

GAND AID UK CIO - FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

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Trustees Report
For the Year End 31 March 2025

The annual report covers 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and acknowledges SORP 2019 relevant to this accounting period in using its guidance to assist GAND AID UK (registered 12 April 2023) and FRS102 for accounting purposes in compiling the report and meeting its obligations as a registered Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in adopting the 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective 1 January 2019).' It is also noted that future accounting periods will respond to the updated SORP 2026 with regard to reporting updates.

Chair's Report
Gene Shaun Selby

The report recognises that GAND AID UK is set up for the purposes of its primary users, stakeholders and the stewardship and management of funds during and within its fundraising activities. The Charity, within its second year of reporting, has engaged with donors, funders and financial supporters that continue to help raise funds within the early start-up of the charity.

I am satisfied that GAND AID UK has effectively targeted appropriate audiences through the creation of a formal website and associated social media platforms, established a UK database of those affected by the neurodevelopmental condition, and through fundraising activities, providing direct access to GAND AID UK officials both online and-or in person.

I am, therefore, satisfied that GAND AID UK is continuing to build the foundation to meet its charitable obligations and continues to remain financially viable beyond its initial start-up.

The report is compiled by the Charity's Trustees and use of a Company for financial accounting purposes, although the second-year's financial income amount falls short of formal auditing requirements.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Charity remain unchanged and for:

The relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of health for the Public Benefit of people affected by or suffering from GATAD2B-ASSOCIATED NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER (GAND) and in particular but without limitation by a) providing advice, education and support for such persons and their families including the provision of service dogs b) raising awareness about GAND and providing information and advice to members of the medical profession and c) funding research into GAND and early identification and possible treatment.

In response, the Charity has created a formal website (gandaiduk.org) with associated social media access, 'get involved' contact information and useful resource links in both providing information and raising awareness.

The Charity organised a number of fundraising events in generating further awareness and continues to subscribe to the Global 'Rare Disease' Day campaign using both the UK and European platforms.

The Charity has established a UK database of affected families with some consenting to the use of their data for medical research purposes. The database also provides the opportunity to communicate directly with those affected by the condition and the Charity is increasing its networks to reach those organisations and professions that are able to contribute to its charitable aims and objectives.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees meet on a scheduled basis to plan, review and implement the Charity's strategy with the Trustees paying due regard to the guidance on its obligations to deliver activities for the Public Benefit, as those described and issued by the Charity Commission.

The Charity is confident that it has initiated the types of activities that provides a Public Benefit through its actions, and continues to build momentum in which it is able to reach its intended target groups and particularly families.

Achievement and Performance

The Charity has established a close working relationship with US-based Dr Tyler Pierson (Medical Doctor and Primary Investigator of GATAD2B) and has referred a number of UK families to Dr Pierson's research programme. Dr Pierson has committed to attend GAND AID UK inaugural GAND Conference in April 2025 and agreed to one-to-one consultation with all attending UK families.

Website

The Charity continues to add and update its website providing links to activities and events. The website is continually updated with the latest news and features.

The website includes the most recent research update i.e. "Gatad2b, associated with the neurodevelopmental syndrome GAND, and provides open access to article(s) distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons CC BY license.

Social Media

The Charity continues to use Instagram to promote its activities and subscribes to both the UK and European 'Rare Disease' day platforms and continues to access EURODIS, which offers seminars and webcasts for training purposes.

Press

No Press coverage during this reporting period.

Merchandise

The Charity designed T-shirts, Hoodies, and collaterals i.e. branding, banners, booklets ahead of the inaugural Gand Aid UK Conference (April 2025).

Fundraising Events and Raising Awareness

Community Raffle (Rawtenstall, Lancashire)

Rare Disease Day (February 2025)

ILEX General Practice held a GAND AID UK rare disease raising awareness day involving the Charity's Trustees and the local community.

GAND Family Folder

A 'work in progress' project with updated versions including contributions from Dr Tyler Pierson and Summerseat Physiotherapy.

International Networks

Continuing working relationships with (a) 'Helping Hands' the United States charity for GAND Syndrome (b) EURODIS and (c) the Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre (United States), which includes a focus on studies into neurodevelopmental conditions.

Family Support

GAND AID UK provided a small grant toward physiotherapy for a GAND-affected child

GAND AID UK Conference (Preparation)

The Charity planned in advance the following ahead of the 12-13 April 2025 Conference:

Secured a Corporate Sponsor for the venue

Designed and printed Event collaterals.

Organised Travel and Accommodation provision for Key Note Speaker

Communicated with and invited over twenty-five families

Secured Conference Speakers i.e. Specialists in Speech, Ear, Nose and Throat and Physiotherapy

Financial review

The results for the year ending are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10 and considered satisfactory by the Trustees

This is the Charity's second year in fundraising activities and it is aligning and accumulating funds in line with charity objectives.

Reserves Policy

At the year end the charity's funds were in credit by £25,511.47 consisting entirely of unrestricted funds generated through donations.

The amortisation of goodwill (£5,000) with regard to the setting-up and maintenance of the Charity in the first twenty-four months will be reflected in its reserve policy with and increase to the above amount being considered annual operating expenses.

Plans for Future Periods

The core objective is (a) delivering the inaugural 2025 UK-based GAND Conference specifically targeting UK families and professionals in the field of neurodevelopment provision and (b) using the conference to fully engage with GAND-affected families and building a database for communication purposes.

To further increase the number of Trustees, as per the Charity's constitution.

Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed their risk register (Governance, Strategic, Compliance, Operational, Financial, External and Reputational) which in turn shapes and influences the Charity in ensuring that appropriate controls are in place and to reduce exposure to misunderstanding, error and potential fraud.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustees

In line with Charity's constitution, the Charity added a fourth Trustee in meeting their obligation to reduce the risk of potential 'Conflicts of Interest' in addition to bringing in a wealth of experience in charity-associated activities.

Trustee Training

The Trustees did not attend any formal training courses although one Trustee completed an Animal-Assisted Therapy qualification in support of the Charity's wider provision.

Structure, Governance and Management

GAND AID UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO - Foundation) governed by a constitution dated 09 August 2022. The Charity was registered on 12 April 2023 by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Trustees who served during the year are:

G S Selby

R L Selby

B Carney

A Johnson O.B.E.

The day-to-day management remains the responsibility of R L Selby and B Carney with senior management G S Selby (Chair) taking responsibility for reporting

purposes, policy development and financial management. A Johnson will bring her considerable charity expertise and advise accordingly.

On 13 July 2023, GAND AID UK successfully applied to the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Bank, a banking service for over 14,000 charities.

Registered office:

25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill, West Malling,
Kent
ME19 4JQ

Registered in England and Wales under number 1837656

The Charity continues to deploy an enhanced security with dual authorisation needed for payment purposes.

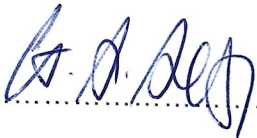
Statement of the Trustees Responsibilities

The primary purpose of the trustees' annual report is to ensure that the charity is:

- publicly accountable to its stakeholders for the stewardship and management of the funds it holds on trust
- the report is considered a coherent document meeting the requirements of law and regulation
- it provides a fair, balanced and understandable review of the charity's structure, legal purposes, objectives, activities, financial performance and financial position
- it explains what the charity is set up to do, how it is going about it, and what is achieved as a result of its work
- assess the charity's progress against its objectives and to understand its plans in relation to its purposes.

The Trustees remain responsible for maintaining appropriate accounting records and providing financial statements in line with the Charities Act (2011), the Charity Regulations (2008) and within the articles of the Constitution in helping to reduce the vulnerability to financial fraud and irregularity.

The Trustees Report was approved on 19 January 2026 by the Board of Trustees:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Selby', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Gene Shaun Selby

Trustee (Chair)

Date: 19 January 2026

Independent Examiners Report

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Foundation for Examiner Report

The examination was conducted in accordance with directives provided by the Charity Commission, that the examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and an assessment of the financial statements submitted with those records.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In piecing together the examination, no matters have arisen that:

- (a) gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to maintain accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and;
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

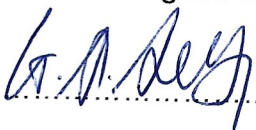
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Income & Expenditure

	Year 2	Year 1
	31/03/2025	31/03/2024
Income	£	£
Donations	11,279.12	18,270.70
Interest Received	48.20	19.58
TOTAL INCOME	11,327.32	18,840.28
Expenditure		
Bank & Finance charges	90.00	59.00
Flights	4,100.00	
Physio 4 Progress	260.00	
Banners/Leaflets	139.20	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,589.20	59.00
Surplus	6,738.12	18,781.28

The Financial Statement was approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 January 2026 and was signed on its behalf by:

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Gene Shaun Selby

Trustee (Chair)

Date: 19 January 2026

Accounting Policies

1. Going concern:

- (a) At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees consider that they have made a reasonable progress during their 2nd-year and maintain an expectation that the charity has generated sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

2. Incoming resources

- (a) Income amounts can be measured reliably with donors encouraged to pay directly into the CAF Bank account.
 - (i) These amounts remain unrestricted funds until such time that conditions are placed on funds.
 - (ii) It is not the intention to hold any 'cash in-hand' amounts.

3. Governance Costs

- (a) To date, there is no associated expenditure with the Charity's activities or administrative services