



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 18/10/2022 Period start date

To 30/06/2023 Period end date

Charity name:

Charity registration number:

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives in the constitution document which governs the charity is the relief of sickness and the preservation of good health among sufferers of Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff disease.
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>- Support research through grants</li><li>- Support patients and families by educating, empowering and connecting them</li><li>- Provide equipment to improve the sufferer's quality of life</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources during the year, and of its state of affairs at the period end. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;</li><li>• Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;</li><li>• State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and</li><li>• Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.</li></ul>

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>Our research grant making policy is based on our donations to the research into a potential treatment for Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff disease. Grant applications are submitted to the charity directly for review by the trustees and a funding decision is agreed. The charity does run a grant call, and all grant applications are submitted on an ad hoc basis. Researchers from the UK and abroad are encouraged to apply for funding.</p> <p>The charity sets aside a maximum of 10% of all money raised during the year to be made available as a grant to research into a treatment for Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff disease. The charity is under no obligation to donate the full 10% of the money raised during the year and can use this to further other charitable objectives.</p> <p>As is our standard practice, the research grant policy will be reviewed on a yearly basis depending on our activity levels and fundraising.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<p>Our equipment funding policy is based on an allocation basis per family who are a member of The CATS Foundation. To become a member, families complete a short form which contains their contact details and the way their family is affected by Tay-Sachs or Sandhoff disease.</p> <p>Each family is allocated £250 which can be used for equipment through the financial year of the charity. Families must apply through our grant making application form which details the costs and type of equipment they require, and it is up to the trustees to approve or refuse to provide funding.</p> <p>The charity has a stock of equipment which can be shared amongst members. All equipment which is purchased must be returned to the charity so that another family can benefit from it.</p> <p>Only direct family members can apply for equipment funding (i.e. the affected individual, their parents or main carer). All costs are approved by the trustees and they reserve the right to refuse funding if the equipment does not fall within the framework of what the charity deems reasonable.</p> <p>As is our standard practice, the reserve policy will be reviewed on a yearly basis</p>

		depending on our activity levels and fundraising.
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>The CATS Foundation's main focus is supporting families affected by Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff whilst also raising awareness of the diseases. The charity provides a support network, respite trips and vital equipment so that a sufferer's quality of life is as high as possible.</p> <p>The CATS Foundation also provides funding and support in the form of advice to several research teams who are investigating a potential treatment for both Tay-Sachs and Sandhoff disease, our efforts to run a European registry and advocacy work has placed these two ultra-rare diseases on the radar for researchers and pharma companies and we are now actively involved in 11 research projects for the diseases. One of them has started recruitment at the end of 2019 and is currently showing some promising results.</p> <p>Through the European Tay-Sachs Charity Consortium (ETSCC), we have established strong links with other charities in Europe so we can work together at finding a treatment for the diseases. We believe collaboration as a group with our US counterparts will also aid this process.</p> <p>This year has been marked by a strong response to the community's needs as it reels back from the pandemic and what have been extremely difficult years. Our fundraising activities have certainly been affected by the cost-of-living crisis, as have our service users. We have trained and made our Family Support Officers available to provide extra support and care to all patients and families. Access to health and social service remains extremely difficult and frustrating and this is also hugely</p>

		<p>impacting time to diagnosis, that in turn severely affects patients and families' ability to plan, to accept and the overall quality of life of the individual affected and those surrounding them.</p> <p>In May 2023 we applied to the National Lottery Community Fund to increase their grant in order to be able to offer more hours of support to our patients and community. This was accepted and increased to allow us to offer 60hrs of support per week.</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	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our reserve policy is based on the charity being able to provide some level of support to families affected by Tay-Sachs. We have set a policy that requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserves to be maintained at a level which ensures that the charity's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.</li> </ul>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,000.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The trustees are aware that a small charity mostly reliant on community funding needs to be managed very closely at all times. Trustees follow strict grant policy and guidelines when they make decisions concerning grants and expenses and the overall running of the charity. The charity is run on absolutely minimal costs, and all trustees invest a lot of time and experience in the running of the charity.

### 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	Trust Deed Dated October 2022
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Charitable Incorporated Organisation</b>
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	Trustees are appointed for a five-year term but can remain on the board for an undetermined period and candidates are usually found amongst people known to the existing trustees. New trustees will be directed towards the advice available from the Charity Commission and additional training will be given where it is considered necessary.

### 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	Cure and Action for Tay-Sachs (CATS) Foundation
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1200737
Charity's principal address	Suite 3 Peel House 30 The Downs ALTRINCHAM Cheshire WA14 2PX




### 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	Llywelyn ap Gwilym			
2	Kathryn Lewi			
3	Daniel How			
4	Shara Choudhury			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## 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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### 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)	 <small>Daniel How (Apr 29, 2024 17:57 GMT+1)</small>	
Full name(s)	Daniel How	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date	29 April 2024	





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No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

10/18/2022

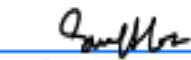
To

6/30/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Cure and Action for Tay-Sachs (CATS) Foundation (1144543) transfer of funds for set up	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
No transactions	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	5,000	-	-	5,000	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	5,000	-	-
	(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	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	 Daniel How (Apr 29, 2024 17:57 GMT+1)	Daniel How	4/29/2024	