

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	02	03	2023		31	03	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Myodesopsia International

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1202141

Charity's principal address

Myodesopsia International

4th Floor, 86-90 Paul Street

London

Postcode

EC2A 4NE

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	Dymock Brett	Chair		
2	Matthew Mazewski			
3	Alaster Moffat			
4	Mark Kelly		02/03/2023 - 23/04/2023	
5	Joanne Magpuri		02/03/2023 - 16/03/2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Association Model (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the membership at annual general meetings (AGMS) or appointed by trustees for specific purposes between AGMs.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Given the small size of the Charity, all Trustees are performing executive roles at present in addition to their governance duties. The focus of the Board has been to scale up the Charity's capacity in furtherance of its charitable objects, and to ensure the financial stability of the organisation.

Due to limitations in funding and the need to build a system for managing the personal data of members, membership was not open during the period considered and the Charity was governed entirely by the Trustees. However, during this time, no Trustees were scheduled to retire by rotation which would require replacement, so the limitations of no formal membership were minimal.

No major risks to the Charity or its members were identified during this time, as costs were minimal and could be covered by donations from Trustees. As mentioned above, Trustees are very mindful of the need to handle members' personal data in a secure fashion, and regret that it was not possible to formally open membership during the period considered while a system to manage that data was being set up.

The Board of Trustees has made all possible efforts to consult with experts on governance, data protection, organisational scaling and fundraising, as well as medical and scientific professionals to further the advancement of the Charity's objects while strictly adhering to all relevant regulations.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1) To preserve and protect the health of individuals diagnosed with myodesopsia (also known as eye floaters or symptomatic vitreous floaters) in particular by: A) promoting, supporting, sponsoring, and commissioning research into the diagnosis, understanding and treatment of the condition. B) facilitating collaboration between patients, clinicians, and researchers in order to improve understanding of the condition and the patient experience. C) providing up-to-date and relevant information to individuals diagnosed with the condition and to medical professionals as a means of improving understanding and raising awareness of myodesopsia. 2) To relieve the needs of people diagnosed with myodesopsia, and by extension their families and carers, by providing assistance in the form of support networks for the patient community.	The Trustees, in exercising their powers as elected representatives of Myodesopsia International, have had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In general, the major activities of the Charity in the period considered have been aimed at increasing capacity of the organisation, and establishing procedures that will allow it to continue successfully after the tenure of the current Trustees. In particular: • Trustee Matthew Mazewski is involved in a study to ascertain the prevalence of myodesopsia in a sample of the general population of the United States of America. The Charity was, for a time, engaged in discussions to facilitate the transfer of funds from a large donor to the Indiana University School of Medicine where the study is being carried out. While this was ultimately not necessary, the Trustees had productive discussions on the structure and planned timeline for the study. Additionally, informal arrangements have been made for the Charity to help publicise the findings of this research, in line with object 1(A). • In pursuance of object 1(B), the Charity and Trustees have maintained open lines of communication with a number of medical professionals with expertise in the area of myodesopsia and have explored possibilities for future collaboration. The Trustees believe that the building of a patient-physician network will be crucial to improving the understanding of the condition and the patient experience. • In pursuance of object 1(C), the Charity engaged a volunteer to help curate a research repository of up-to-date, peer-reviewed scientific literature on the topic of myodesopsia, its diagnosis, and its treatment. This repository is now freely available on the Charity website and will be updated and maintained as new relevant research is published. • In pursuance of object 2, the Charity has developed for its website a section dedicated to recommendations for non-medical adjustments patients may make to their lives that other patients have found helpful in their experience of the condition, while making clear that this resource is not a substitute for medical advice provided by a qualified professional. The Trustees believe this repository leverages the patient experience to lessen the suffering of other patients. • In pursuance of object 2, the charity maintains open lines of communication with a broader patient network, including through a
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

volunteer whose primary focus is engagement with the online community. The Charity now maintains a section on its website for individuals to read (anonymised) stories detailing the experiences of other patients, and to submit their own if desired.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity established a bank account with HSBC through which all funds are now managed. This has allowed the creation of a PayPal account for receiving donations.

A new website has been developed that is easily maintained and that has very few overhead costs. This website is being used in pursuance of a number of the Charity's objects, and also has embedded a donation link powered by PayPal.

The development of a freely available research repository with lay summaries of the research projects is a highlight of the year, and has enabled the Charity to begin making inroads into bridging the knowledge gap between patients, scientists, and medical professionals.

Numerous productive conversations have occurred with medical professionals who may be future advisors to the Charity, and with other similar organisations who have expressed their positive view of the Charity's mission and have given advice for next steps.

A Strategic Vision document was produced by Trustees that outlines (i) The Charity and its formation; (ii) the condition of myodesopsia, including the challenges faced by patients; (iii) The Charity's vision for the future and how it plans to achieve those goals; and (iv) a call to action for potential volunteers and funders. This document is freely available on the Charity's website.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Given the small amount of funds held by the Charity at any one time, with costs covered on a monthly basis, the Charity does not currently have a reserves policy. The main benefits provided to beneficiaries at present are provided through the Charity's website, which is paid for each year in advance, at very low cost. The Board of Trustees reviews the Charity's financial situation formally every quarter, and informally on a weekly basis, ensuring that all costs are covered. In light of the low ongoing costs, the small amount of funds held by the Charity at any one time, and the regular monitoring of the Charity's finances, the Trustees feel that a reserves policy is unnecessary at present.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity is principally funded at present by small donations from individuals, including the Trustees. Where appropriate and according to the Charity's policy on such transactions, loans from Trustees have been accepted to cover one-off or ongoing costs.

The main sources of expenditure during the period considered have been the maintenance of a physical address and the hosting of a website. The Charity's website is a key tool for enabling it to pursue its objects, allowing low-cost dissemination of knowledge about the condition to the general public.

At present, the Charity holds no investments.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Dymock Brett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

20 - 01 - 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Myodesopsia International

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

2/3/2023

To

31/3/2024

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Start-up funds	39	-	-	39	-
Trustee Donations	145	-	-	145	-
Refunded Payments	34	-	-	34	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	218	-	-	218	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	218	-	-	218	-
A3 Payments					
Bank Fees	23	-	-	23	-
IT Costs	19	-	-	19	-
Virtual Office	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	192	-	-	192	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	192	-	-	192	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	26	-	-	26	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	26	-	-	26	-

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	Trustee Loans	26	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	26	-	-
	account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	domain name	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	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	
		Dymock Brett	20 - 01 - 2025	