

Trustees' Annual Report for the period:

From 12 June 2023 to 31 May 2024

Charity name: British Neuro-Oncology Society

Charity registration number: 1203502

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of The British Neuro-Oncology Society are:</p> <p>The relief of sickness and the preservation of health for patients suffering with tumours of the brain and central nervous system by improving treatment through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Educating the public in general (particularly medical practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals, and the wider scientific community in the United Kingdom) on the subject of neuro-oncology. (2) Promoting research for the public benefit in all aspects of neuro-oncology. (3) Raising awareness of neuro-oncology and of treatments and techniques in clinical practice among the general public, health professionals and policy makers. (4) General advocacy for the interests of brain cancer patients, their families and carers.
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"> • Delivery of the BNOS annual scientific meeting, held in Manchester from 5-7 July 2023 • Awarding 20 bursaries worth up to £300 each to nurses, allied health professionals, trainees and researchers to subsidise the costs of attending the conference • Contributing £1000 towards the Young Investigator Award, in conjunction with Brain Tumour Research, to enable the recipient to attend one or more other neuro-oncology conferences

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance of BNOS representatives to raise awareness of the Society at other events, such as the British Neuroscience Association (BNA) conference and the Society of British Neurological Surgeons (SBNS) conference • The BNOS website hosts useful information about treatment pathways from patients and their careers and has free resources for professionals. It also acts a signpost to news, events, research and job opportunities across the neuro-oncology community. There is also a private members-only website area with additional resources, such as recordings from previous conferences and webinars • Delivery of the online Patient and Carer event on the 9 November 2023 • Delivery of educational webinars relating to neuro-oncology • Attendance of BNOS representatives at other charity and professional body meetings (SBNS, Joint Neuroscience Council (JNC), Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) Cancer Services Committee
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have acted in line with the Society's constitution and have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The day-to-day running and decision-making of BNOS is carried out by the BNOS Council and Executives. The Council represents the broad spectrum of disciplines within the field of neuro-oncology. The Council is overseen by the Executives (President, Vice President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Meetings Secretary). In addition, to the Council, there are three Committees (Academic, Patient Centred Care, and Student and Trainee) who have additional volunteer members. The Committees plan and deliver online events such as educational webinars and help to support BNOS's role as a stakeholder, informing

		<p>the clinical, academic and patient communities about relevant drug and technology developments. They also foster multidisciplinary collaboration and represent students and trainees. Further volunteer contribution is made by the Local Organising Committee for the annual conference. Each annual conference host unit will convene a committee to decide the conference theme, devise the scientific programme, invite speakers, organise the social events and review abstracts amongst other activities associated with the successful delivery of the conference.</p>
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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 2023 Annual Conference was held in Manchester. This is an educational and networking event which attracts a diverse and multidisciplinary audience. There were 381 individual attendees across the 3-day meeting. 110 abstracts were submitted. Twenty individuals who may otherwise have not been able to attend were supported with a £300 bursary towards registration, accommodation and travel costs. Key highlights from the conference were translated to the online Patient and Carer event held in November.</p> <p>£1000 was awarded at the conference via the Young Investigator Award. This award is co-sponsored by Brain Tumour Research. The award recognises young researchers who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of neuro-oncology in the UK. The winner is invited to speak at the conference and receives £2000 in total to attend one (or more) other neuro-oncology conference in the year of the award to facilitate their professional development. Dr Tim Ritzman was the 2023 winner. He said of the award <i>"I was honoured to be awarded with the BNOS Young Investigator Award. The award was a huge benefit to me, it</i></p>

		<p><i>allowed me to present my work in a national setting (at the BNOS conference) and further my clinical-academic training by providing me with funding to attend the SIOP Europe Brain Tumour Group annual meeting and the International Symposium on Paediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO) in Philadelphia, USA. Without the funding from the BNOS award it may have been difficult to attend this meeting in view of the rising costs of transport and conference fees."</i></p> <p>In spring 2023, BNOS Council formed a multi-disciplinary working group to provide a position statement for tissue sampling of brain tumours within the UK. As a result of this, a document entitled 'BNOS Guideline for tissue sampling of brain tumours: Addressing insufficient material submitted for diagnosis, genetics and emerging novel therapies' was approved and published on our website.</p> <p>In addition, a lay version of this document was created for patients, their caregivers and members of the public. This document was co-authored by some members of the working group so that the two align. This version also went through the rigorous PIF Tick evaluation. In August 2023, the guideline document was sent to the neurosurgery leads of all the UK neuro-oncology units and the following UK brain tumour charities are supporting and signposting these documents: Brain Tumour Research, brainstrust, Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission and The Brain Tumour Charity.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity held £130,185 in unrestricted cash funds at 31 May 2024. All income and expenditure received in the period was unrestricted.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds reserves in order to fulfil its charitable objects. Trustees are reviewing the policy for the target level of

		reserves and will include this in future sets of financial statements.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity held £130,185 in unrestricted cash funds at 31 May 2024, and no restricted funds.
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	The trustees consider that there are no uncertainties about the charity as a going concern.

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Income is raised through membership fees and additional revenue is generated through the annual conference.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 3 July 2024
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	<p>The current trustees were appointed at the date of the charity incorporation.</p> <p>The appointment of future trustees will be by majority agreement by the Board of Trustees.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	British Neuro-Oncology Society
Other name the charity uses	BNOS
Registered charity number	1203502
Charity's principal address	The Gateway 85-101 Sankey St Warrington Cheshire WA1 1SR


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)
Paul Grundy	Chair	From 01/01/2024	
Andrew Brodbelt			
Colin Watts			
Harpreet Hyare			
Susan Short			

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Paul L Grundy</i>	
Full name(s)	Paul Grundy	Andrew Brodbelt
Position	Chair of Trustees	Trustee
Date	27 March 2025	27 March 2025

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

British Neuro-Oncology Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of British Neuro-Oncology Society (the charity) for the period ended 31 May 2024, which are set out on pages 8 - 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;
or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Dougal Howard

Date: 27 March 2025

Dougal Howard ACA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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British Neuro-Oncology Society**Receipts and payments account****For the period ended 31 May 2024**

	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Receipts		
Donations	99,893	99,893
Conference	59,811	59,811
Interest	1,561	1,561
Other income	25	25
Subscriptions	15,564	15,564
Total receipts	176,854	176,854
Payments		
Admin	2,434	2,434
Annual membership	374	374
Bank charges	27	27
Bursaries	6,657	6,657
Conference	24,374	24,374
Events	48	48
Freelancers	11,351	11,351
Governance	216	216
Website	1,188	1,188
Total payments	46,669	46,669
Net receipts / (payments)	130,185	130,185
Cash funds at 12 June 2023	-	-
Cash funds at 31 May 2024	130,185	130,185

All receipts and payments are unrestricted in the reporting period.

During the reporting period, travel expenses amounting to £95 were reimbursed to one trustee.

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Statement of assets and liabilities

As at 31 May 2024

	2024 £
Cash funds	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>130,185</u>
Total cash funds	<u><u>130,185</u></u>
Cash funds	
Restricted funds	-
Unrestricted funds	
General funds	<u>130,185</u>
Total cash funds	<u><u>130,185</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 27 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Paul L Grundy

Paul Grundy - Chair