



HOSPICE UKRAINE

Annual Report 2024

Report and financial statements
for year ended 31 January 2024

Registration number: 1201755

*Supporting
healthcare
professionals in
Ukraine to
provide comfort,
dignity and
palliative care
for all in need at
the end of life.*

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Legal and Administrative Details

STATUS	Hospice Ukraine is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation that was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 27 January 2023.
REGISTRATION NUMBER	1201755
TRUSTEES	Dr Rachel Clarke (Chair) Mr Henry Marsh Mr Philippe Sands
REGISTERED OFFICE	1 Oxford Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN22 8EA
PRINCIPAL BANKERS	Co-operative Bank 1 Balloon Street Manchester M4 4BE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jonathan Butters FCA AEL Markhams Chartered Accountants 107 Bell Street London NW1 6TL



Welcome from our Chair

Hospice Ukraine was founded after two of our trustees (myself, an NHS palliative care doctor, and Mr Henry Marsh, a former NHS neurosurgeon) visited Ukraine in October 2022, eight months after the Russian invasion began. We witnessed firsthand - and were deeply moved by - the immense courage and resilience of local palliative care teams as they endeavoured to care for their patients under conditions of war in the capital, Kyiv, and in the city of Lviv in eastern Ukraine. We were determined to try and help them. Together with local neurosurgeon, Mr Andrii Myzak, based in Kyiv, we conceived of a UK-based charity that would raise funds in order to provide local Ukrainian hospice teams with vitally needed resources, both practical and educational, with which to help patients in need of palliative and end-of-life care.

In January 2023, Hospice Ukraine was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales and, five months later, we held our inaugural fundraising Gala at the Royal Society of Medicine in London. Then, in October 2023, Henry and I returned to Ukraine to provide face-to-face palliative care teaching and training for local teams in Kyiv and Lviv.

Thanks to the immense generosity of many individual members of the public and companies who have made donations to Hospice Ukraine, in our first year of operations we have raised over £66,000. These funds are currently supporting two palliative care teams based in Sambir Hospice (Lviv) and the Dobrubut Foundation (Kyiv), helping to transform the quality of life of patients with terminal illnesses in both locations.

It has been a joy and a privilege to help such vulnerable patients in a country facing such severe challenges – and we are hugely grateful to everyone who has so kindly supported our endeavours. Thank you all.



Dr Rachel Clarke
Chair of Trustees
Hospice Ukraine



Trustee's Report for 2023-2024

Introduction

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of Hospice Ukraine (the charity) for the year ending 31 January 2024.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 3 forms part of this report.

The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS 102 1A "Accounting and Reporting by Charities"

Structure, governance and management

The constitution provides for a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 trustees. There shall be a quorum if at least 3 are in attendance. The chair of trustees is responsible for the induction of new trustees, which includes awareness of a trustee's responsibilities.

The charity is administered by the trustees. The trustees meet regularly during the year and receive reports on the state and developments of the affairs of the charity.

The trustees examine the major risks that the charity may face each financial year. They have developed systems to monitor and control these risks to mitigate the impact they may have on the charity.

Objectives and activities of the charity

The objectives of the charity are to promote the public benefit and advancement of health among people in Ukraine who are terminally ill with cancer or other incurable illnesses or conditions requiring palliative care through:

- Supporting, developing and advocating for the delivery of palliative care services in Ukraine by providing grants to local hospices or to other organisations or individuals in Ukraine engaged in the provision of palliative care.
- Funding and/or delivering or facilitating training (either alone or in partnership with other organisations) for palliative care professionals in Ukraine, to support and enable them to provide effective palliative care locally.
- The improvement and extension of hospices in Ukraine.

The paragraphs below set out our activities, achievements and performance during the year January 2023 – January 2024, which are directly related to the objectives and purposes for which the charity exists. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in s17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit, including Public Benefit: reporting' [PB3].

Activities, achievements and performance of the charity

The initial months of our first operational year from registration in January 2023 were spent both fundraising and navigating the complicated logistics and due diligence of opening bank accounts capable of making large donations to a country at war. Key activities were:

1. Inaugural fundraising Gala (June 2023)

On 6 June we held our inaugural fundraising event at the Royal Society of Medicine in London. The RSM kindly donated use of their premises and an anonymous benefactor covered the costs of the event so that all money raised could go directly to Hospice Ukraine. We just over £60,000 for Hospice Ukraine.

The evening was superbly hosted by two of the BBC's most renowned former journalists, Emily Maitlis and Jon Sopel. It started with our co-founder Rachel Clarke talking about why palliative care matters so much in the UK, around the world, but particularly in Ukraine as they suffer the unimaginable during the current conflict. Eminent speakers included the Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt, David Nott from the David Nott Foundation, and the charity's other co-founders Henry Marsh and Andrii Myzak, who was granted special permission by the Ukrainian government to travel to the UK for the event. The Ukrainian a cappella folk music all-women group 'Vadim' sang on stage. Dinner was followed by a live auction with prizes generously donated by artist Grayson Perry, former Prime Minister Theresa May, author Philip Pullman and musician Sting among others.



2. Appointment of Cesca Eaton as Director of Operations (July 2023)

The Board was delighted to appoint Cesca Eaton as freelance Director of Operations in July 2023. Cesca has extensive experience in the small charity sector and television production.

3. Trustees' visit to Ukraine (October 2023)

Part of the charity's due diligence involves the trustees aiming to visit Ukraine at least once a year to ensure all funds raised are meeting the charity's objectives with our partner hospices.

This visit comprised two trustees, Rachel Clarke and Henry Marsh, travelling to Ukraine to meet fellow co-founder Andrii Myzak in order to visit two hospice and palliative care teams identified as potential recipients of grants from the charity. They met staff at Sambir Hospice (in Lviv) and the charitable Dobrubut Foundation (in Kyiv), observed the teams in action caring for patients, listen to their needs, and discussed how best the charity could help them to care for their terminally ill patients.

As a practising palliative care doctor, Rachel provided a half-day in-person training session to doctors, nurses and psychologists in Kyiv, with some attendees travelling from all over Ukraine to attend this session – including one doctor who travelled overnight from Odessa, 500 kms away.

Henry and Rachel were also able to raise awareness of the charity by being interviewed on Ukraine's biggest morning television station, with an audience of over one million viewers.



Wounded soldiers from the frontline arriving at Sambir Hospice, Lviv

4. Identification of our first hospice partners in Ukraine

Following their visit to Ukraine in October 2023, the trustees were satisfied that Hospice Ukraine could work constructively with both Sambir Hospice and the charitable Dobrubut Foundation in order to satisfy our objectives of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses needing palliative care in Ukraine.

The financial due diligence required prior to transferring large sums to Ukraine meant it was not possible for us to make our first donation (of £20,000 to the Dobrubut Foundation) until shortly after our first year of operation ended on 31 January 2024. This sum is, however, paying for a palliative care consultant and nurse to see patients in their own homes on the outskirts of Kyiv, providing a much-needed community service to a particularly vulnerable patient cohort.

Trustees

The following persons held office as Trustees of the company during the year under review:

Rachel Clarke, Henry Marsh, Philippe Sands

The Trustees are not remunerated.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Dr Rachel Clarke (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 16.11.24



Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hospice Ukraine

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

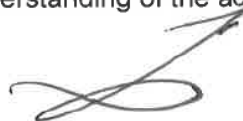
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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HOSPICE UKRAINE (Charity Registration No: 1201755)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE PERIOD 27 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 JANUARY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2024 (£)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies				
Donations		£68,110	£0.00	£68,110
Legacies		£0	£0.00	£0
Charitable activities				
Gala dinner		£12,673	£0.00	£12,673
Sponsorship		£0	£0.00	£0
Investment Income				
Interest received		£79	£0.00	£79
Miscellaneous income		£10	£0.00	£10
Total income		£80,872	£0.00	£80,872
EXPENDITURE ON:				
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Raising funds		£14,773	£0.00	£14,773
Test donations to hospice & palliative care teams in Ukraine		£39	£0.00	£39
Total expenditure		£14,812		£14,812
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE:		£66,060	£0.00	£66,060
Transfers between funds		£0	£0.00	£0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		£66,060	£0.00	£66,060
Total funds brought forward at 27 January 2023		£0	£0.00	£0

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARDS as at 31 January 2024	£66,060	£0.00	£66,060
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 JANUARY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds (£)
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors		£0
Cash at bank and on deposit		£66,060
Total assets		£66,060
LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year		£0
Total liabilities		£0
NET CURRENT ASSETS		£66,060
NET ASSETS		£66,060
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Restricted income funds		£0
Unrestricted income funds		£66,060
Total funds		£66,060

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

Note 1: Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ON:	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2024 (£)
Raising funds			
Advertising & Marketing	157.25	£0.00	£157
Consulting fees for freelance charity administrator Cesca Eaton	8,400.00	£0.00	£8,400
Gala costs	5,153.30	£0.00	£5,153
Insurance (for trip to Ukraine)	865.83	£0.00	£866
Postage, Freight & Courier	52.70	£0.00	£53
Printing & Stationery	144.35	£0.00	£144
Travel - National			
Total Administrative Costs	£14,773	£0.00	£14,773
Test donations to hospice & palliative care teams in Ukraine	£39	£0.00	£39
Total expenditure	£14,812	£0.00	£14,812