Leone and other underserved communities. 2. Support Cancer Patients and Survivors – Provide emotional, psychological, and practical support to individuals and families affected by cancer. 3. Advocate for Improved Healthcare Services – Work with healthcare providers, policymakers, and stakeholders to improve access to cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment services. 4. Organize Community Engagement Initiatives – Conduct outreach programs, campaigns, and event such as the Breast Cancer Awareness Month encourage public participation in cancer prevention and support. 5. Fundraising and Resource Mobilisation – Secure funding through donations, grants, and partnerships to sustain and expand cancer-related programs and initiatives. 6. Collaborate with Medical and Research Institutions – Support and promote cancer research, training, and capacity-building

		initiatives to improve cancer care and knowledge. These objectives align with the charity's mission to reduce the burden of cancer in Sierra Leone and beyond, ensuring better health outcomes for affected communities.
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	Summary of Main Activities for Public Benefit In alignment with its charitable purposes, CANCER UK-SALONE has undertaken several activities, projects, and services to benefit the public. These initiatives aim to raise awareness, provide support, and advocate for improved cancer care, particularly in Sierra Leone. 1. Launched the Charity in UK with a breast cancer event (October 2022) 2. Breast Cancer Awareness in Sierra Leone (October 2022) Conducted free community outreach sessions on self- examination and the importance of Mammographic screenings 3. Launched the Charity in Sierra Leone on World Cancer Day event (February 2023) • Statements made by Ministry of Health Chief Medical Officer, WHO. • Launched by a representative of the British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone. 4. Media engagement • Founder interviewed by BBC Focus on African Cancer • TV and radio interview in Sierra Leone introducing the Charity and its mandates. 5. Advocacy and Healthcare Collaboration

		- Engaged policymakers to advocate for improved cancer care policies and better healthcare infrastructure for early detection and treatment. - Created partnerships with hospitals, media outlets and Charitable organization dealing with health and social care. 4. Financial Overview and Resource Utilization Total Income: £6,000 (funds raised through donations, sponsorships, and grants). Total Expenses: £2,828 (allocated to awareness campaigns, event logistics, and support programs). Net Balance: £3,172 (to be reinvested into future cancer programs and patient support initiatives). These activities directly contribute to the public benefit by increasing cancer awareness, promoting early detection, supporting affected individuals, and advocating for better healthcare services.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Statement on Public Benefit Guidance Compliance The trustees of CANCER UK-SALONE confirm that they have had full regard to the guidance issued by the UK Charity Commission on public benefit. In all activities undertaken during the 2023–2024 financial year, the trustees have ensured that the charity’s work aligns with the public benefit requirement, particularly in the areas of: Raising awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment. Providing support services to individuals and families affected by cancer.

		• Collaborating with healthcare providers and policymakers to improve cancer care accessibility. • Conducting public education programs to empower communities with life-saving knowledge. The trustees continue to uphold these principles, ensuring that all programs and initiatives directly benefit the public and contribute to the charity's mission of reducing the impact of cancer in Sierra Leone and UK.
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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	
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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

Summary of Main Achievements and Impact

During the 2022–2023 period, **CANCER UK-SALONE** has made significant progress in **raising awareness, supporting cancer patients, and advocating for improved healthcare services** in Sierra Leone. The charity's initiatives have had a **direct impact on beneficiaries** while also contributing to wider societal benefits.

1. Increased Public Awareness and Early Detection Efforts

- Through **Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October 2022 and 2023)** and community education programs, thousands of women gained knowledge about **breast self-examinations, early warning signs, and the importance of screening**. This has encouraged more women to seek early diagnosis and treatment, improving survival rates.

2. Direct Support to patients Sierra Leone

- Donation of palliative care drug worth £4,000 to Connaught hospital Palliative Care Team donated to charity in kind.
- Donation of learning materials and food items to Ola During Oncology children's ward
- Donation of surgical materials (dressings) and COVID 19 infection prevention control (IPC) supplies to oncology ward in Connaught Hospital.

3. Advocacy and Policy Influence

- Engaged with **government officials, healthcare leaders, and policymakers** to push for improved cancer care infrastructure and policies in Sierra Leone.

4. Strengthening Community and Societal Engagement

- Reached **hundreds of individuals through media campaigns, community outreach, and**

		engagement with schools, churches, and social groups. - Helped shift public perception by reducing stigma around cancer and encouraging more open discussions about prevention, screening, and treatment. 5. Sustainable Growth and Financial Accountability - Despite we had just registered the charity with financial constraints, the charity successfully executed significant awareness campaigns within a 6,000 budget, ensuring responsible use of funds. - Maintained financial transparency, with a £3,172 surplus reinvested into future programs, demonstrating sustainability and long-term impact planning. Wider Societal Benefits Increased health-seeking behaviour: More individuals are now aware of the importance of early screening, leading to improved health outcomes. Reduced stigma: Encouraged open discussions about cancer, leading to better support networks for patients. Strengthened national commitment to cancer care: High-profile engagement in cancer events has pushed for increased attention to cancer-related healthcare policies. Through these achievements, CANCER UK-SALONE has made a tangible difference in the lives of cancer patients, survivors, and the broader Sierra Leonean society and in the UK. The charity remains committed to expanding its reach and ensuring even greater impact in the years ahead.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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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	Review of the Charity's Financial Position at the End of the Period (2022–2023) At the end of the 2022–2023 financial period, CANCER UK-SALONE maintained a stable financial position, ensuring sustainability for future programs and activities. The charity effectively managed its income and expenditures, prioritizing impactful initiatives while maintaining financial accountability. 1. Financial Summary • Total Income: £6,000 • Total Expenditure: £2,828 • Net Surplus (Carried Forward): £3.172 2. Income Sources The charity's income was generated through: • Donations and sponsorships from individuals and organizations supporting cancer awareness initiatives. • Fundraising activities linked to major campaigns, including the Breast Cancer Awareness Month. 3. Expenditure Breakdown • Campaign and event costs: £1,000 (logistics, materials, and awareness programs). • Administrative and operational expenses: £1,828 (communication, planning international travels, shipment of donations and miscellaneous costs).
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		4. Financial Sustainability • Despite financial challenges, the charity remained within budget and avoided deficits, ensuring the responsible use of funds. • The £3,172 surplus will be reinvested into future initiatives, including expanding cancer screening programs and advocacy efforts in our next financial year. • Plans are in place to increase fundraising efforts and pursue additional grants and partnerships to scale up operations. Conclusion CANCER UK-SALONE ended the 2023 financial period in a strong financial position, with funds available to support upcoming initiatives. The organization remains committed to financial transparency, efficiency, and sustainability, ensuring continued impact in the fight against cancer in the UK and in Sierra Leone.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves Policy Statement CANCER UK-SALONE recognizes the importance of maintaining financial reserves to ensure the sustainability and continuity of its charitable activities. The charity's reserves policy is designed to provide financial stability, manage risks, and allow for strategic investment in future programs. 1. Purpose of Holding Reserves The charity holds reserves to: • Ensure financial stability and provide a safeguard against unexpected reductions in income or unforeseen expenses. • Support ongoing and future activities, particularly in cancer awareness, screening programs, and community outreach initiatives. • Cover essential operational costs, ensuring that the organization can

		continue functioning even in periods of financial uncertainty. • Respond to emergency situations, such as increased demand for cancer support services or urgent advocacy needs. 2. Level of Reserves Held At the end of the 2023 financial period, CANCER UK-SALONE held reserves of £3,172, representing unspent funds from the year's total income. 3. Future Plans for Reserves The charity aims to: • Maintain a reserve level equivalent to at least 48% of annual operating costs, ensuring financial resilience. • Allocate reserves strategically to expand cancer screening programs, support services, and future campaigns. • Increase income sources through fundraising, partnerships, and grant applications to build a sustainable reserve for long-term impact. 4. Monitoring and Review The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the trustees to ensure it aligns with the charity's financial position, operational needs, and long-term sustainability goals. Adjustments will be made as necessary to reflect changes in income, expenditure, and strategic priorities. By maintaining an appropriate level of reserves, CANCER UK-SALONE ensures financial security while maximizing its ability to deliver public benefit through its cancer awareness and support programs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Amount of Reserves Held At the end of the 2023 financial period, CANCER UK-SALONE held £100 in reserves.

		These reserves represent the unspent funds from the total £500 income, after deducting £400 in expenditures for cancer awareness campaigns, community engagement activities, international travel and sustenance and operational costs. The charity will strategically allocate these reserves to sustain and expand its programs in our next financial year (2024) and beyond, ensuring continued impact in cancer awareness, early detection, and patient support initiatives.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Reasons for Holding Zero Reserves As of the 2024 financial period, CANCER UK-SALONE does not hold zero reserves, as the charity has a remaining balance of £3,172 from its total income of £6,000. However, if the charity were to hold zero reserves in the future, the reasons could include: 1. Maximising Immediate Impact – As a mission-driven organization, all available funds are used promptly to support cancer awareness campaigns, patient support services, and advocacy efforts rather than being held as reserves. 2. Limited Funding Availability – The charity relies on donations, sponsorships, and fundraising, which may not always generate surplus funds to be set aside for reserves. 3. Commitment to Program Delivery – Ensuring that funds are directed towards essential programs, including cancer screenings, public education, and policy advocacy, rather than being held in reserve. 4. Sustainability Through Ongoing Fundraising – The charity operates with the expectation of continuous funding through grants, donations, and fundraising events, reducing the need for holding reserves. 5. Short-Term Financial Planning – With a focus on immediate needs, funds are allocated directly to

		cancer-related initiatives, with future projects dependent on new funding cycles.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Details of Funds Materially in Deficit As of the end of 2024 financial period, CANCER UK-SALONE does not have any funds in deficit. The charity maintained a positive financial position, with a total income of £6,000 and expenditure of £2,828, resulting in a £100 surplus carried forward for future activities. Future Considerations Although there are no deficits, the charity acknowledges the need to: • Secure additional funding to expand cancer screening programs, patient support services, and advocacy efforts. • Strengthen financial sustainability through increased fundraising and partnerships. • Ensure continued financial transparency and efficiency in resource allocation. If any fund deficits arise in the future, the trustees will take immediate action to address funding gaps, including applying for grants, engaging donors, and adjusting budget priorities.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Going Concern Statement The trustees of CANCER UK-SALONE have reviewed the charity's financial position and confirm that there are no significant uncertainties that would affect its ability to continue operating as a going concern. Key Factors Supporting Going Concern Status: 1. Positive Financial Position – The charity ended the 2023 financial

		period with a £3,172 surplus, ensuring financial stability for upcoming activities. 2. Sustained Fundraising and Income Generation – The charity continues to receive donations, sponsorships, and support from fundraising activities, ensuring a steady cash flow. 3. Ongoing Community and Stakeholder Support – Partnerships with healthcare providers, government officials, and community groups strengthen the charity’s ability to secure funding and resources. 4. Strategic Planning for Growth – The organization is actively working on expanding funding sources, applying for grants, and engaging new donors to ensure long-term sustainability. 5. Operational Flexibility – The charity’s programs and budget are adaptable, allowing it to adjust expenditure based on available funding. Potential Risks and Mitigation Strategies: While there are no immediate threats, the trustees acknowledge potential risks, such as: • Reduced Donations or Funding – The charity will mitigate this by diversifying income streams and strengthening partnerships. • Rising Operational Costs – Budget adjustments and efficiency measures will ensure sustainability. • Economic or Political Uncertainty in Sierra Leone – The organization will remain flexible in its operations and advocacy efforts. Conclusion: Based on current financial projections and strategic planning, CANCER UK-SALONE remains a going concern, with no significant uncertainties threatening its operations. The trustees are committed to maintaining financial sustainability and continuing the charity’s mission of cancer
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		awareness, early detection, and patient support.
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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	Type of Governing Document CANCER UK-SALONE is governed by a Constitution, as required for a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) under UK charity law. The Constitution: • Sets out the charity's purposes, ensuring activities align with its mission to raise cancer awareness, support patients, and advocate for better healthcare in Sierra Leone. • Defines the powers and responsibilities of trustees, including decision-making processes, financial management, and compliance with the UK Charity Commission. • Establish rules for membership (if applicable), governance, and operational procedures. • Provides a framework for financial oversight, fundraising, and public benefit delivery.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Constitution CANCER UK-SALONE is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO). As a CIO, the charity: • Has a legal identity separate from its trustees, meaning it can enter into contracts, own assets, and be held responsible for its obligations. • Operates under a governing constitution, which outlines its objectives, governance structure, and compliance with UK Charity Commission regulations. • Is run by trustees, who oversee the charity's operations, financial management, and strategic direction.

		• Benefits from limited liability, protecting trustees from personal financial responsibility for the charity's debts and liabilities. • Can engage in fundraising, partnerships, and service delivery with a stronger legal and financial framework.
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	Trustee Selection Methods The trustees of CANCER UK-SALONE are appointed in accordance with the provisions outlined in the charity's Constitution, as required for a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO). 1. Appointment of Trustees Trustees are selected through the following methods: • Election by existing trustees – New trustees are nominated and elected by a majority vote of the current trustees. • Co-option – The board may co-opt individuals with specific expertise or experience to serve as trustees, subject to confirmation at the next trustee meeting. 2. Term of Office and Re-Election • Trustees typically serve for a fixed term (e.g., three years), as defined in the Constitution. • They may be re-elected for additional terms, subject to the approval of the trustee board. 3. Resignation and Removal • A trustee may resign by giving notice in writing. • The board may remove a trustee if they fail to meet their duties, become ineligible under charity law, or act against the charity's interests. These selection processes ensure accountability, good governance, and the

		effective leadership of CANCER UK-SALONE .
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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	CANCER UK-SALONE
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1198908
Charity's principal address	29A YORK ROAD WALTHAMCROSS HERTS EN8 7HJ

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	Augustine Thomas			
2	Rajiv Bendre OBE			
3	Angie Stankovic			
4	Tina Davies OBE			
5	Dr. Len Gordon-Harris			
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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	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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
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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

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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)		
Full name(s)	AUGUSTINE	THOMAS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	10/02/2025	