

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 219102

## Details

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Other names	BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CHARITIES TRUST FUND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1963-05-29
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING CHARITABLE GIFTS WHICH ARE TO BE APPLIED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUND TO NAMED MEDICAL CHARITIES.

**Activities:** Grant giving to doctors and their dependents who are facing financial crisis, to refugee doctors, to medical students and to other medical benevolent funds.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£311,055	£300,075	-	-
2023-12-31	£225,783	£228,104	-	-
2022-12-31	£208,898	£222,948	-	-
2021-12-31	£471,903	£319,215	-	-
2020-12-31	£321,983	£311,124	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Amit Kochhar		2025-06-25
Dr Bhinder Singh Jheeta		2024-05-08
Dr PETER JOHN PASHLEY HOLDEN		2025-06-25
Dr Robert Barnett		2023-11-14
Rachel Podolak		2025-07-07

## Linked charities

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- BMA MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST FUND (219102-1)
- HASTINGS BENEVOLENT FUND (219102-2)
- BMA MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST FUND (219102-3)

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# Accounts

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**BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**



# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair) Dr R Barnett Dr S Hull Ms N Major Dr K Mehta Dr L Patel Dr T Pickersgill Dr M J Platt Mr K Ward (Vice Chair) Dr B Singh Jheeta	(Appointed 8 May 2024)
<b>Director</b>	Ms M Flint	
<b>Charity number</b>	219102	
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<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling ME19 4TA	
<b>Solicitors</b>	Wilson Alexandra House St Johns Street Salisbury SP1 2SB	
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Sarasin & Partners LLP Juxon House 100 St Paul's Churchyard London EC4M 8BU	

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# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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#### **Registered Charity No. 219102**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report, together with audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The BMA Charities Trust Fund was established by a Trust Deed in 1925. It is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Fund is managed by a board of ten Trustees. Four of these are appointed ex officio: the Chair of the British Medical Association ("BMA") Representative Body, Dr L Patel, the BMA Treasurer, Dr T Pickersgill, the Chairman of the Dain Fund (an autonomous charity), Dr B Singh Jheeta, and the Secretary/Chief Executive of the BMA, Ms N Major. Four other Trustees are nominated by the BMA's membership at the Annual Representative Meeting ("ARM") to serve a term of four years and appointed by the board, and two trustees have been co-opted to serve for two years so that the board has the wide range of skills necessary to enable it to carry out its duties effectively. A skills audit is undertaken every couple of years in order to monitor this.

In 2009 the charities formerly known as the Hastings Benevolent Fund (no. 219103) and the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund (no. 1044720) were formally merged into the BMA Charities Trust Fund under a Charity Commission uniting direction. The assets, income and expenditure of each remain distinct, as do the objects of each of the Funds.

The members of the Board of Trustees between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024 were as follows:-

Dr L Patel, Dr T Pickersgill, Dr K Mehta, Dr M J Platt, Dr R Wijesuriya, Dr G Ralston (retired May 2024), Ms N Major, Dr S Hull, Mr K Ward, Dr R Barnett and Dr B Singh Jheeta (appointed May 2024).

When appointed, Trustees are sent guidelines on the duties of Trustees, copies of the governing documents and a copy of the governance framework and code of conduct. New Trustees have a personal induction with the Chair and the Director. Trustees are given the opportunity to attend relevant training sessions through the year online and in person, when permitted. Most of the Trustees are medically trained and therefore well equipped to sit on the board of a medical benevolent fund. Several have previous experience of being a Trustee and/or business experience. The current composition of the Board of Trustees reflects a diversity of gender, age and medical specialty which ensures a good skills mix and works to the advantage of potential beneficiaries. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the Charity. Reasonable expenses for attending meetings are reimbursed. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to award grants, deal with administrative matters and set policy. The awarding of some grants to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors and to medical students is delegated to the Director.

In the autumn Trustees meeting each year, the Trustees authorise the negotiation of remuneration, terms and conditions, and pension arrangements for employed staff: this review is usually undertaken by the Chair but may be delegated to any Trustee or to the Finance Sub Committee. The Trustees normally consider firstly whether an employee's job description has changed within the preceding year. They also look at national financial overview data, such as the consumer price index, inflation, evidence relating to pay change within the charities sector, if available, and levels of responsibility undertaken by the employee.

The Fund is one of two charities administered as "BMA Charities" and, therefore, it benefits from shared staffing arrangements and office accommodation. It is independent of the BMA and has its own Trustee structure.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### OBJECTIVES

#### Objects

The objects of the Charity as set out in the Trust Deed are to make grants to medical charities named in the Deed and other charities which help medical practitioners. The Hastings Fund's objects are to make payments to members of the medical profession or their dependents who are in need of relief or assistance. The objects of the Medical Education Fund are to make payments to advance the medical education of students who are unable to receive a statutory grant and who are in need of assistance.

#### Aims

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that there is no detriment or harm attaching to the Charity's aims or activities.

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The Charity carries out its charitable purposes for the public benefit in the following ways:

- (i) The Charity awards grants to applicant charities once a year at the autumn Trustees' meeting after consideration of their annual reports and accounts.
- (ii) The Hastings Fund is able to help all doctors and their dependents and medical students experiencing a financial crisis, not just members of the BMA. In February 2025 the GMC stated that there were 394,743 registered medical practitioners in the UK. Together with retired doctors, medical students and dependents, this forms a substantial group within the UK population.

The Fund does not make general awards for "living costs" nor does it seek to maintain lifestyles. Assistance is given in the form of one-off grants for essential items. Most beneficiaries are not in full-time work and are living on state benefits, student loans or have a similar low income. Applicants who are in full employment may usually only apply for help with paying for their GMC retention fees and medical defence insurance as this enables them to maintain their posts as doctors. Applicants who ask for help with debt are referred to the Fund's licensed money advisor whose services are retained on a case by case basis. A grant may be made subsequently to help with priority expenses. Grants for medical students in immediate need are usually made for rent or essential travel, a typical grant being £1,000.

Much of the Fund's work is with refugee and asylum-seeking doctors who wish to re-validate their qualifications so that they can practice in the NHS. The majority of these applicants are in receipt of means-tested state benefits and are eager to become independent and use their skills to benefit the country which has given them asylum. The grants the Fund makes to this group enable them pay for the courses and exams leading to GMC registration and the fees for GMC registration itself. The Fund only makes these grants to doctors who are members of programmes which support refugee healthcare professionals back into work. This ensures that the doctors' expectations of achieving GMC registration and work are well managed. Society as a whole benefits from the work of the Fund as there is a shortage of doctors throughout the UK (<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/nhs-delivery-and-workforce/workforce/nhs-medical-staffing-data-analysis>, accessed 20.02.2025). England alone needs nearly 50,000 additional, full-time doctors. In 2024 the Fund paid GMC registration fees to 15 doctors (2023 - 17) which means that these additional doctors are now available for work in the NHS.

The Trustees want to help doctors achieve or remain in work so that they are self-supporting and not dependent on the State, and to help medical students who are in danger of having to withdraw from their course because of lack of funds. The Fund does not help with legal fees, private medical treatment, conference attendance, career enhancement projects or postgraduate courses. All beneficiaries must be in receipt of their full state benefit or student loan entitlement.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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(iii) The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA. Most applicants are taking the five-year medical degree and are eligible to apply for help with their third and fourth years of study. Applications are accepted from November to January in each academic year. Access to the Fund is limited to students who can demonstrate that they are over £25,000 in debt, thus ensuring that only the neediest students receive help, and are paying no more than £9,250 a year in fees. The maximum grant for this group is £3,000.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support these students. They are often the most strongly committed to practising medicine but face enormous financial pressures because of the length of the course, debt from previous studies and the high course fees which are required to be paid up front each year. The students assisted by the Fund do not have access to the NHS Bursary Scheme nor to student loans to cover their tuition fees which are usually £9,250 a year. Frequently the students undertake paid work against the advice of their tutors. Money advice is offered to those students whose finances appear to be poorly managed or are particularly complex.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

During the year, the BMA Charities Trust Fund made grants to external charities totalling £5,000 and grants totalling £25,000 to the Hastings Funds and Medical Education Fund (see notes 6, 7 and 8).

The Trustees authorised £66,388 in grants from the Hastings Fund to 42 beneficiaries, compared with £70,687 awarded to 54 beneficiaries in 2023. These 42 beneficiaries comprised 24 refugee doctors, 5 other doctors and 13 medical students in financial need. This Fund made an award to every applicant who was able to demonstrate appropriate financial need. £21,750 of grants awarded in previous years were reversed due to changes in recipients' circumstances. This Fund benefitted from access to the De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund, a very small, unregistered charity, and grants totalling £4,746.50 were awarded to 7 additional medical students from this source.

The Medical Education Fund distributed £147,670 to 64 beneficiaries, compared to £107,300 awarded to 51 beneficiaries in 2023. In 2024, of the 30 students who responded to our request for feedback, 90% said that they would or might have had to drop out of their course if they had not received a grant. As a result of receiving the grant, all of the beneficiaries experienced less stress and nearly all were spending more time studying. 93% were taking on less paid work and 73% attributed the receipt of the grant to an improvement in their grades. Half of the students were from a Widening Participation background. These students may be from a lower socio-economic background, have attended a non-selective state school, be a care leaver, have a disability, be a carer or be estranged from their families.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Under the requirements of the Guidelines on Accounting and Reporting by Charities, the Board of Trustees has assessed the format of financial statements and is satisfied that the appropriate systems are in place. These procedures will be reviewed annually to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

During the year the Charity's income increased by £85,272 from £225,783 to £311,055. The total value of fixed asset investments held by the charity rose by £493,850 in the year from £5,284,410 to £5,778,260.

#### **Reserves**

Total funds held by the Charity at the end of the accounting period stood at £6,667,725, an increase of £545,287 from the previous year. Of these funds £2,158,998 represents the permanent endowment funds of the Hastings and Coleman Kenton Funds (see note 21), £971,769 is restricted for the purposes of the Medical Education Fund and £114,975 is restricted for purposes of the Hastings Fund, (see note 22), and £3,421,982 is unrestricted funds to be spent on the general charitable objects of the BMA Charities Trust Fund. £65,525 is committed to grants payable and accruals (see note 17).

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Investment portfolios provide the basis of the reserves of the Charity, with the intention of holding these assets for the longer term. Charitable expenditure is financed by the income generated from these investments and donations received. The Trustees receive forecasts of investment income from the investment manager which they consider when authorising grant expenditure.

The Charity's reserves policy states that should the investment income in any given year decline by more than 25%, then the amount given in grants should be reduced by such proportion until the Trustees shall determine, usually 2 years, taking into account the anticipated return on investments, planned expenditure on standing costs and any other relevant factors. The Charity currently has sufficient reserves.

Whilst the Hastings Fund usually only helps each applicant once, the award that refugee and asylum-seeking doctors receive may be in the form of a package of grants which take into account all of the stages leading to GMC registration. It may take the doctor three or four years from the start of the process to pass all the necessary exams and obtain registration, and grants awarded to these doctors are not written back until it is clear that they will not be used. Therefore, the amount written back varies from year to year.

#### **Funding**

The Charity's main, consistent source of funding is investment income. For many years the Medical Education Fund has received substantial annual donations from the Worshipful Company of Barbers. In 2024 the Hastings Fund received a significant donation from the BMA.

The Charity raises some money from donors who have set up standing orders and card and direct debit donations can be made via the website in a secure online environment. There is no fundraising via cold-calling or mailshots, which protects the public from undue pressure. The Charity does not currently use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. Employees do not benefit from fundraising outcomes. No fundraising complaints have been received but a complaints policy is in place.

#### **Investment Policy**

The investment objective of the Charity is to achieve a consistently attractive level of income coupled with the potential for long term capital appreciation, whilst aiming to preserve the value of capital over the shorter term. The portfolio is fixed interest orientated with the remainder in a mix of global equities, convertible bonds and cash. The Trustees were content with the level of return in 2024 having taken into account ongoing fluctuations in market performance.

The Charity continues to operate its ethical investment policy of not investing in companies which manufacture tobacco products or have greater than 10% of their turnover in alcohol manufacture, armaments, gambling or pornography and avoiding companies that generate significant revenues from thermal coal and oil from tar sands. All of the Charity's investments are in the Sarasin & Partners Climate Active Endowment Fund which is a multi-asset portfolio managed to take into account companies' commitment to managing their own climate risks with divestment available if necessary. The Trustees have taken the view that, if they were to choose a less ethical investment policy, future donors from the medical profession, and in particular from BMA members, would be discouraged from supporting the Charity.

Social investment is not used by the Charity.

#### **Pension Liability**

The Charity has a contractual obligation to contribute to the Director's personal pension plan. The Charity has a legal obligation to contribute to the part-time Caseworker's pension via a workplace pension scheme. The Charity's scheme is with Nest Pensions.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces. The Charity does not engage in any high-risk activities and there is no face-to-face engagement with applicants and beneficiaries. The Trustees have identified four key areas of risk and have put in place the following risk management strategies:

(1) Conflicts of interest – All Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission's guide to the responsibilities of trustees. A conflicts of interest policy is in place and is available to Trustees at all times.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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Conflicts are declared when a Trustee is appointed and additional conflicts at the beginning of every Trustee meeting.

(2) Loss of key staff – In the event of the Director being unavailable for work for a long period of time, the Trustees will approach an agency for a temporary replacement or consider staff/ex staff from other medical benevolent funds. The Chair can be given access to electronic records by IT support. A part-time member of staff has been employed to undertake grant processing for the Hastings Fund.

(3) Information technology – The Charity has two office laptops with automatic back-up to the cloud. Cyber security is in place on the office laptops and Director's home laptop. GDPR, Data Security and Privacy policies are in place. Confidential electronic discussions with Trustees take place using MS Teams. IT support is provided by an external provider via their helpdesk. The provider also runs a monthly additional back-up. The website is maintained by an external agency. Cyber insurance is in place. Staff receive data protection training.

(4) Dependence on income sources – The Charity is mainly dependent on investment income. The levels of grants awarded by the Charity are commensurate with the liquid assets available and the need to preserve capital to enable continuity of grant giving. The board pursues a cautious investment policy via investment managers.

The risk assessment is reviewed annually.

#### THE FUTURE

The Trustees have reviewed the current governance and objects of the charity and have committed to convert the charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2025. As the current charity will cease to exist, it cannot be said to be a going concern. The board regards this change as an opportunity to modernise the charity so that the majority of its members will be selected using more usual methods including advertising, application and interview. This will resolve many of the conflict of interest issues mentioned above and enable the recruitment of a board with a wider range of necessary skills. The board also welcomes the chance to clarify and the broaden the charity's objects to include the possibility of assisting with Widening Participation.

The Trustees remain committed to continuing the current programmes of grant giving to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors and to medical students.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the service received from Sarasin & Partners, our investment advisors, Wilsons, our solicitors, and Begbies, our accountants.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware c

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair)**  
Trustee  
Dated: 12.06.2025



**Mr K Ward (Vice Chair)**  
Trustee  
Dated: 12.06.25

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024***

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BMA Charities Trust Fund (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of matter

We draw your attention to note 1.2 of the accounting policies. This note explains that the trustees have taken the decision to form a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to carry on the work of the BMA Charities Trust Fund, and to close this charity.

Accordingly, this charity is not a going concern.

Our opinion is not modified in this matter.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We draw your attention to note 1.2 of the financial statements and the emphasis of matter paragraph.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the accounts is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

### **Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with those laws and regulations having an impact on the financial statements and disclosure requirements. In particular, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice;
- Enquiries and confirmation of management and the trustees as to their identification of any non-compliance with laws or regulations, or any actual or potential claims;
- Review of minutes of Board meetings throughout the period;
- incorporating unpredictability into the nature, timing and/or extent of testing.
- Evaluation of the selection and application of the accounting policies chosen by the charity; and
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the key risks impacting the financial statements.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

9 Bonhill Street  
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Begbies is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	100,567	58,961	-	159,528	81,046
Investment income	4	73,580	77,947	-	151,527	144,737
<b>Total income</b>		<u>174,147</u>	<u>136,908</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,055</u>	<u>225,783</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	5	970	-	1,303	2,273	(936)
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Grants to medical charities	7	53,974	-	-	53,974	45,404
Grants to second degree medical students	7	-	174,060	-	174,060	124,767
Grants to provide financial assistance	7	-	69,768	-	69,768	58,869
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<u>53,974</u>	<u>243,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,802</u>	<u>229,040</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>54,944</u>	<u>243,828</u>	<u>1,303</u>	<u>300,075</u>	<u>228,104</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>265,955</u>	<u>83,343</u>	<u>185,009</u>	<u>534,307</u>	<u>298,082</u>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<u>385,158</u>	<u>(23,577)</u>	<u>183,706</u>	<u>545,287</u>	<u>295,761</u>
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>360,158</u>	<u>1,423</u>	<u>183,706</u>	<u>545,287</u>	<u>295,761</u>
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		<u>3,061,825</u>	<u>1,085,321</u>	<u>1,975,292</u>	<u>6,122,438</u>	<u>5,826,676</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		<u><u>3,421,983</u></u>	<u><u>1,086,744</u></u>	<u><u>2,158,998</u></u>	<u><u>6,667,725</u></u>	<u><u>6,122,437</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	21,868	59,178	-	81,046
Investment income	4	72,356	72,381	-	144,737
<b>Total income</b>		94,224	131,559	-	225,783
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	5	1,336	-	(2,272)	(936)
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants to medical charities	7	45,404	-	-	45,404
Grants to second degree medical students	7	-	124,767	-	124,767
Grants to provide financial assistance	7	-	58,869	-	58,869
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		45,404	183,636	-	229,040
<b>Total resources expended</b>		46,740	183,636	(2,272)	228,104
Net gains/(losses) on investments		148,609	51,814	97,659	298,082
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		196,093	(263)	99,931	295,761
Gross transfers between funds		(50,000)	50,000	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		146,093	49,737	99,931	295,761
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		2,915,732	1,035,584	1,875,360	5,826,676
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2023</b>		3,061,825	1,085,321	1,975,291	6,122,437

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# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		649		1,008
Investments	14		5,778,260		5,284,410
			<u>5,778,909</u>		<u>5,285,418</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	95,170		965	
Investments	16	789,553		759,502	
Cash at bank and in hand		69,618		140,045	
		<u>954,341</u>		<u>900,512</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	<u>(65,525)</u>		<u>(63,493)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>888,816</u>		<u>837,019</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>6,667,725</u>		<u>6,122,437</u>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds - permanent	21		2,158,998		1,975,291
<b>Restricted Income funds</b>					
Medical Education Fund		971,769		976,677	
Hastings Fund		114,975		108,644	
	22		<u>1,086,744</u>		<u>1,085,321</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			<u>3,421,983</u>		<u>3,061,825</u>
			<u>6,667,725</u>		<u>6,122,437</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12 June 2025



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Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair)  
Trustee



Mr K Ward (Vice Chair)  
Trustee

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

BMA Charities Trust Fund is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as established by a Trust Deed in 1925.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing documents, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment assets at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the date of approving the accounts, the trustees have decided to continue the activities of the charity through a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), a specific type of incorporated organisation designed for charities. As an unincorporated charity cannot convert to a CIO in the same way as a charitable company, the charity will be required to gift across to the new CIO all assets and liabilities and then formally close.

As a result, at the date of approval of these accounts, the charity cannot be considered to be a going concern, even though the activities are to continue in the new CIO. Thus the accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis.

The relevant accounting standards do not identify specific policies to be adopted when an organisation is to close, but a review of the balances in the balance sheet has not identified any which will be materially affected by the change to a non-going concern basis and the existing policies have been retained.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

The Medical Education Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree

The Hastings Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024*

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund. The Medical Education Fund also holds investments, however these are not held as endowment funds.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the former Hastings Benevolent Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation and added to the fund to which the underlying donation was given.

Legacies and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the fund becomes entitled to the resource.

The Charity SORP requires that an estimate is included in the accounts for material gifts in kind of donated services and facilities except time donated by general volunteers and trustees. The gift is included at an estimate of what the charity would otherwise pay for the goods or services. An expense is recognised in the accounts to match the income received.

Income from investments is included in the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable and is allocated to the relevant restricted and unrestricted funds.

##### 1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

The cost of generating funds comprises the costs of promoting the charity to potential donors.

In accordance with the SORP provision is made for all grants authorised by the Board of Trustees in the year. Where grants are subject to conditions only those grants where all the conditions have been met at the year end are recognised in the accounts. The expense for the period is reduced by the cancellation of grants authorised but not subsequently required.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity. Costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred.

The expenditure incurred with shared employment costs are included in the relevant charity at the net amount incurred.

The estimated current staff time percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 33%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 33% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 33%.

Support costs are the general costs incurred in support of meeting the charity's objectives. There is a single charitable objective of giving grants, but costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund, and so type of grant, at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred. The estimated current usage percentages for accountancy are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 30%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 30% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%, with legal fees and ongoing IT contracts spread evenly across the three funds.

The charity's long term investments are held in units in collective investment funds. In accordance with the SORP the charity does not estimate investment management fees which are charged to the collective investment fund to identify the notional cost attributable to its own holding in the scheme.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Due to the collective nature of the investments held, the investment charges are levied directly to the investment by the investment provider, rather than as a charge to the charity portfolio directly. Due to the size of the portfolio some management charges may be refunded directly to the charity. Where this is the case the refund is reported within the investment income heading unless it is an addition to an endowment fund.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers & equipment	Over four years
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

##### **Other financial assets**

The charity holds current assets in the form of listed investments. Those investments that are categorised as current assets are held in an investment fund containing short term money market instruments. Current asset investments are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently revalued to market value as at the balance sheet date.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

The Dain Fund and the BMA Charities Trust Fund share the cost of employees whose salaries are apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on the percentage of time spent on each charity's affairs.

#### 1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical judgements

##### Grant liabilities

Grants include awards which are formed of a series of individual payments for specific items, such as a series of exams. The time taken by individuals to draw on the funds varies and some recipients may not draw all of their allocation. Due to the timing of the drawdown being outside of the control of the trustees once the grant has been awarded all unpaid grants are shown as creditors due within one year.

Outstanding grants are reviewed annually and if no further payment is considered likely the grant is written back.

During the year the Charity received notification of a legacy. This has been included at the Charity's share of the value of the estate as provided by the Executors, reduced by an estimate of costs.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	4,067	58,961	63,028	4,368	54,178	58,546
Legacies receivable	89,000	-	89,000	10,000	5,000	15,000
Donated goods and services	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-	7,500
	<u>100,567</u>	<u>58,961</u>	<u>159,528</u>	<u>21,868</u>	<u>59,178</u>	<u>81,046</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
BMA	-	10,000	10,000	-	20,000	20,000
Worshipful Company of Barbers	-	36,000	36,000	-	31,000	31,000
De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
LMC's	-	2,824	2,824	-	3,030	3,030
Other	4,067	137	4,204	4,368	148	4,516
	<u>4,067</u>	<u>58,961</u>	<u>63,028</u>	<u>4,368</u>	<u>54,178</u>	<u>58,546</u>

### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	71,554	74,805	146,359	71,368	71,040	142,408
Interest receivable	2,026	3,142	5,168	988	1,341	2,329
	<u>73,580</u>	<u>77,947</u>	<u>151,527</u>	<u>72,356</u>	<u>72,381</u>	<u>144,737</u>

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	970	-	970	1,336
Investment management fee rebates	-	1,303	1,303	(2,272)
	<u>970</u>	<u>1,303</u>	<u>2,273</u>	<u>(936)</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 December 2023</b>				
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	1,336	-		1,336
Investment management fee rebates	-	(2,272)		(2,272)
	<u>1,336</u>	<u>(2,272)</u>		<u>(936)</u>

### 6 Description of charitable activities

Grants between Hastings, Medical Education and Charities Trust Funds are shown as transfers between funds. In the current year the Charities Trust Fund gave £15,000 (2023 - £25,000) to the Medical Education Fund to support the grants given to students at UK medical schools.

The Charities Trust Fund gave £10,000 (2023 - £25,000) to the Hastings Fund to support doctors, medical students and their dependents who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Due to the structure of the charity, the support costs incurred by the Charities Trust Fund are shown below whilst the grants given to the Hastings Fund and the Medical Education Fund are shown as transfers between funds.

The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA.

The Hastings Fund makes grants to doctors, medical students and their dependents experiencing financial difficulties, not just members of the BMA.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 7 Charitable activities

	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2024	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2023
	2024	2024	2024		2023	2023	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	5,000	147,670	44,639	197,309	-	107,300	38,572	145,872
Share of support costs (see note 10)	42,298	20,424	20,386	83,108	34,875	14,610	17,824	67,309
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	6,676	5,966	4,743	17,385	10,529	2,857	2,473	15,859
	<u>53,974</u>	<u>174,060</u>	<u>69,768</u>	<u>297,802</u>	<u>45,404</u>	<u>124,767</u>	<u>58,869</u>	<u>229,040</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>								
Unrestricted funds	53,974	-	-	53,974	45,404	-	-	45,404
Restricted funds	-	174,060	69,768	243,828	-	124,767	58,869	183,636
	<u>53,974</u>	<u>174,060</u>	<u>69,768</u>	<u>297,802</u>	<u>45,404</u>	<u>124,767</u>	<u>58,869</u>	<u>229,040</u>

## BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 8 Grants payable

	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2024	Grants to second degree medical students 2023	Grants to provide financial assistance 2023	Total 2023
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	£	2023 £	2023 £	£
Grants to institutions:							
Other	5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-	-
Grants to individuals	-	147,670	44,639	192,309	107,300	38,572	145,872
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>147,670</u>	<u>44,639</u>	<u>197,309</u>	<u>107,300</u>	<u>38,572</u>	<u>145,872</u>

In 2024 1 institutional grant was made and 106 grants to individuals. In 2023 no institutional grants were made and 108 grants to individuals.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 9 Trustees

There were no trustees in receipt of any remuneration during the year. Four trustees received travel and subsistence payments totalling £1,360 during the year (2023 - three - £972).

#### 10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Staff costs	56,444	-	56,444	48,167	Estimated staff time
Depreciation	359	-	359	445	Charities Trust Fund
Office accommodation	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	Charities Trust Fund
Website and IT costs	9,305	-	9,305	8,213	Charities Trust Fund
Postage, telephone & stationery	357	-	357	389	Estimated usage
Bank charges	406	-	406	240	Direct allocation
Staff & trustee training	335	-	335	575	Estimated usage
HR costs	8,006	-	8,006	1,370	Charities Trust Fund
Other costs	396	-	396	410	Direct allocation
Audit fees	-	3,960	3,960	3,600	Governance
Accountancy	-	5,108	5,108	4,644	Governance
Legal and professional	-	6,066	6,066	5,663	Governance
Trustee meeting expenses	-	1,360	1,360	906	Governance
Insurance	-	891	891	1,046	Governance
	<u>83,108</u>	<u>17,385</u>	<u>100,493</u>	<u>83,168</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>83,108</u>	<u>17,385</u>	<u>100,493</u>	<u>83,168</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,960 (2023- £3,600) for audit fees, £4,752 (2023- £4,320) for management accounts and £356 (2023- £324) for payroll services. All amounts include VAT.

The charity purchases Trustee Insurance at a cost of £392 (2023- £392).

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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#### 11 Employees

##### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Grant administration	2	1.25
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

##### Employment costs

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	50,904	43,194
Social security costs	1,551	1,273
Other pension costs	3,989	3,700
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>56,444</u>	<u>48,167</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more before the costs were shared with The Dain Fund. The share of total key management remuneration for the year incurred by the BMA Charities Trust Fund, including employer national insurance and pension, totalled £48,490 (2023: £46,000).

#### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Computers &amp; equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2024	2,457
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,457</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 January 2024	1,449
Depreciation charged in the year	359
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,808</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2024	<u>649</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,008</u>

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# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 14 Fixed asset investments

	Charities Trust Fund	Medical Education Fund	Colman Kenton Fund	Hastings Fund	Cash in portfolio	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Market valuation</b>						
At 31 December 2023	2,608,492	700,627	278,919	1,695,070	1,302	5,284,410
Valuation changes	244,478	65,665	26,141	158,868	-	495,152
Net reinvestment	-	-	-	-	(1,302)	(1,302)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 31 December 2024	2,852,970	766,292	305,060	1,853,938	-	5,778,260
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Historic cost</b>						
At 31 December 2024	2,333,790	627,090	249,669	1,516,879	-	4,727,428
At 31 December 2023	2,333,790	627,090	249,669	1,516,879	-	4,727,428

As at 31st December 2024 and 2023 the above portfolio was invested in Climate Active Endowment Class A Income units by Sarasin and Partners LLP.

The charity seeks to minimise the risks of holding investments, which comprise mainly market, yield and liquidity risks, through the appointment of an independent Investment Manager, who invests via common investment funds specifically tailored for charities of this nature. The trustees report contains further details of the charity's investment policy.

The holding of common investment units allows the charity to access increased diversification at a lower cost than would otherwise be available, and so decreases the risks of holding investments. At the balance sheet date the units held by the charity were invested in the following areas:

	All funds
Fixed Income	11%
Equities	74%
Property	3%
Alternative Assets	9%
Liquid Assets	3%
	<u>          </u>
Total	100%

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 15 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Amounts due from The Dain Fund	5,664	10
Other debtors	89,084	77
Prepayments	422	878
	<u>95,170</u>	<u>965</u>

At the balance sheet date the Charity had been informed of a legacy due with an estimated value of £89,000. The legacy is included in other debtors.

#### 16 Current asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Listed investments	<u>789,553</u>	<u>759,502</u>

Current asset investments are comprised of Blackrock Institutional Sterling Liquidity Heritage Accumulator units and Fidelity Sterling Fund units and are stated at market value. These investments are held to reduce liquidity risk whilst generating a higher interest return than cash holdings.

#### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants payable	59,660	58,419
Accruals	5,865	5,074
	<u>65,525</u>	<u>63,493</u>

#### 18 Defined contribution scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge in respect of defined contribution schemes was £3,989 (2023- £3,700). At the balance sheet date £309 was owed to defined contribution schemes.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Endowment Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	649	-	-	649
Investments	2,852,970	766,292	2,158,998	5,778,260
Current assets/(liabilities)	568,364	320,452	-	888,816
	<u>3,421,983</u>	<u>1,086,744</u>	<u>2,158,998</u>	<u>6,667,725</u>
	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	1,008	-	-	1,008
Investments	2,608,492	700,627	1,975,291	5,284,410
Current assets/(liabilities)	452,325	384,694	-	837,019
	<u>3,061,825</u>	<u>1,085,321</u>	<u>1,975,291</u>	<u>6,122,437</u>

#### 20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	3,061,825	174,147	(54,944)	(25,000)	265,955	3,421,983
	<u>3,061,825</u>	<u>174,147</u>	<u>(54,944)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>265,955</u>	<u>3,421,983</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	2,915,732	94,224	(46,740)	(50,000)	148,609	3,061,825
	<u>2,915,732</u>	<u>94,224</u>	<u>(46,740)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>148,609</u>	<u>3,061,825</u>

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 21 Endowment funds

	Movement in funds						Balance at 31 December 2024
	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Gains and losses <sup>1</sup>	Balance at January 2024	Resources expended	Gains and losses	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Permanent endowments</b>							
Colman Kenton	265,118	321	13,801	279,240	(321)	26,141	305,060
Hastings	1,610,242	1,952	83,857	1,696,052	(982)	158,868	1,853,938
	<u>1,875,360</u>	<u>2,273</u>	<u>97,658</u>	<u>1,975,292</u>	<u>(1,303)</u>	<u>185,009</u>	<u>2,158,998</u>

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Medical Education Fund reserve.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Hastings Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 22 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds					Balance at 31 December 2024
	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	Balance at 1 January 2024	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Medical Education Fund	944,298	86,368	(124,767)	25,000	45,778	976,677	78,072	(174,060)	15,000	76,080	971,769
Hastings Fund	91,286	45,191	(58,869)	25,000	6,036	108,644	58,837	(69,768)	10,000	7,262	114,975
	<u>1,035,584</u>	<u>131,559</u>	<u>(183,636)</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>51,814</u>	<u>1,085,321</u>	<u>136,909</u>	<u>(243,828)</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>83,342</u>	<u>1,086,744</u>

The Medical Education Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree. The fund includes amounts received from BMA Giving for distribution in the following academic year.

The Hastings Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the former unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Fairley Legacy has been donated to provided assistance to Scottish students. The funds have been transferred to the Medical Education Fund and fully used for the restricted purpose.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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### **23 Events after the reporting date**

As detailed in note 1.2, at the date of the approval of these accounts, the trustees have taken the decision to carry out the activities of the charity through a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). As a charity cannot be converted into a CIO, the charity will need to pass its assets and liabilities to the new entity before formally closing.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 24 Related party transactions

The BMA Charities Trust Fund receives free use of office accommodation from the BMA. A gift in kind value has been placed on this donation of £7,500 as were the accommodation not provided the Charity would rent equivalent accommodation of this cost elsewhere. The BMA has also donated £10,000 to the Hastings Fund (2023- £20,000 to the Medical Education Fund).

The Dain Fund and the Charities Trust Fund share the cost of two employees whose salaries are apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on a fixed estimate of time spent on each charity's affairs. During the year the Charities Trust Fund had five trustees who are also trustees of the Dain Fund (2023:5). No donations were made by the Dain Fund during the year (2023 - nil)

The charity is required to disclose key management salaries. There are two shared employees of the charity, as outlined above, and their remuneration is detailed in note 12 and in the Dain Fund accounts. At the balance sheet date the Dain Fund owed the Charities Trust Fund £5,664 (2023 - £10) under this arrangement.

During the year the trustees collectively donated £0 (2023 - £120). There were no further transactions with trustees aside from reimbursed expenses disclosed in note 9 and insurance in note 10.

**BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

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# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair) Dr R Barnett Dr S Hull Ms N Major Dr K Mehta Dr L Patel Dr T Pickersgill Dr M J Platt Dr G Ralston Mr K Ward (Vice Chair)	(Appointed 14 November 2023)
<b>Director</b>	Ms M Flint	
<b>Charity number</b>	219102	
<b>Principal address</b>	BMA House Tavistock Square London WC1H 9JP	
<b>Auditor</b>	Begbies 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4DJ	
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling ME19 4TA	
<b>Solicitors</b>	Wilsons Alexandra House St Johns Street Salisbury SP1 2SB	
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Sarasin & Partners LLP Juxon House 100 St Paul's Churchyard London EC4M 8BU	

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# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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#### **Registered Charity No. 219102**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report, together with audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The BMA Charities Trust Fund was established by a Trust Deed in 1925. It is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Fund is managed by a board of ten Trustees. Four of these are appointed ex officio: the Chair of the British Medical Association ("BMA") Representative Body, Dr L Patel, the BMA Treasurer, Dr T Pickersgill, the Chairman of the Dain Fund (an autonomous charity), Dr G Ralston, and the Secretary/Chief Executive of the BMA, Ms N Major. Four other Trustees are nominated by the BMA's membership at the Annual Representative Meeting ("ARM") to serve a term of four years and appointed by the board, and two trustees have been co-opted to serve for two years so that the board has the wide range of skills necessary to enable it to carry out its duties effectively. A skills audit is undertaken every couple of years in order to monitor this.

In 2009 the charities formerly known as the Hastings Benevolent Fund (no. 219103) and the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund (no. 1044720) were formally merged into the BMA Charities Trust Fund under a Charity Commission uniting direction. The assets, income and expenditure of each remain distinct, as do the objects of each of the Funds.

The members of the Board of Trustees between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 were as follows:-

Dr A Mowat (retired November 2023), Dr L Patel, Dr T Pickersgill, Dr K Mehta, Dr M J Platt, Dr R Wijesuriya, Dr G Ralston, Ms N Major, Dr S Hull, Mr K Ward and Dr R Barnett (appointed November 2023).

When appointed, Trustees are sent guidelines on the duties of Trustees, copies of the governing documents and a copy of the governance framework and code of conduct. New Trustees have a personal induction with the Chair and the Director. Trustees are given the opportunity to attend relevant training sessions through the year online and in person, when permitted. Most of the Trustees are medically trained and therefore well equipped to sit on the board of a medical benevolent fund. Several have previous experience of being a Trustee and/or business experience. The current composition of the Board of Trustees reflects a diversity of gender, age and medical specialty which ensures a good skills mix and works to the advantage of potential beneficiaries. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the Charity.

Reasonable expenses for attending meetings are reimbursed. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to award grants, deal with administrative matters and set policy. The awarding of some grants to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors is delegated to the Director.

In the autumn Trustees meeting each year, the Trustees authorise the negotiation of remuneration, terms and conditions, and pension arrangements for employed staff: this review is usually undertaken by the Chair but may be delegated to any Trustee. The Trustees normally consider firstly whether an employee's job description has changed within the preceding year. They also look at national financial overview data, such as the consumer price index, inflation, evidence relating to pay change within the charities sector, if available, and levels of responsibility undertaken by the employee.

The Fund is one of two charities administered as "BMA Charities" and, therefore, it benefits from shared staffing arrangements and office accommodation. It is independent of the BMA and has its own Trustee structure.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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### **OBJECTIVES**

#### **Objects**

The objects of the Charity as set out in the Trust Deed are to make grants to medical charities named in the Deed and other charities which help medical practitioners. The Hastings Fund's objects are to make payments to members of the medical profession or their dependents who are in need of relief or assistance. The objects of the Medical Education Fund are to make payments to advance the medical education of students who are unable to receive a statutory grant and who are in need of assistance.

#### **Aims**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that there is no detriment or harm attaching to the Charity's aims or activities.

The Charity carries out its charitable purposes for the public benefit in the following ways:

- (i) The Charity awards grants to applicant charities once a year at the autumn Trustees' meeting after consideration of their annual reports and accounts.
- (ii) The Hastings Fund is able to help all doctors and their dependents and medical students experiencing a financial crisis, not just members of the BMA. In March 2023 the GMC stated that there were 379,075 registered medical practitioners in the UK. Together with retired doctors, medical students and dependents, this forms a substantial group within the UK population.

The Fund does not make general awards for "living costs" nor does it seek to maintain lifestyles. Assistance is given in the form of one-off grants for essential items. Most beneficiaries are not in full-time work and are living on state benefits, student loans or have a similar low income. Applicants who are in full employment may usually only apply for help with paying for their GMC retention fees and medical defence insurance as this enables them to maintain their posts as doctors. Applicants who ask for help with debt are referred to the Fund's licensed money advisor whose services are retained on a case by case basis. A grant may be made subsequently to help with priority expenses. Grants for medical students in immediate need are usually made for rent or essential travel, a typical grant being £1,000.

Much of the Fund's work is with refugee and asylum-seeking doctors who wish to re-validate their qualifications so that they can practice in the NHS. The majority of these applicants are in receipt of means-tested state benefits and are eager to become independent and use their skills to benefit the country which has given them asylum. The grants the Fund makes to this group enable them pay for the courses and exams leading to GMC registration and the fees for GMC registration itself. The Fund only makes these grants to doctors who are members of programmes which support refugee healthcare professionals back into work. This ensures that the doctors' expectations of achieving GMC registration and work are well managed. Society as a whole benefits from the work of the Fund as there is a shortage of doctors throughout the UK (<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/nhs-delivery-and-workforce/workforce/nhs-medical-staffing-data-analysis>, accessed 11.03.2024). England alone needs nearly 50,000 additional, full-time doctors. In 2023 the Fund paid GMC registration fees to 17 doctors (2022 - 17) which means that these additional doctors are now available for work in the NHS.

The Trustees want to help doctors achieve or remain in work so that they are self-supporting and not dependent on the State, and to help medical students who are in danger of having to withdraw from their course because of lack of funds. The Fund does not help with legal fees, private medical treatment, conference attendance or career enhancement projects. All beneficiaries must be in receipt of their full state benefit or student loan entitlement.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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(iii) The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA. Most applicants are taking the five-year medical degree and are eligible to apply for help with their third and fourth years of study. Applications are accepted from November to January in each academic year. Access to the Fund is limited to students who can demonstrate that they are over £25,000 in debt, thus ensuring that only the neediest students receive help, and are paying no more than £9,250 a year in fees. The maximum grant for this group is usually £3,000.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support these students. They are often the most strongly committed to practising medicine but face enormous financial pressures because of the length of the course, debt from previous studies and the high course fees which are required to be paid up front each year. The students assisted by the Fund do not have access to the NHS Bursary Scheme nor to student loans to cover their tuition fees which are usually £9,250 a year. Frequently the students undertake paid work against the advice of their tutors. Money advice is offered to those students whose finances appear to be poorly managed or are particularly complex.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

During the year, the BMA Charities Trust Fund made no grants to external charities and grants totalling £50,000 to the Hastings Funds and Medical Education Fund (see notes 7 and 8).

The Trustees authorised £70,687 in grants from the Hastings Fund to 54 beneficiaries, compared with £42,770 awarded to 40 beneficiaries in 2022. These 54 beneficiaries comprised 28 refugee doctors, 9 other doctors and 17 medical students in financial need. This Fund was able to make an award to every applicant who was able to demonstrate appropriate financial need. £32,100 of grants awarded in previous years were reversed due to changes in recipients' circumstances.

The Medical Education Fund distributed £107,300 to 51 beneficiaries, compared to £109,570 awarded to 47 beneficiaries in 2022. In 2023, of the 29 students who responded to our request for feedback, 80% said that they would or might have had to drop out of their course if they had not received a grant. As a result of receiving the grant, all of the beneficiaries experienced less stress and were spending more time studying. 93% were taking on less paid work and 76% attributed the receipt of the grant to an improvement in their grades. Of the 46 students with home addresses in England, nearly 40% were from areas with the highest levels of deprivation in the country.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Under the requirements of the Guidelines on Accounting and Reporting by Charities, the Board of Trustees has assessed the format of financial statements and is satisfied that the appropriate systems are in place. These procedures will be reviewed annually to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

During the year the Charity's income increased by £16,885 from £208,898 to £225,783. The total value of fixed asset investments held by the charity rose by £265,532 in the year from £5,018,878 to £5,284,410.

#### **Reserves**

Total funds held by the Charity at the end of the accounting period stood at £6,122,437, an increase of £295,760 from the previous year. Of these funds £1,975,291 represents the permanent endowment funds of the Hastings and Coleman Kenton Funds (see note 20), £976,677 is restricted for the purposes of the Medical Education Fund and £108,644 is restricted for purposes of the Hastings Fund, (see note 21), and £3,061,825 is unrestricted funds to be spent on the general charitable objects of the BMA Charities Trust Fund. £63,493 is committed to grants payable and accruals (see note 17).

Investment portfolios provide the basis of the reserves of the Charity, with the intention of holding these assets for the longer term. Charitable expenditure is financed by the income generated from these investments and donations received. The Trustees receive forecasts of investment income from the investment manager which they consider when authorising grant expenditure.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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The Charity's reserves policy states that should the investment income in any given year decline by more than 25%, then the amount given in grants should be reduced by such proportion until the Trustees shall determine, usually 2 years, taking into account the anticipated return on investments, planned expenditure on standing costs and any other relevant factors. The Charity currently has sufficient reserves.

Whilst the Hastings Fund usually only helps each applicant once, the award that refugee and asylum-seeking doctors receive may be in the form of a package of grants which take into account all of the stages leading to GMC registration. It may take the doctor three or four years from the start of the process to pass all the necessary exams and obtain registration, and grants awarded to these doctors are not written back until it is clear that they will not be used. Therefore, the amount written back varies from year to year.

#### **Funding**

The Charity's main, consistent source of funding is investment income. For many years the Medical Education Fund has received substantial annual donations from the Worshipful Company of Barbers. An annual donation to this Fund is usually received from the BMA.

The Charity raises some money from donors who have set up standing orders and card and direct debit donations can be made via the website in a secure online environment. There is no fundraising via cold-calling or mailshots, which protects the public from undue pressure. The Charity does not currently use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. Employees do not benefit from fundraising outcomes. No fundraising complaints have been received but a complaints policy is in place.

#### **Investment Policy**

The investment objective of the Charity is to achieve a consistently attractive level of income coupled with the potential for long term capital appreciation, whilst aiming to preserve the value of capital over the shorter term. The portfolio is fixed interest orientated with the remainder in a mix of global equities, convertible bonds and cash. The Trustees were content with the level of return in 2023 having taken into account ongoing fluctuations in market performance.

The Charity continues to operate its ethical investment policy of not investing in companies which manufacture tobacco products or have greater than 10% of their turnover in alcohol manufacture, armaments, gambling or pornography and avoiding companies that generate significant revenues from thermal coal and oil from tar sands. All of the Charity's investments are in the Sarasin & Partners Climate Active Endowment Fund which is a multi-asset portfolio managed to take into account companies' commitment to managing their own climate risks with divestment available if necessary. The Trustees have taken the view that, if they were to choose a less ethical investment policy, future donors from the medical profession, and in particular from BMA members, would be discouraged from supporting the Charity.

Social investment is not used by the Charity.

#### **Pension Liability**

The Charity has a contractual obligation to contribute to the Director's personal pension plan. The Charity has a legal obligation to contribute to the part-time Caseworker's pension via a workplace pension scheme. The Charity's scheme is with Nest Pensions.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces. The Charity does not engage in any high-risk activities and there is no face-to-face engagement with applicants and beneficiaries. The Trustees have identified four key areas of risk and have put in place the following risk management strategies:

- (1) Conflicts of interest – All Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission's guide to the responsibilities of trustees. A conflicts of interest policy is in place and is available to Trustees at all times. Conflicts are declared when a Trustee is appointed and additional conflicts at the beginning of every Trustee meeting.
- (2) Loss of key staff – In the event of the Director being unavailable for work for a long period of time, the Trustees will approach an agency for a temporary replacement or consider staff/ex staff from other medical benevolent funds. The Chair can be given access to electronic records by IT support. A part-time member of staff has been employed to undertake grant processing for the Hastings Fund.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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(3) Information technology – The Charity has two office laptops with automatic back-up to the cloud. Cyber security is in place on the office laptops and Director's home laptop. GDPR, Data Security and Privacy policies are in place. Confidential electronic discussions with Trustees take place using MS Teams. IT support is provided by an external provider via their helpdesk. The provider also runs a monthly additional back-up. The website is maintained by an external agency. Cyber insurance is in place.

(4) Dependence on income sources – The Charity is mainly dependent on investment income but the Medical Education Trust is vulnerable to changes in grant giving practices by external organisations. The levels of grants awarded by the Charity are commensurate with the liquid assets available and the need to preserve capital to enable continuity of grant giving. The board pursues a cautious investment policy via investment managers.

The risk assessment is reviewed annually.

### **THE FUTURE**

The Trustees are committed to continuing the current programmes of grant giving to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors and to medical students.

A review of the governing documents and board structure of the Charity was begun during the year and will continue in 2024.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the service received from Sarasin & Partners, our investment advisors, Wilsons, our solicitors, and Begbies, our accountants.

### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair)**

Trustee

Dated: 12.06.24



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**Mr K Ward (Vice Chair)**

Trustee

Dated: 12.06.24

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

### ***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023***

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BMA Charities Trust Fund (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the accounts is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

#### **Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with those laws and regulations having an impact on the financial statements and disclosure requirements. In particular, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice;
- Enquiries and confirmation of management and the trustees as to their identification of any non-compliance with laws or regulations, or any actual or potential claims;
- Review of minutes of Board meetings throughout the period;
- incorporating unpredictability into the nature, timing and/or extent of testing.
- Evaluation of the selection and application of the accounting policies chosen by the charity; and
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the key risks impacting the financial statements.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Begbies**

..17/06/2024.....

**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

9 Bonhill Street  
London  
EC2A 4DJ

Begbies is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	21,868	59,178	-	81,046	65,477
Investment income	4	72,356	72,381	-	144,737	143,421
<b>Total income</b>		94,224	131,559	-	225,783	208,898
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	5	1,336	-	(2,272)	(936)	(1,538)
<u>Charitable activities</u>						
Grants to medical charities	7	45,404	-	-	45,404	49,029
Grants to second degree medical students	7	-	124,767	-	124,767	125,947
Grants to provide financial assistance	7	-	58,869	-	58,869	49,510
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		45,404	183,636	-	229,040	224,486
<b>Total resources expended</b>		46,740	183,636	(2,272)	228,104	222,948
Net gains/(losses) on investments		148,609	51,814	97,659	298,082	(754,342)
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		196,093	(263)	99,931	295,761	(768,392)
Gross transfers between funds		(50,000)	50,000	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		146,093	49,737	99,931	295,761	(768,392)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		2,915,732	1,035,584	1,875,360	5,826,676	6,595,069
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2023</b>		3,061,825	1,085,321	1,975,291	6,122,437	5,826,677

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	16,790	48,687	-	65,477
Investment income	4	71,828	71,593	-	143,421
<b>Total income</b>		88,618	120,280	-	208,898
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	5	875	-	(2,413)	(1,538)
<u>Charitable activities</u>					
Grants to medical charities	7	49,029	-	-	49,029
Grants to second degree medical students	7	-	125,947	-	125,947
Grants to provide financial assistance	7	-	49,510	-	49,510
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		49,029	175,457	-	224,486
<b>Total resources expended</b>		49,904	175,457	(2,413)	222,948
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(371,422)	(97,127)	(285,793)	(754,342)
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		(332,708)	(152,304)	(283,380)	(768,392)
Gross transfers between funds		(42,000)	42,000	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(374,708)	(110,304)	(283,380)	(768,392)
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		3,290,440	1,145,888	2,158,741	6,595,069
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2022</b>		2,915,732	1,035,584	1,875,361	5,826,677

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		1,008		823
Investments	14		5,284,410		5,018,878
			<u>5,285,418</u>		<u>5,019,701</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	965		5,197	
Investments	16	759,502		847,212	
Cash at bank and in hand		140,045		24,214	
		<u>900,512</u>		<u>876,623</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	<u>(63,493)</u>		<u>(69,647)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>837,019</u>		<u>806,976</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>6,122,437</u>		<u>5,826,677</u>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds - permanent	20		1,975,291		1,875,361
<b>Restricted Income funds</b>					
Medical Education Fund		976,677		944,298	
Hastings Fund		108,644		91,286	
	21		<u>1,085,321</u>		<u>1,035,584</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			<u>3,061,825</u>		<u>2,915,732</u>
			37		<u>5,826,677</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12 June 2024



Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair)  
Trustee



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Mr K Ward (Vice Chair)  
Trustee

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

BMA Charities Trust Fund is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as established by a Trust Deed in 1925.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing documents, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment assets at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

The Medical Education Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree

The Hastings Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund. The Medical Education Fund also holds investments, however these are not held as endowment funds.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the former Hastings Benevolent Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation and added to the fund to which the underlying donation was given.

Legacies and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the fund becomes entitled to the resource.

The Charity SORP requires that an estimate is included in the accounts for material gifts in kind of donated services and facilities except time donated by general volunteers and trustees. The gift is included at an estimate of what the charity would otherwise pay for the goods or services. An expense is recognised in the accounts to match the income received.

Income from investments is included in the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable and is allocated to the relevant restricted and unrestricted funds.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

The cost of generating funds comprises the costs of promoting the charity to potential donors.

In accordance with the SORP provision is made for all grants authorised by the Board of Trustees in the year. Where grants are subject to conditions only those grants where all the conditions have been met at the year end are recognised in the accounts. The expense for the period is reduced by the cancellation of grants authorised but not subsequently required.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity. Costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred.

The expenditure incurred with shared employment costs are included in the relevant charity at the net amount incurred.

The estimated current staff time percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 27%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 33% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%.

Support costs are the general costs incurred in support of meeting the charity's objectives. There is a single charitable objective of giving grants, but costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund, and so type of grant, at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred. The estimated current usage percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 30%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 30% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%.

The charity's long term investments are held in units in collective investment funds. In accordance with the SORP the charity does not estimate investment management fees which are charged to the collective investment fund to identify the notional cost attributable to its own holding in the scheme.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Due to the collective nature of the investments held, the investment charges are levied directly to the investment by the investment provider, rather than as a charge to the charity portfolio directly. Due to the size of the portfolio some management charges may be refunded directly to the charity. Where this is the case the refund is reported within the investment income heading unless it is an addition to an endowment fund.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers & equipment      Over four years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

##### **Other financial assets**

The charity holds current assets in the form of listed investments. Those investments that are categorised as current assets are held in an investment fund containing short term money market instruments. Current asset investments are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently revalued to market value as at the balance sheet date.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### **1.9 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

The Dain Fund and the BMA Charities Trust Fund share the cost of employees whose salaries are apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on the percentage of time spent on each charity's affairs.

#### **1.10 Retirement benefits**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### **Critical judgements**

##### **Grant liabilities**

Grants include awards which are formed of a series of individual payments for specific items, such as a series of exams. The time taken by individuals to draw on the funds varies and some recipients may not draw all of their allocation. Due to the timing of the drawdown being outside of the control of the trustees once the grant has been awarded all unpaid grants are shown as creditors due within one year.

Outstanding grants are reviewed annually and if no further payment is considered likely the grant is written back.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	4,368	54,178	58,546	8,290	48,687	56,977
Legacies receivable	10,000	5,000	15,000	1,000	-	1,000
Donated goods and services	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-	7,500
	<u>21,868</u>	<u>59,178</u>	<u>81,046</u>	<u>16,790</u>	<u>48,687</u>	<u>65,477</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
BMA	-	20,000	20,000	2,075	12,500	14,575
Worshipful Company of Barbers	-	31,000	31,000	-	30,000	30,000
Dain Fund	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
LMC's	-	3,030	3,030	-	1,927	1,927
Other	4,368	148	4,516	6,215	1,760	7,975
	<u>4,368</u>	<u>54,178</u>	<u>58,546</u>	<u>8,290</u>	<u>48,687</u>	<u>56,977</u>

### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	71,368	71,040	142,408	71,418	71,020	142,438
Interest receivable	988	1,341	2,329	410	573	983
	<u>72,356</u>	<u>72,381</u>	<u>144,737</u>	<u>71,828</u>	<u>71,593</u>	<u>143,421</u>

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment funds general £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	1,336	-	1,336	875
Investment management fee rebates	-	(2,272)	(2,272)	(2,413)
	<u>1,336</u>	<u>(2,272)</u>	<u>(936)</u>	<u>(1,538)</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 December 2022</b>				
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	875	-		875
Investment management fee rebates	-	(2,413)		(2,413)
	<u>875</u>	<u>(2,413)</u>		<u>(1,538)</u>

### 6 Description of charitable activities

#### Grants to medical charities

Grants between Hastings, Medical Education and Charities Trust Funds are shown as transfers between funds. In the current year the Charities Trust Fund gave £25,000 (2022 - £67,070) to the Medical Education Fund to support the grants given to students at UK medical schools.

The Charities Trust Fund gave £25,000 (2022 - £25,000) to the Hastings Fund to support doctors, medical students and their dependents who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Due to the structure of the charity, the support costs incurred by the Charities Trust Fund are shown below whilst the grants given to the Hastings Fund and the Medical Education Fund are shown as transfers between funds.

#### Grants to second degree medical students

The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA.

#### Grants to provide financial assistance

The Hastings Fund makes grants to doctors, medical students and their dependents experiencing financial difficulties, not just members of the BMA.

## BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7 Charitable activities	Grants to medical charities		Grants to second degree medical students		Grants to provide financial assistance		Total 2023	Grants to medical charities		Grants to second degree medical students		Grants to provide financial assistance		Total 2022
	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£	£	2022	£	2022	£	2022	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	-		107,300		38,572		145,872	8,000		109,570		30,405		147,975
Share of support costs (see note 10)	34,875		14,610		17,824		67,309	34,117		13,362		16,632		64,111
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	10,529		2,857		2,473		15,859	6,912		3,015		2,473		12,400
	45,404		124,767		58,869		229,040	49,029		125,947		49,510		224,486
<b>Analysis by fund</b>														
Unrestricted funds	45,404		-		-		45,404	49,029		-		-		49,029
Restricted funds	-		124,767		58,869		183,636	-		125,947		49,510		175,457
	45,404		124,767		58,869		229,040	49,029		125,947		49,510		224,486

## BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8 Grants payable	Grants to second degree medical students 2023 £	Grants to provide financial assistance 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Grants to medical charities 2022 £	Grants to second degree medical students 2022 £	Grants to provide financial assistance 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Grants to institutions: The Cameron Fund	-	-	-	8,000	-	-	8,000
Grants to individuals	107,300	38,572	145,872	-	109,570	30,405	139,975
	<u>107,300</u>	<u>38,572</u>	<u>145,872</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>109,570</u>	<u>30,405</u>	<u>147,975</u>

In 2023 no institutional grants were made and 108 grants to individuals. In 2022 1 institutional grant was made and 92 grants to individuals

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 9 Trustees

There were no trustees in receipt of any remuneration during the year. Three trustees received travel and subsistence payments totalling £972 during the year (2022 - two - £942).

### 10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Staff costs	48,167	-	48,167	45,229	Estimated staff time
Depreciation	445	-	445	370	Charities Trust Fund
Office accommodation	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	Charities Trust Fund
Website and IT costs	8,213	-	8,213	9,137	Charities Trust Fund
Postage, telephone & stationery	389	-	389	289	Estimated usage
Bank charges	240	-	240	450	Direct allocation
Staff & trustee training	575	-	575	199	Estimated usage
HR costs	1,370	-	1,370	570	
Other costs	410	-	410	367	Direct allocation
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	3,600	Governance
Accountancy	-	4,644	4,644	4,644	Governance
Legal and professional	-	5,663	5,663	1,800	Governance
Trustee meeting expenses	-	906	906	942	Governance
Insurance	-	1,046	1,046	1,414	Governance
	<u>67,309</u>	<u>15,859</u>	<u>83,168</u>	<u>76,511</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>67,309</u>	<u>15,859</u>	<u>83,168</u>	<u>76,511</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,600 (2022- £3,600) for audit fees, £4,320 (2022- £4,320) for management accounts and £324 (2022- £324) for payroll services. All amounts include VAT.

The charity purchases Trustee Insurance at a cost of £392 (2022- £416).

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### 11 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Grant administration	1.25	1

#### Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	43,194	40,443
Social security costs	1,273	1,146
Other pension costs	3,700	3,640
	<u>48,167</u>	<u>45,229</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more before the costs were shared with The Dain Fund. The share of total key management remuneration for the year incurred by the BMA Charities Trust Fund, including employer national insurance and pension, totalled £46,000 (£45,229).

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers & equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2023	1,827
Additions	630
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,457</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 January 2023	1,004
Depreciation charged in the year	445
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,449</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,008</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>823</u>

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14 Fixed asset investments	Charities Trust Fund	Medical Education Fund	Colman Kenton Fund	Hastings Funds	Cash in portfolio	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Market valuation</b>						
At 31 December 2022	2,477,953	665,565	265,118	1,610,242	-	5,018,878
Additions	1,492	401	-	970	1,302	4,165
Valuation changes	129,047	34,661	13,801	83,858	-	261,367
At 31 December 2023	2,608,492	700,627	278,919	1,695,070	1,302	5,284,410
<b>Historic cost</b>						
At 31 December 2023	2,333,790	627,090	249,669	1,516,879	-	4,727,428
At 31 December 2022	2,332,298	626,689	249,669	1,515,909	-	4,724,565

As at 31st December 2023 and 2022 the above portfolio was invested in Climate Active Endowment Class A Income units by Sarasin and Partners LLP.

The charity seeks to minimise the risks of holding investments, which comprise mainly market, yield and liquidity risks, through the appointment of an independent Investment Manager, who invests via common investment funds specifically tailored for charities of this nature. The trustees report contains further details of the charity's investment policy.

The holding of common investment units allows the charity to access increased diversification at a lower cost than would otherwise be available, and so decreases the risks of holding investments. At the balance sheet date the units held by the charity where invested in the following areas:

	All funds
Fixed Income	14%
Equities	70%
Property	4%
Alternative Assets	10%
Liquid Assets	3%
Total	100%

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### 15 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts due from The Dain Fund	10	4,387
Other debtors	77	236
Prepayments	878	574
	<u>965</u>	<u>5,197</u>

### 16 Current asset investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Listed investments	759,502	847,212

Current asset investments are comprised of Blackrock Institutional Sterling Liquidity Heritage Accumulator units and are stated at market value. These investments are held to reduce liquidity risk whilst generating a higher interest return than cash holdings.

### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants payable	58,419	64,579
Accruals	5,074	5,068
	<u>63,493</u>	<u>69,647</u>

### 18 Defined contribution scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge in respect of defined contribution schemes was £3,700 (2022- £3,640)

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### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Endowment Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	1,008	-	-	1,008
Investments	2,608,492	700,627	1,975,291	5,284,410
Current assets/(liabilities)	452,325	384,694	-	837,019
	<u>3,061,825</u>	<u>1,085,321</u>	<u>1,975,291</u>	<u>6,122,437</u>
	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Endowment Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	823	-	-	823
Investments	2,477,952	665,565	1,875,361	5,018,878
Current assets/(liabilities)	436,957	370,019	-	806,976
	<u>2,915,732</u>	<u>1,035,584</u>	<u>1,875,361</u>	<u>5,826,677</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

20 Endowment funds	Balance at 1 January 2022	Movement in funds		Balance at 31 December 2023
		Income resources	Revaluations gains and losses	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Permanent endowments</b>				
Colman Kenton	305,180	341	(40,403)	279,240
Hastings	1,853,561	2,072	(245,390)	1,696,051
	<u>2,158,741</u>	<u>2,413</u>	<u>(285,793)</u>	<u>1,975,291</u>

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment; the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Medical Education Fund reserve.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment; the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Hastings Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

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21 **Restricted funds**

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2023	
	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	Balance at 1 January 2023	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds		Investment movements
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Medical Education Fund	1,027,117	74,816	(125,947)	67,070	(98,758)	944,298	86,368	(124,767)	25,000	45,778	976,677
Hastings Fund	83,701	45,464	(49,510)	10,000	1,631	91,286	45,191	(58,869)	25,000	6,036	108,644
Fairley Legacy	35,070	-	-	(35,070)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,145,888</u>	<u>120,280</u>	<u>(175,457)</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>(97,127)</u>	<u>1,035,584</u>	<u>131,559</u>	<u>(183,636)</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>51,814</u>	<u>1,085,321</u>

The Medical Education Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree. The fund includes amounts received from BMA Giving for distribution in the following academic year.

The Hastings Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the former unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Fairley Legacy has been donated to provided assistance to Scottish students. The funds have been transferred to the Medical Education Fund and fully used for the restricted purpose.

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### **22 Related party transactions**

The BMA Charities Trust Fund receives free use of office accommodation from the BMA. A gift in kind value has been placed on this donation of £7,500 as were the accommodation not provided the Charity would rent equivalent accommodation of this cost elsewhere. The BMA has also donated £20,000 (2022- £12,500) to the Medical Education Fund.

The Dain Fund and the Charities Trust Fund share the cost of two employees whose salaries are apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on a fixed estimate of time spent on each charity's affairs. During the year the Charities Trust Fund had five trustees who are also trustees of the Dain Fund (2022:5). No donations were made by the Dain Fund during the year (2022 - £2,500)

The charity is required to disclose key management salaries. There are two shared employees of the charity, as outlined above, and their remuneration is detailed in note 11 and in the Dain Fund accounts.

During the year the trustees collectively donated £120 (2022 - £120). None of these funds were given for activities outside of the usual BMA Charities' undertakings. There were no further transactions with trustees aside from reimbursed expenses disclosed in note 9.

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# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair) Dr S Hull Ms N Major Dr K Mehta Dr A J Mowat (Vice Chair) Dr L Patel Dr T Pickersgill Dr M J Platt Dr G Ralston Mr K Ward	(Appointed 15 November 2022) (Appointed 1 May 2022)         (Appointed 15 November 2022)
<b>Director</b>	Ms M Flint	
<b>Charity number</b>	219102	
<b>Principal address</b>	BMA House Tavistock Square London WC1H 9JP	
<b>Auditor</b>	Begbies 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4DJ	
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling ME19 4TA	
<b>Solicitors</b>	Wilson Alexandra House St Johns Street Salisbury SP1 2SB	
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Sarasin & Partners LLP Juxon House 100 St Paul's Churchyard London EC4M 8BU	

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# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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#### **Registered Charity No. 219102**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report, together with audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The BMA Charities Trust Fund was established by a Trust Deed in 1925. It is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Fund is managed by a board of ten Trustees. Four of these are appointed ex officio: the Chair of the British Medical Association ("BMA") Representative Body, Dr L Patel, the BMA Treasurer, Dr T Pickersgill, the Chairman of the Dain Fund (an autonomous charity), Dr G Ralston, and the Secretary/Chief Executive of the BMA, Ms N Major. Four other Trustees are nominated by the BMA's membership at the Annual Representative Meeting ("ARM") to serve a term of four years and appointed by the board, and two trustees have been co-opted to serve for two years so that the board has the wide range of skills necessary to enable it to carry out its duties effectively. A skills audit is undertaken every couple of years in order to monitor this.

In 2009 the charities formerly known as the Hastings Benevolent Fund (no. 219103) and the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund (no. 1044720) were formally merged into the BMA Charities Trust Fund under a Charity Commission uniting direction. The assets, income and expenditure of each remain distinct, as do the objects of each of the Funds.

The members of the Board of Trustees between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 were as follows:-

Dr A Dearden (retired November 2022), Dr A Mowat, Ms H Byron (retired November 2022), Mr T Grinyer (retired May 2022), Dr L Patel, Dr T Pickersgill, Dr K Mehta, Dr M J Platt, Dr R Wijesuriya, Dr G Ralston, Ms N Major (appointed May 2022), Dr S Hull (appointed November 2022) and Mr K Ward (appointed November 2022).

When appointed, Trustees are sent guidelines on the duties of Trustees, copies of the governing documents and a copy of the governance framework and code of conduct. New Trustees have a personal induction with the Chair and the Director. Trustees are given the opportunity to attend relevant training sessions through the year online and in person, when permitted. Most of the Trustees are medically trained and therefore well equipped to sit on the board of a medical benevolent fund. Several have previous experience of being a Trustee and/or business experience. The current composition of the Board of Trustees reflects a diversity of gender, age and medical specialty which ensures a good skills mix and works to the advantage of potential beneficiaries. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the Charity. Reasonable expenses for attending meetings are reimbursed. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to award grants, deal with administrative matters and set policy. The awarding of some grants to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors is delegated to the Director.

In the autumn Trustees meeting each year, the Trustees authorise the negotiation of remuneration, terms and conditions, and pension arrangements for employed staff: this review is usually undertaken by the Chair but may be delegated to any Trustee. The Trustees normally consider firstly whether an employee's job description has changed within the preceding year. They also look at national financial overview data, such as the consumer price index, inflation, evidence relating to pay change within the charities sector, if available, and levels of responsibility undertaken by the employee.

The Fund is one of two charities administered as "BMA Charities" and, therefore, it benefits from shared staffing arrangements and office accommodation. It is independent of the BMA and has its own Trustee structure.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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### **Objectives**

#### **Objects**

The objects of the Charity as set out in the Trust Deed are to make grants to medical charities named in the Deed and other charities which help medical practitioners. The Hastings Fund's objects are to make payments to members of the medical profession or their dependents who are in need of relief or assistance. The objects of the Medical Education Fund are to make payments to advance the medical education of students who are unable to receive a statutory grant and who are in need of assistance.

#### **Aims**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that there is no detriment or harm attaching to the Charity's aims or activities.

The Charity carries out its charitable purposes for the public benefit in the following ways:

(i) The Charity awards grants to applicant charities once a year at the autumn Trustees' meeting after consideration of their annual reports and accounts.

(ii) The Hastings Fund is able to help all doctors, medical students and their dependents experiencing a financial crisis, not just members of the BMA. In March 2022 the GMC stated that there were 358,828 registered medical practitioners in the UK. Together with retired doctors, medical students and dependents, this forms a substantial group within the UK population.

The Fund does not make general awards for "living costs" nor does it seek to maintain lifestyles. Assistance is given in the form of one-off grants for essential items. Most beneficiaries are not in full-time work and are living on state benefits, student loans or have a similar low income. Applicants who are in full employment may usually only apply for help with paying for their GMC retention fees and medical defence insurance as this enables them to maintain their posts as doctors. Applicants who ask for help with debt are referred to the Fund's licensed money advisor whose services are retained on a case by case basis. A grant may be made subsequently to help with priority expenses. Grants for medical students in immediate need are usually made for rent or essential travel, a typical grant being £1,000.

Much of the Fund's work is with refugee and asylum-seeking doctors who wish to re-validate their qualifications so that they can practice in the NHS. The majority of these applicants are in receipt of means-tested state benefits and are eager to become independent and use their skills to benefit the country which has given them asylum. The grants the Fund makes to this group enable them pay for the courses and exams leading to GMC registration and the fees for GMC registration itself. The Fund only makes these grants to doctors who are members of programmes which support refugee healthcare professionals back into work. This ensures that the doctors' expectations of achieving GMC registration and work are well managed. Society as a whole benefits from the work of the Fund as there is a shortage of doctors in all specialities in the UK (<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/nhs-delivery-and-workforce/workforce/nhs-medical-staffing-data-analysis>, accessed 22.03.2023). In 2022 the Fund paid GMC registration fees to 17 doctors (2021 - 20) which means that these additional doctors are now available for work in the NHS.

The Trustees want to help doctors achieve or remain in work so that they are self-supporting and not dependent on the State, and to help medical students who are in danger of having to withdraw from their course because of lack of funds. The Fund does not help with legal fees, private medical treatment, conference attendance or career enhancement projects. All beneficiaries must be in receipt of their full state benefit or student loan entitlement.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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(iii) The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA. Most applicants are taking the five-year medical degree and are eligible to apply for help with their third and fourth years of study. Applications are accepted from November to January in each academic year. Access to the Fund is limited to students who can demonstrate that they are over £25,000 in debt, thus ensuring that only the neediest students receive help, and are paying no more than £9,250 a year in fees. The maximum grant for this group is usually £2,500 but in 2022 the Fund was fortunate to be able to give grants of £3,000 to the students who were most in need of help.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support these students. They are often the most strongly committed to practising medicine but face enormous financial pressures because of the length of the course, debt from previous studies and the high course fees which are required to be paid up front each year. The students assisted by the Fund do not have access to the NHS Bursary Scheme nor to student loans to cover their course fees which are usually £9,250 a year. Frequently the students undertake paid work against the advice of their tutors. Money advice is offered to those students whose finances appear to be poorly managed or are particularly complex.

#### **Activities**

During the year, the BMA Charities Trust Fund made grants to external charities totalling £8,000 and grants totalling £77,070 to the Hastings Funds and Medical Education Fund (see notes 7 and 8).

The Trustees authorised £42,770 in grants from the Hastings Fund to 40 beneficiaries, compared with £66,784 awarded to 49 beneficiaries in 2021. These 40 beneficiaries comprised 25 refugee doctors, 7 other doctors and 8 medical students in financial need. This Fund was able to make an award to every applicant who was able to demonstrate appropriate financial need. £12,340 of grants awarded in previous years were reversed due to changes in recipients' circumstances.

The Medical Education Fund distributed £109,570 to 48 beneficiaries, compared to £187,600 awarded to 86 beneficiaries in 2021. In 2022, of the 30 students who responded to our request for feedback, 80% said that they would or might have had to drop out of their course if they had not received a grant. As a result of receiving the grant, all of the beneficiaries experienced less stress, were taking on less paid work and were spending more time studying and 77% attributed the receipt of the grant to an improvement in their grades. Of the 33 students with home addresses in England, nearly a third were from areas with the highest levels of deprivation.

#### **Financial review**

Under the requirements of the Guidelines on Accounting and Reporting by Charities, the Board of Trustees has assessed the format of financial statements and is satisfied that the appropriate systems are in place. These procedures will be reviewed annually to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

During the year the Charity's income decreased by £263,005 from £471,903 to £208,898. In part this is because no large legacies were received during the year. The total value of fixed asset investments held by the charity fell by £757,335 in the year from £5,776,213 to £5,018,878.

#### **Reserves**

Total funds held by the Charity at the end of the accounting period stood at £5,826,677, a decrease of £768,392 from the previous year. Of these funds £1,875,361 represents the permanent endowment funds of the Hastings and Coleman Kenton Funds (see note 19), £944,298 is restricted for the purposes of the Medical Education Fund and £91,286 is restricted for purposes of the Hastings Fund, (see note 20), and £2,915,732 is unrestricted funds to be spent on the general charitable objects of the BMA Charities Trust Fund. £69,647 is committed to grants payable and accruals (see note 16).

Investment portfolios provide the basis of the reserves of the Charity, with the intention to hold these assets for the longer term. Charitable expenditure is financed by the income generated from these investments and donations received. The trustees receive forecasts of investment income from the investment manager which they consider when authorising grant expenditure.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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The Charity's reserves policy states that should the investment income in any given year decline by more than 25%, then the amount given in grants should be reduced by such proportion until the Trustees shall determine, usually 2 years, taking into account the anticipated return on investments, planned expenditure on standing costs and any other relevant factors. The Charity currently has sufficient reserves.

Whilst the Hastings Fund usually only helps each applicant once, the award that refugee and asylum-seeking doctors receive may be in the form of a package of grants which take into account all of the stages leading to GMC registration. It may take the doctor three or four years from the start of the process to pass all the necessary exams and obtain registration, and grants awarded to these doctors are not written off until it is clear that they will not be used. Therefore, the amount written off varies from year to year.

#### **Funding**

The Charity's main, consistent source of funding is investment income. For many years the Medical Education Fund has received substantial annual donations from the Worshipful Company of Barbers. An annual donation to this Fund is usually received from the BMA.

The Charity raises some money from donors who have set up standing orders and card and direct debit donations can be made via the website in a secure online environment. There is no fundraising via cold-calling or mailshots, which protects the public from undue pressure. The Charity does not currently use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. Employees do not benefit from fundraising outcomes. No fundraising complaints have been received but a complaints policy is in place. The Trustees have adopted a fundraising strategy which will be rolled out over the next few years.

#### **Investment policy**

The investment objective of the Charity is to achieve a consistently attractive level of income coupled with the potential for long term capital appreciation, whilst aiming to preserve the value of capital over the shorter term. The portfolio is fixed interest orientated with the remainder in a mix of global equities, convertible bonds and cash. The Trustees were content with the level of return in 2022 having taken into account ongoing fluctuations in market performance.

The Charity continues to operate its ethical investment policy of not investing in companies which manufacture tobacco products or have greater than 10% of their turnover in alcohol manufacture, armaments, gambling or pornography and avoiding companies that generate significant revenues from thermal coal and oil from tar sands. All of the Charity's investments are in the Sarasin & Partners Climate Active Endowment Fund which is a multi-asset portfolio managed to take into account companies' commitment to managing their own climate risks with divestment available if necessary. The Trustees have taken the view that, if they chose a less ethical investment policy, future donors from the medical profession, and in particular from BMA members, would be likely to be discouraged from supporting the Charity.

Social investment is not used by the Charity.

#### **Pension Liability**

The Charity has a contractual obligation to contribute to the Director's personal pension plan. Beyond that, the Charity has no pension liability.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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### Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces. The Charity does not engage in any high-risk activities and there is no face-to-face engagement with applicants and beneficiaries. The Trustees have identified four key areas of risk and have put in place the following risk management strategies:

- (1) Conflict of interest – All Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission's guide to the responsibilities of trustees. A conflicts of interest policy is in place and is available to Trustees at all times. Additional conflicts are declared on an annual basis and at the beginning of every Trustees meeting.
- (2) Loss of key staff – An annual diary of key activities has been created. In the event of the Director being unavailable for work for a long period of time, the Trustees will approach an agency for a temporary replacement or consider staff/ex staff from other medical benevolent funds. The Chair can be given access to electronic records by IT support.
- (3) Information technology – The Charity has its own office laptop with automatic back-up to the cloud. Cyber security is in place on the office laptop and Director's home laptop. GDPR, Data Security and Privacy policies are in place. Confidential electronic discussions with Trustees take place using MS Teams. IT support is provided by an external provider via their helpdesk. The provider also runs a monthly additional back-up. Cyber insurance is in place.
- (4) Dependence on income sources – The Charity is mainly dependent on investment income but the Medical Education Trust is vulnerable to changes in grant giving practices by external organisations. The levels of grants awarded by the Charity are commensurate with the liquid assets available and the need to preserve capital to enable continuity of grant giving. The board pursues a cautious investment policy via investment managers.

The risk assessment is reviewed annually.

### The Future

The Trustees are committed to continuing the current programmes of grant giving to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors and to medical students.

In 2023 an additional, part-time member of staff will be engaged to take on case work and administration. A review of the governing documents of the Charity will begin during the year.

### Acknowledgements

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the service received from Sarasin & Partners, our investment advisors, Wilsons, our solicitors, and Begbies, our accountants.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair)**

Trustee

Dated: ..... 27.06.2023



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**Dr A J Mowat (Vice Chair)**

Trustee

Dated:..... 27.06.2023..

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022***

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BMA Charities Trust Fund (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the accounts is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

### **Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with those laws and regulations having an impact on the financial statements and disclosure requirements. In particular, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice;
- Enquiries and confirmation of management and the trustees as to their identification of any non-compliance with laws or regulations, or any actual or potential claims;
- Review of minutes of Board meetings throughout the period;
- incorporating unpredictability into the nature, timing and/or extent of testing.
- Evaluation of the selection and application of the accounting policies chosen by the charity; and
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the key risks impacting the financial statements.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Begbies**

29/06/2023  
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**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

9 Bonhill Street  
London  
EC2A 4DJ

Begbies is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	16,790	48,687	-	65,477	323,254
Investment income	4	71,828	71,593	-	143,421	148,649
<b>Total income</b>		88,618	120,280	-	208,898	471,903
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	5	875	-	(2,413)	(1,538)	4,757
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Grants to medical charities	6	49,029	-	-	49,029	47,521
Grants to second degree medical students	6	-	125,947	-	125,947	201,705
Grants to provide financial assistance	6	-	49,510	-	49,510	65,232
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		49,029	175,457	-	224,486	314,458
<b>Total resources expended</b>		49,904	175,457	(2,413)	222,948	319,215
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(371,422)	(97,127)	(285,793)	(754,342)	410,932
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>		(332,708)	(152,304)	(283,380)	(768,392)	563,620
Gross transfers between funds		(42,000)	42,000	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(374,708)	(110,304)	(283,380)	(768,392)	563,620
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		3,290,440	1,145,888	2,158,741	6,595,069	6,031,449
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2022</b>		2,915,732	1,035,584	1,875,361	5,826,677	6,595,069

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	228,222	95,032	-	323,254
Investment income	4	74,598	74,051	-	148,649
<b>Total income</b>		<b>302,820</b>	<b>169,083</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>471,903</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	5	3,370	3,780	(2,393)	4,757
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants to medical charities	6	47,521	-	-	47,521
Grants to second degree medical students	6	-	201,705	-	201,705
Grants to provide financial assistance	6	-	65,232	-	65,232
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>47,521</b>	<b>266,937</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>314,458</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>50,891</b>	<b>270,717</b>	<b>(2,393)</b>	<b>319,215</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		202,885	54,510	153,537	410,932
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>		<b>454,814</b>	<b>(47,124)</b>	<b>155,930</b>	<b>563,620</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(90,000)	80,519	9,481	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>364,814</b>	<b>33,395</b>	<b>165,411</b>	<b>563,620</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		2,925,626	1,112,493	1,993,330	6,031,449
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2021</b>		<b>3,290,440</b>	<b>1,145,888</b>	<b>2,158,741</b>	<b>6,595,069</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		823		513
Investments	13		5,018,878		5,776,213
			<u>5,019,701</u>		<u>5,776,726</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	5,197		628	
Investments	15	847,212		509,786	
Cash at bank and in hand		24,214		376,614	
		<u>876,623</u>		<u>887,028</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(69,647)</u>		<u>(68,685)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>806,976</u>		<u>818,343</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>5,826,677</u>		<u>6,595,069</u>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds - permanent	19		1,875,361		2,158,741
<b>Restricted Income funds</b>					
Medical Education Fund		944,298		1,027,117	
Hastings Fund		91,286		83,701	
Fairley Legacy		-		35,070	
	20		<u>1,035,584</u>		<u>1,145,888</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			<u>2,915,732</u>		<u>3,290,440</u>
			<u>5,826,677</u>		<u>6,595,069</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....27.06.2023.....



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Dr R Wijesuriya (Chair)  
Trustee



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Dr A J Mowat (Vice Chair)  
Trustee

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

BMA Charities Trust Fund is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as established by a Trust Deed in 1925.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing documents, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment assets at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

The Medical Education Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree

The Hastings Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund. The Medical Education Fund also holds investments, however these are not held as endowment funds.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the former Hastings Benevolent Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation and added to the fund to which the underlying donation was given.

Legacies and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the fund becomes entitled to the resource.

The Charity SORP requires that an estimate is included in the accounts for material gifts in kind of donated services and facilities except time donated by general volunteers and trustees. The gift is included at an estimate of what the charity would otherwise pay for the goods or services. An expense is recognised in the accounts to match the income received.

Income from investments is included in the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable and is allocated to the relevant restricted and unrestricted funds.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

The cost of generating funds comprises the costs of promoting the charity to potential donors.

In accordance with the SORP provision is made for all grants authorised by the Board of Trustees in the year. Where grants are subject to conditions only those grants where all the conditions have been met at the year end are recognised in the accounts. The expense for the period is reduced by the cancellation of grants authorised but not subsequently required.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity. Costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred.

The estimated current staff time percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 27%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 33% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%.

Support costs are the general costs incurred in support of meeting the charity's objectives. There is a single charitable objective of giving grants, but costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund, and so type of grant, at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred. The estimated current usage percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 30%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 30% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%.

The charity's long term investments are held in units in collective investment funds. In accordance with the SORP the charity does not estimate investment management fees which are charged to the collective investment fund to identify the notional cost attributable to its own holding in the scheme.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Due to the collective nature of the investments held, the investment charges are levied directly to the investment by the investment provider, rather than as a charge to the charity portfolio directly. Due to the size of the portfolio some management charges may be refunded directly to the charity. Where this is the case the refund is reported within the investment income heading unless it is an addition to an endowment fund.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers & equipment	Over four years
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

##### **Other financial assets**

The charity holds current assets in the form of listed investments. Those investments that are categorised as current assets are held in an investment fund containing short term money market instruments. Current asset investments are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently revalued to market value as at the balance sheet date.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### 1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

The Dain Fund and the BMA Charities Trust Fund share the cost of an employee whose salary is apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on the percentage of time spent on each charity's affairs.

#### 1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical judgements

##### Grant liabilities

Grants include awards which are formed of a series of individual payments for specific items, such as a series of exams. The time taken by individuals to draw on the funds varies and some recipients may not draw all of their allocation. Due to the timing of the drawdown being outside of the control of the trustees once the grant has been awarded all unpaid grants are shown as creditors due within one year.

Outstanding grants are reviewed annually and if no further payment is considered likely the grant is written back.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	8,290	48,687	56,977	13,028	95,032	108,060
Legacies receivable	1,000	-	1,000	207,694	-	207,694
Donated goods and services	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-	7,500
	<u>16,790</u>	<u>48,687</u>	<u>65,477</u>	<u>228,222</u>	<u>95,032</u>	<u>323,254</u>

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 3 Donations and legacies (Continued)

#### Donations and gifts

BMA	2,075	12,500	14,575	-	25,000	25,000
Worshipful Company of Barbers	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	34,000	34,000
Dain Fund	-	2,500	2,500	-	3,500	3,500
LMC's	-	1,927	1,927	-	1,646	1,646
Other	6,215	1,760	7,975	13,028	886	13,914
	<u>8,290</u>	<u>48,687</u>	<u>56,977</u>	<u>13,028</u>	<u>95,032</u>	<u>108,060</u>

### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	71,418	71,020	142,438	74,505	74,033	148,538
Interest receivable	410	573	983	93	18	111
	<u>71,828</u>	<u>71,593</u>	<u>143,421</u>	<u>74,598</u>	<u>74,051</u>	<u>148,649</u>

### 5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	875	-	-	875	7,150
Investment management fee rebates	-	-	(2,413)	(2,413)	(2,393)
	<u>875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,413)</u>	<u>(1,538)</u>	<u>4,757</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 December 2021</b>					
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	3,370	3,780	-		7,150
Investment management fee rebates	-	-	(2,393)		(2,393)
	<u>3,370</u>	<u>3,780</u>	<u>(2,393)</u>		<u>4,757</u>

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 6 Charitable activities

	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2022	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2021
	2022	2022	2022		2021	2021	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	8,000	109,570	30,405	147,975	10,000	187,600	44,338	241,938
Share of support costs (see note 9)	34,117	13,362	16,632	64,111	31,355	11,632	18,421	61,408
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	6,912	3,015	2,473	12,400	6,166	2,473	2,473	11,112
	<u>49,029</u>	<u>125,947</u>	<u>49,510</u>	<u>224,486</u>	<u>47,521</u>	<u>201,705</u>	<u>65,232</u>	<u>314,458</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>								
Unrestricted funds	49,029	-	-	49,029	47,521	-	-	47,521
Restricted funds	-	125,947	49,510	175,457	-	201,705	65,232	266,937
	<u>49,029</u>	<u>125,947</u>	<u>49,510</u>	<u>224,486</u>	<u>47,521</u>	<u>201,705</u>	<u>65,232</u>	<u>314,458</u>

## BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 7 Grants payable

	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2022	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2021
	2022	2022	2022		2021	2021	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants to institutions:								
The Cameron Fund	8,000	-	-	8,000	10,000	-	-	10,000
Grants to individuals	-	109,570	30,405	139,975	-	187,600	44,338	231,938
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>109,570</u>	<u>30,405</u>	<u>147,975</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>187,600</u>	<u>44,338</u>	<u>241,938</u>

In 2022 1 institutional grant was made and 92 grants to individuals. In 2021 1 institutional grant was made and 136 grants to individuals

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 8 Description of charitable activities

#### Grants to medical charities

Grants between Hastings, Medical Education and Charities Trust Funds are shown as transfers between funds. In the current year the Charities Trust Fund gave £67,070 (2021 - £50,000) to the Medical Education Fund to support the grants given to students at UK medical schools.

The Charities Trust Fund gave £10,000 (2021 - £40,000) to the Hastings Fund to support doctors, medical students and their dependents who are experiencing financial difficulties.

The Charities Trust Fund gave £8,000 to the Cameron Fund to help General Practitioners and their families in times of financial need.

Due to the structure of the charity, the support costs incurred by the Charities Trust Fund are shown above whilst the grants given to the Hastings Fund and the Medical Education Fund are shown as transfers between funds.

#### Grants to second degree medical students

The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA.

#### Grants to provide financial assistance

The Hastings Fund makes grants to doctors, medical students and their dependents experiencing financial difficulties, not just members of the BMA.

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9 Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	2021	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Staff costs	45,229	-	45,229	43,155	Estimated staff time
Depreciation	370	-	370	286	Charities Trust Fund
Office accommodation	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	Charities Trust Fund
Website and IT costs	9,137	-	9,137	4,874	Charities Trust Fund
Postage, telephone & stationery	289	-	289	257	Estimated usage
Bank charges	450	-	450	372	Direct allocation
Staff & trustee training	199	-	199	138	Estimated usage
Other costs	937	-	937	4,826	Direct allocation
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	3,600	Governance
Accountancy	-	4,644	4,644	4,644	Governance
Legal and professional	-	1,800	1,800	1,560	Governance
Trustee meeting expenses	-	942	942	-	Governance
Insurance	-	1,414	1,414	1,308	Governance
	<u>64,111</u>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>76,511</u>	<u>72,520</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>64,111</u>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>76,511</u>	<u>72,520</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,600 (2021- £3,600) for audit fees, £4,320 (2021- £4,320) for management accounts and £324 (2021- £324) for payroll services. All amounts include VAT.

The charity purchases Trustee Insurance at a cost of £416 (2021- £413).

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 10 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Grant administration	1	1

#### Employment costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	40,443	38,330
Social security costs	1,146	1,375
Other pension costs	3,640	3,450
	<u>45,229</u>	<u>43,155</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more. The above costs are the total key management remuneration for the year.

### 11 Trustees

There were no trustees in receipt of any remuneration during the year. Two trustees received travel and subsistence payments totalling £942 during the year. No travel and subsistence expenses were reimbursed to trustees in 2021 due to meetings being held remotely during that year. No trustees attended external training courses funded by the charity (2021 - £0).

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers & equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2022	1,147
Additions	680
	<u>1,827</u>
At 31 December 2022	
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 January 2022	634
Depreciation charged in the year	370
	<u>1,004</u>
At 31 December 2022	
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2022	<u>823</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>513</u>

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#### 13 Fixed asset investments

	Charities Trust Fund	Medical Education Fund	Colman Kenton Fund	Hastings Fund	Cash in portfolio	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Market valuation</b>						
At 31 December 2021	2,851,559	765,913	305,091	1,853,022	628	5,776,213
Additions	4,017	1,079	429	2,611	-	8,136
Valuation changes	(377,623)	(101,427)	(40,402)	(245,391)	-	(764,843)
Reinvestment	-	-	-	-	(628)	(628)
	<u>2,477,953</u>	<u>665,565</u>	<u>265,118</u>	<u>1,610,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,018,878</u>
<b>Historic cost</b>						
At 31 December 2022	2,332,298	626,689	249,669	1,515,909	-	4,724,565
At 31 December 2021	2,328,281	625,610	249,239	1,513,299	628	4,716,429

As at 31st December 2022 and 2021 the above portfolio was invested in Climate Active Endowment Class A Income units by Sarasin and Partners LLP.

The charity seeks to minimise the risks of holding investments, which comprise mainly market, yield and liquidity risks, through the appointment of an independent Investment Manager, who invests via common investment funds specifically tailored for charities of this nature. The trustees report contains further details of the charity's investment policy.

The holding of common investment units allows the charity to access increased diversification at a lower cost than would otherwise be available, and so decreases the risks of holding investments. At the balance sheet date the units held by the charity were invested in the following areas:

	All funds
Fixed Income	12%
Equities	66%
Property	4%
Alternative Assets	13%
Liquid Assets	4%
Total	<u>100%</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 14 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Amounts due from The Dain Fund	4,387	-
Other debtors	236	87
Prepayments	574	541
	<u>5,197</u>	<u>628</u>

### 15 Current asset investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Listed investments	847,212	509,786
	<u>847,212</u>	<u>509,786</u>

Current asset investments are comprised of Blackrock Institutional Sterling Liquidity Heritage Accumulator units and are stated at market value. These investments are held to reduce liquidity risk whilst generating a higher interest return than cash holdings.

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants payable	64,579	63,638
Accruals	5,068	5,047
	<u>69,647</u>	<u>68,685</u>

### 17 Defined contribution scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge in respect of defined contribution schemes was £3,640 (2021- £3,450)

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	823	-	-	823
Investments	2,477,952	665,565	1,875,361	5,018,878
Current assets/(liabilities)	436,957	370,019	-	806,976
	<u>2,915,732</u>	<u>1,035,584</u>	<u>1,875,361</u>	<u>5,826,677</u>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	513	-	-	513
Investments	2,851,559	765,913	2,158,741	5,776,213
Current assets/(liabilities)	438,368	379,975	-	818,343
	<u>3,290,440</u>	<u>1,145,888</u>	<u>2,158,741</u>	<u>6,595,069</u>

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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### 19 Endowment funds

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Transfers £	Revaluations gains and losses £	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Revaluations gains and losses £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
<b>Permanent endowments</b>								
Colman Kenton	281,796	338	1,339	21,707	305,180	341	(40,403)	265,118
Hastings	1,711,534	2,055	8,142	131,830	1,853,561	2,072	(245,390)	1,610,243
	<u>1,993,330</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>9,481</u>	<u>153,537</u>	<u>2,158,741</u>	<u>2,413</u>	<u>(285,793)</u>	<u>1,875,361</u>

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Medical Education Fund reserve.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Hastings Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

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#### 20 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds					Balance at 31 December 2022
	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	Balance at 1 January 2022	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Medical Education Fund	1,005,080	122,468	(203,595)	48,661	54,503	1,027,117	74,816	(125,947)	67,070	(98,758)	944,298
Hastings Fund	66,057	46,615	(60,836)	31,858	7	83,701	45,464	(49,510)	10,000	1,631	91,286
Fairley Legacy	35,070	-	-	-	-	35,070	-	-	(35,070)	-	-
BMA Covid-19 Fund	6,286	-	(6,286)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,112,493</u>	<u>169,083</u>	<u>(270,717)</u>	<u>80,519</u>	<u>54,510</u>	<u>1,145,888</u>	<u>120,280</u>	<u>(175,457)</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>(97,127)</u>	<u>1,035,584</u>

The Medical Education Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree.

The Hastings Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the former unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Fairley Legacy has been donated to provided assistance to Scottish students. The funds have been transferred to the Medical Education Fund and fully used for the restricted purpose.

The BMA Covid-19 Fund was given to the Hastings Fund to assist in the support of grantees affected by Covid-19.

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#### 21 Related party transactions

The BMA Charities Trust Fund receives free use of office accommodation from the BMA. A gift in kind value has been placed on this donation of £7,500 as were the accommodation not provided the Charity would rent equivalent accommodation of this cost elsewhere. The BMA has also donated £12,500 (2021- £25,000) to the Medical Education Fund and a £2,075 general donation.

The Dain Fund and the Charities Trust Fund share the cost of an employee whose salary is apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on a fixed estimate of time spent on each charity's affairs. During the year the Charities Trust Fund had five trustees who are also trustees of the Dain Fund (2021:7). A donation of £2,500 was made by the Dain Fund during the year (2021 - £3,500)

The charity is required to disclose key management salaries. There is only one shared employee of the charity, as outlined above, and their remuneration is detailed in note 12 and in the Dain Fund accounts.

During the year the trustees collectively donated £120 (2021 - £120). None of these funds were given for activities outside of the usual BMA Charities' undertakings. There were no further transactions with trustees aside from reimbursed expenses disclosed in note 11.

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# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr A J Mowat (Chair) Ms H Byron Dr A Dearden (Vice Chair) Mr T Grinyer Dr T Pickersgill Dr K Mehta (Appointed 18 November 2021) Dr L Patel (Appointed 8 July 2021) Dr M J Platt (Appointed 18 November 2021) Dr G Ralston Dr R Wijesuriya (Appointed 18 November 2021)
<b>Director</b>	Ms M Flint
<b>Charity number</b>	219102
<b>Principal address</b>	BMA House Tavistock Square London WC1H 9JP
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# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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### **Registered Charity No. 219102**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report, together with audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

### **Structure, governance and management**

The BMA Charities Trust Fund was established by a Trust Deed in 1925. It is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Fund is managed by a board of ten Trustees. Four of these are appointed ex officio: the Chair of the British Medical Association ("BMA") Representative Body, Dr L Patel, the BMA Treasurer, Dr T Pickersgill, the Chairman of the Dain Fund (an autonomous charity), Dr G Ralston, and the Secretary/Chief Executive of the BMA, Mr T Grinyer. Four other Trustees are nominated by the BMA's membership at the Annual Representative Meeting ("ARM") to serve a term of four years and appointed by the board, and two trustees have been co-opted to serve for two years so that the board has the wide range of skills necessary to enable it to carry out its duties effectively. A skills audit is undertaken every couple of years in order to monitor this.

In 2009 the charities formerly known as the Hastings Benevolent Fund (no. 219103) and the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund (no. 1044720) were formally merged into the BMA Charities Trust Fund under a Charity Commission uniting direction. The assets, income and expenditure of each remain distinct, as do the objects of each of the Funds.

The members of the Board of Trustees between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021 were as follows:-

Dr A Dearden, Dr A Mowat, Dr W Sapwell (retired November 2021), Ms H Byron, Mr T Grinyer, Dr H McKeown (retired July 2021), Dr L Patel (appointed July 2021), Dr T Pickersgill, , Dr M A Burrow (retired November 2021), Dr K Mehta (appointed November 2021), Dr M J Platt (appointed November 2021), Dr R Wijesuriya (appointed November 2021) and Dr G Ralston.

When appointed, Trustees are sent guidelines on the duties of Trustees, copies of the governing documents and a copy of the governance framework and code of conduct. New Trustees have a personal induction with the Chair and the Director. Trustees are given the opportunity to attend relevant training sessions through the year online and in person, when permitted. Most of the Trustees are medically trained and therefore well equipped to sit on the board of a medical benevolent fund. Several have previous experience of being a Trustee and/or business experience. The current composition of the Board of Trustees reflects a diversity of gender, age and medical specialty which ensures a good skills mix and works to the advantage of potential beneficiaries. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the Charity. Reasonable expenses for attending meetings are reimbursed. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to award grants, deal with administrative matters and set policy. The awarding of some grants to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors is delegated to the Director.

In the autumn Trustees meeting each year, the Trustees authorise the negotiation of remuneration, terms and conditions, and pension arrangements for employed staff: this review is usually undertaken by the Chair but may be delegated to any Trustee. The Trustees normally consider firstly whether an employee's job description has changed within the preceding year. They also look at national financial overview data, such as the consumer price index, inflation, evidence relating to pay change within the charities sector, if available, and levels of responsibility undertaken by the employee.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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The Fund is one of two charities administered as “BMA Charities” and, therefore, it benefits from shared staffing arrangements and office accommodation. It is independent of the BMA and has its own Trustee structure.

### **Objectives**

#### **Objects**

The objects of the Charity as set out in the Trust Deed are to make grants to medical charities named in the Deed and other charities which help medical practitioners. The Hastings Fund's objects are to make payments to members of the medical profession or their dependents who are in need of relief or assistance. The objects of the Medical Education Fund are to make payments to advance the medical education of students who are unable to receive a statutory grant and who are in need of assistance.

#### **Aims**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that there is no detriment or harm attaching to the Charity's aims or activities.

The Charity carries out its charitable purposes for the public benefit in the following ways:

- (i) The Charity awards grants to applicant charities once a year at the autumn Trustees' meeting after consideration of their annual reports and accounts.
- (ii) The Hastings Fund is able to help all doctors, medical students and their dependents experiencing a financial crisis, not just members of the BMA. In April 2022 the GMC stated that there were 351,138 registered medical practitioners in the UK. Together with retired doctors, medical students and dependents, this forms a substantial group within the UK population.

The Fund does not make general awards for “living costs” nor does it seek to maintain lifestyles. Assistance is given in the form of one-off grants for essential items. Most beneficiaries are not in full-time work and are living on state benefits, student loans or have a similar low income. Applicants who are in full employment may usually only apply for help with paying for their GMC retention fees and medical defence insurance as this enables them to maintain their posts as doctors. Applicants who ask for help with debt are referred to the Fund's licensed money advisor whose services are retained on a case by case basis. A grant may be made subsequently to help with priority expenses. Grants for medical students in immediate need are usually made for rent or essential travel, a typical grant being £1,000.

Much of the Fund's work is with refugee and asylum-seeking doctors who wish to re-validate their qualifications so that they can practice in the NHS. The majority of these applicants are in receipt of means-tested state benefits and are eager to become independent and use their skills to benefit the country which has given them asylum. The grants the Fund makes to this group enable them pay for the courses and exams leading to GMC registration and the fees for GMC registration itself. The Fund only makes these grants to doctors who are members of programmes which support refugee healthcare professionals back into work. This ensures that the doctors' expectations of achieving GMC registration and work are well managed. Society as a whole benefits from the work of the Fund as there is a shortage of doctors in all specialities in the UK (<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/nhs-delivery-and-workforce/workforce/nhs-medical-staffing-data-analysis>, accessed 25.04.2022). In 2021 the Fund paid GMC registration fees to 20 doctors (2020 - 16) which means that these additional doctors are now available for work in the NHS.

The Trustees want to help doctors achieve or remain in work so that they are self-supporting and not dependent on the State, and to help medical students who are in danger of having to withdraw from their course because of lack of funds. The Fund does not help with legal fees, private medical treatment, conference attendance or career enhancement projects. All beneficiaries must be in receipt of their full state benefit or student loan entitlement.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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(iii) The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA. Most applicants are taking the five-year medical degree and are eligible to apply for help with their third and fourth years of study. Applications are accepted from November to January in each academic year. Access to the Fund is limited to students who can demonstrate that they are over £25,000 in debt, thus ensuring that only the neediest students receive help, and are paying no more than £9,250 a year in fees. The maximum grant for this group is £2,500.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support these students. They are often the most strongly committed to practising medicine but face enormous financial pressures because of the length of the course, debt from previous studies and the high course fees which are required to be paid up front each year. The students assisted by the Fund do not have access to the NHS Bursary Scheme nor to student loans to cover their course fees which are usually £9,250 a year. Frequently the students undertake paid work against the advice of their tutors. Money advice is offered to those students whose finances appear to be poorly managed.

### Activities

During the year, the BMA Charities Trust Fund made grants to external charities totalling £10,000 (see note 8) and grants totalling £90,000 to the Hastings Funds and Medical Education Fund (see note 7).

The Trustees authorised £69,421 in grants from the Hastings Fund to 49 beneficiaries, compared with £59,802 awarded to 49 beneficiaries in 2020. These 49 beneficiaries comprised 34 refugee doctors, 7 other doctors and 8 medical students in financial need. This Fund was able to make an award to every applicant who was able to demonstrate appropriate financial need. £25,066 of grants awarded in previous years were reversed due to changes in recipients' circumstances.

The Medical Education Fund distributed £187,600 to 86 beneficiaries, compared to £180,470 awarded to 94 beneficiaries in 2020. In 2021 82% of beneficiaries said that without their grants they might have had to drop out of their course. 92% were able to do less paid work and all the beneficiaries experienced lowered stress levels and spent more time studying because they received a grant. Unfortunately, the Trustees were unable to make grants to all students who met the required level of hardship as the financial drain on the Fund would have been detrimental to grant giving to this group in future years.

### Financial review

Under the requirements of the Guidelines on Accounting and Reporting by Charities, the Board of Trustees has assessed the format of financial statements and is satisfied that the appropriate systems are in place. These procedures will be reviewed annually to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

During the year the Charity's income increased by £149,920 from £321,983 to £471,903 largely because of a significant legacy received by the Charity from the estate of Mrs Violet Roberts. The total value of fixed asset investments held by the charity rose by £415,967 in the year from £5,360,759 to £5,776,726.

### Reserves

Total funds held by the Charity at the end of the accounting period stood at £6,595,069, an increase of £563,623 from the previous year. Of these funds £2,158,741 represents the permanent endowment funds of the Hastings and Coleman Kenton Funds (see note 19), £1,027,117 is restricted for the purposes of the Medical Education Fund, £83,701 is restricted for purposes of the Hastings Fund, £35,070 is a bequest, the beneficiaries of which are still to be clarified by the Treasury Solicitor (see note 20), and £3,290,440 is unrestricted funds to be spent on the general charitable objects of the BMA Charities Trust Fund. £68,685 is committed to grants payable and accruals (see note 16).

Investment portfolios provide the basis of the reserves of the Charity, with the intention to hold these assets for the longer term. Charitable expenditure is financed by the income generated from these investments and donations received. The trustees receive forecasts of investment income from the investment manager which they consider when authorising grant expenditure.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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The Charity's reserves policy states that should the investment income in any given year decline by more than 25%, then the amount given in grants should be reduced by such proportion until the Trustees shall determine, usually 2 years, taking into account the anticipated return on investments, planned expenditure on standing costs and any other relevant factors. The Charity currently has sufficient reserves.

Whilst the Hastings Fund usually only helps each applicant once, the award that refugee and asylum-seeking doctors receive may be in the form of a package of grants which take into account all of the stages leading to GMC registration. It may take the doctor three or four years from the start of the process to pass all the necessary exams and obtain registration, and grants awarded to these doctors are not written off until it is clear that they will not be used. Therefore, the amount written off varies from year to year.

### **Funding**

The Charity's main, consistent source of funding is investment income. For many years the Medical Education Fund has received generous annual donations from Worshipful Company of Barbers. A substantial annual donation to this Fund is usually received from the BMA.

The Charity raises some money from donors who have set up standing orders and card and direct debit donations can be made via the website in a secure online environment. There is no fundraising via cold-calling or mailshots, which protects the public from undue pressure. The Charity does not currently use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. Employees do not benefit from fundraising outcomes. No fundraising complaints have been received but a complaints policy is in place. The Trustees have adopted a fundraising strategy which will be rolled out over the next few years.

### **Investment policy**

The investment objective of the Charity is to achieve a consistently attractive level of income coupled with the potential for long term capital appreciation, whilst aiming to preserve the value of capital over the shorter term. The portfolio is fixed interest orientated with the remainder in a mix of global equities, convertible bonds and cash. The Trustees were content with the level of return in 2021 having taken into account ongoing fluctuations in market performance.

The Charity continues to operate its ethical investment policy of not investing in companies which manufacture tobacco products or have greater than 10% of their turnover in alcohol manufacture, armaments, gambling or pornography and avoiding companies that generate significant revenues from thermal coal and oil from tar sands. All of the Charity's investments are in the Sarasin & Partners Climate Active Endowment Fund which is a multi-asset portfolio managed to take into account companies' commitment to managing their own climate risks with divestment available if necessary.

Social investment is not used by the Charity.

### **Pension Liability**

The Charity has a contractual obligation to contribution to the Director's personal pension plan. Beyond that, the Charity has no pension liability.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces. The Charity does not engage in any high-risk activities and there is no face-to-face engagement with applicants and beneficiaries. The Trustees have identified five key areas of risk and have put in place the following risk management strategies:

(1) Trustee body lacks relevant skills or commitment – A process of trustee nomination has been agreed with the BMA so that nominees meet the Charity's requirements. Two Trustees are co-opted to provide expertise in areas which are not covered by other board members such as finance and IT. A skills audit is undertaken every two years. Training is offered as part of Trustee induction and when a need or Board deficit is identified.

(2) Conflict of interest – All Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission's guide to the responsibilities of trustees. A conflicts of interest policy is in place and is available to Trustees at all times. Conflicts are declared on an annual basis and at the beginning of every Trustees meeting.

(3) Loss of key staff – An annual diary of key activities has been created. In the event of the Director being unavailable for work for a long period of time, the Trustees will approach an agency for a temporary replacement or consider staff/ex staff from other medical benevolent funds. The Chair has a key to all filing cabinets and can be given access to electronic records by IT support.

(4) Information technology – The Charity has its own office laptop with automatic back-up to the cloud. McAfee security is in place on the office laptop and Director's home laptop. GDPR, Data Security and Privacy policies are in place. Confidential electronic discussions with Trustees take place using MS Teams. IT support is provided by an external provider via their helpdesk. The provider also runs a monthly additional back-up. A cyber insurance policy is in place.

(5) Dependence on income sources – The Charity is mainly dependent on investment income but the Medical Education Trust is vulnerable to changes in grant giving practices by external organisations. Face to face meetings offered to larger donors when significant issues arise regarding their funding. The levels of grants awarded by the Charity are commensurate with the liquid assets available and the need to preserve capital to enable continuity of grant giving. The board pursues a cautious investment policy via investment managers.

The risk assessment is reviewed annually.

### The Future

The Trustees are committed to continuing the current programmes of grant giving to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors and to medical students.

In 2022 the redevelopment of the website will be completed so that the Charity can reach a wider audience of potential beneficiaries and donors.

### Acknowledgements

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the service received from Sarasin & Partners, our investment advisors, Wilsons, our solicitors, and Begbies, our accountants.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Dr A J Mowat (Chair)**  
Trustee  
Dated: ..... 10 June 2022



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**Dr A Dearden (Vice Chair)**  
Trustee  
Dated:..... 10 June 2022

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021***

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BMA Charities Trust Fund (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the accounts is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

#### **Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation to assess compliance with those laws and regulations having an impact on the financial statements and disclosure requirements. In particular, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice;
- Enquiries and confirmation of management and the trustees as to their identification of any non-compliance with laws or regulations, or any actual or potential claims;
- Review of minutes of Board meetings throughout the period;
- incorporating unpredictability into the nature, timing and/or extent of testing.
- Evaluation of the selection and application of the accounting policies chosen by the charity; and
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the key risks impacting the financial statements.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Begbies**

.....13/06/2022.....

**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

9 Bonhill Street  
London  
EC2A 4DJ

Begbies is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	228,222	95,032	-	323,254	161,235
Investment income	4	74,598	74,051	-	148,649	160,748
<b>Total income</b>		<b>302,820</b>	<b>169,083</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>471,903</b>	<b>321,983</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	5	3,370	3,780	(2,393)	4,757	2,748
<u>Charitable activities</u>						
Grants to medical charities	6	47,521	-	-	47,521	45,805
Grants to second degree medical students	6	-	201,705	-	201,705	195,913
Grants to provide financial assistance	6	-	65,232	-	65,232	66,658
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>47,521</b>	<b>266,937</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>314,458</b>	<b>308,376</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>50,891</b>	<b>270,717</b>	<b>(2,393)</b>	<b>319,215</b>	<b>311,124</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		202,885	54,510	153,537	410,932	358,280
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>454,814</b>	<b>(47,124)</b>	<b>155,930</b>	<b>563,620</b>	<b>369,139</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(90,000)	80,519	9,481	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>364,814</b>	<b>33,395</b>	<b>165,411</b>	<b>563,620</b>	<b>369,139</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		2,925,626	1,112,493	1,993,330	6,031,449	5,662,307
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2021</b>		<b>3,290,440</b>	<b>1,145,888</b>	<b>2,158,741</b>	<b>6,595,069</b>	<b>6,031,446</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes				
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	28,844	132,391	-	161,235
Investment income	4	79,425	81,323	-	160,748
<b>Total income</b>		<b>108,269</b>	<b>213,714</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>321,983</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	5	1,274	1,474	-	2,748
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Grants to medical charities	6	45,805	-	-	45,805
Grants to second degree medical students	6	-	195,913	-	195,913
Grants to provide financial assistance	6	-	66,658	-	66,658
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>45,805</b>	<b>262,571</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>308,376</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>47,079</b>	<b>264,045</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>311,124</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		176,904	48,121	133,255	358,280
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>238,094</b>	<b>(2,210)</b>	<b>133,255</b>	<b>369,139</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(60,000)	60,000	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>178,094</b>	<b>57,790</b>	<b>133,255</b>	<b>369,139</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		2,747,526	1,054,706	1,860,075	5,662,307
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2020</b>		<b>2,925,620</b>	<b>1,112,496</b>	<b>1,993,330</b>	<b>6,031,446</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		513		799
Investments	13		5,776,213		5,359,960
			<u>5,776,726</u>		<u>5,360,759</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	628		629	
Investments	15	509,786		641,544	
Cash at bank and in hand		376,614		99,794	
		<u>887,028</u>		<u>741,967</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	<u>(68,685)</u>		<u>(71,280)</u>	
Net current assets			818,343		670,687
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>6,595,069</u>		<u>6,031,446</u>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds - permanent	19		2,158,741		1,993,330
<b>Restricted Income funds</b>					
Medical Education Fund		1,027,117		1,005,080	
Hastings Fund		83,701		66,057	
BMA Covid-19 Fund		-		6,289	
Fairley Legacy		35,070		35,070	
	20		<u>1,145,888</u>		<u>1,112,496</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			<u>3,290,440</u>		<u>2,925,620</u>
			<u>6,595,069</u>		<u>6,031,446</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on ...10 June 2022



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Dr A J Mowat (Chair)  
Trustee



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Dr A Dearden (Vice Chair)  
Trustee

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

BMA Charities Trust Fund is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as established by a Trust Deed in 1925.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing documents, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment assets at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

The Medical Education Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree

The Hastings Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund. The Medical Education Fund also holds investments, however these are not held as endowment funds.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the former Hastings Benevolent Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation and added to the fund to which the underlying donation was given.

Legacies and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the fund becomes entitled to the resource.

The Charity SORP requires that an estimate is included in the accounts for material gifts in kind of donated services and facilities except time donated by general volunteers and trustees. The gift is included at an estimate of what the charity would otherwise pay for the goods or services. An expense is recognised in the accounts to match the income received.

Income from investments is included in the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable and is allocated to the relevant restricted and unrestricted funds.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

The cost of generating funds comprises the costs of promoting the charity to potential donors.

In accordance with the SORP provision is made for all grants authorised by the Board of Trustees in the year. Where grants are subject to conditions only those grants where all the conditions have been met at the year end are recognised in the accounts. The expense for the period is reduced by the cancellation of grants authorised but not subsequently required.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity. Costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred.

The estimated current staff time percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 27%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 33% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%.

Support costs are the general costs incurred in support of meeting the charity's objectives. There is a single charitable objective of giving grants, but costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund, and so type of grant, at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred. The estimated current usage percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 30%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 30% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%.

The charity's long term investments are held in units in collective investment funds. In accordance with the SORP the charity does not estimate investment management fees which are charged to the collective investment fund to identify the notional cost attributable to its own holding in the scheme.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Due to the collective nature of the investments held, the investment charges are levied directly to the investment by the investment provider, rather than as a charge to the charity portfolio directly. Due to the size of the portfolio some management charges may be refunded directly to the charity. Where this is the case the refund is reported within the investment income heading.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers & equipment	Over four years
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

##### **Other financial assets**

The charity holds current assets in the form of listed investments. Those investments that are categorised as current assets are held in an investment fund containing short term money market instruments. Current asset investments are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently revalued to market value as at the balance sheet date.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### **1.9 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

The Dain Fund and the BMA Charities Trust Fund share the cost of an employee whose salary is apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on the percentage of time spent on each charity's affairs.

#### **1.10 Retirement benefits**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### **Critical judgements**

##### **Grant liabilities**

Grants include awards which are formed of a series of individual payments for specific items, such as a series of exams. The time taken by individuals to draw on the funds varies and some recipients may not draw all of their allocation. Due to the timing of the drawdown being outside of the control of the trustees once the grant has been awarded all unpaid grants are shown as creditors due within one year.

Outstanding grants are reviewed annually and if no further payment is considered likely the grant is written back.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	13,028	95,032	108,060	8,544	132,391	140,935
Legacies receivable	207,694	-	207,694	12,800	-	12,800
Donated goods and services	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-	7,500
	<u>228,222</u>	<u>95,032</u>	<u>323,254</u>	<u>28,844</u>	<u>132,391</u>	<u>161,235</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
BMA	-	25,000	25,000	-	60,000	60,000
Worshipful Company of Barbers	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund	-	34,000	34,000	-	30,000	30,000
Dain Fund	-	3,500	3,500	-	9,500	9,500
LMC's	-	1,646	1,646	-	1,816	1,816
Other	13,028	886	13,914	8,544	1,075	9,619
	<u>13,028</u>	<u>95,032</u>	<u>108,060</u>	<u>8,544</u>	<u>132,391</u>	<u>140,935</u>

### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	74,505	74,033	148,538	79,298	81,000	160,298
Interest receivable	93	18	111	127	323	450
	<u>74,598</u>	<u>74,051</u>	<u>148,649</u>	<u>79,425</u>	<u>81,323</u>	<u>160,748</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	3,370	3,780	-	7,150	2,748
Investment management fee rebates	-	-	(2,393)	(2,393)	-
	<u>3,370</u>	<u>3,780</u>	<u>(2,393)</u>	<u>4,757</u>	<u>2,748</u>
	<u><u>3,370</u></u>	<u><u>3,780</u></u>	<u><u>(2,393)</u></u>	<u><u>4,757</u></u>	<u><u>2,748</u></u>
<b>For the year ended 31 December 2020</b>					
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	1,274	1,474	-		2,748
	<u>1,274</u>	<u>1,474</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>2,748</u>
	<u><u>1,274</u></u>	<u><u>1,474</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>		<u><u>2,748</u></u>

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### 6 Charitable activities

	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2021	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2020
	2021	2021	2021		2020	2020	2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	10,000	187,600	44,338	241,938	10,000	180,470	48,038	238,508
Share of support costs (see note 9)	31,355	11,632	18,421	61,408	27,289	12,272	15,274	54,835
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	6,166	2,473	2,473	11,112	8,516	3,171	3,346	15,033
	<u>47,521</u>	<u>201,705</u>	<u>65,232</u>	<u>314,458</u>	<u>45,805</u>	<u>195,913</u>	<u>66,658</u>	<u>308,376</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>								
Unrestricted funds	47,521	-	-	47,521	45,805	-	-	45,805
Restricted funds	-	201,705	65,232	266,937	-	195,913	66,658	262,571
	<u>47,521</u>	<u>201,705</u>	<u>65,232</u>	<u>314,458</u>	<u>45,805</u>	<u>195,913</u>	<u>66,658</u>	<u>308,376</u>

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 7 Description of charitable activities

#### Grants to medical charities

Grants between Hastings, Medical Education and Charities Trust Funds are shown as transfers between funds. In the current year the Charities Trust Fund gave £50,000 (2020 - £60,000) to the Medical Education Fund to support the grants given to students at UK medical schools.

The Charities Trust Fund gave £40,000 (2020 - £nil) to the Hastings Fund to support doctors, medical students and their dependents who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Due to the structure of the charity, the support costs incurred by the Charities Trust Fund are shown above whilst the grants given to the Hastings Fund and the Medical Education Fund are shown as transfers between funds.

#### Grants to second degree medical students

The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA.

#### Grants to provide financial assistance

The Hastings Fund makes grants to doctors, medical students and their dependents experiencing financial difficulties, not just members of the BMA.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 8 Grants payable

	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2021	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2020
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	£	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	£
Grants to institutions:								
The Cameron Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000	4,000	-	-	4,000
Royal Medical Foundation	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Melanin Medics	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Grants to individuals	-	187,600	44,338	231,938	-	180,470	48,038	228,508
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>187,600</u>	<u>44,338</u>	<u>241,938</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>180,470</u>	<u>48,038</u>	<u>238,508</u>

In 2021 1 institutional grant was made and 136 grants to individuals. In 2020 3 institution grants were made and 145 to individuals.

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# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 9 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	2020	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Staff costs	43,155	-	43,155	42,586	Estimated staff time
Depreciation	286	-	286	259	Charities Trust Fund
Office accommodation	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	Charities Trust Fund
Website and IT costs	4,874	-	4,874	2,938	Charities Trust Fund
Postage, telephone & stationery	257	-	257	385	Estimated usage
Bank charges	372	-	372	141	Direct allocation
Staff & trustee training	138	-	138	61	Estimated usage
Other costs	4,826	-	4,826	965	Direct allocation
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	3,600	Governance
Accountancy	-	4,644	4,644	4,644	Governance
Legal and professional	-	1,560	1,560	5,332	Governance
Trustee meeting expenses	-	-	-	228	Governance
Insurance	-	1,308	1,308	1,229	Governance
	<u>61,408</u>	<u>11,112</u>	<u>72,520</u>	<u>69,868</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>61,408</u>	<u>11,112</u>	<u>72,520</u>	<u>69,868</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,600 (2020- £3,600) for audit fees, £4,320 (2020- £4,320) for management accounts and £324 (2020- £324) for payroll services. All amounts include VAT.

The charity purchases Trustee Insurance at a cost of £413 (2020- £377).

### 10 Trustees

There were no trustees in receipt of any remuneration during the year. No travel and subsistence expenses were reimbursed to trustees due to meetings being held remotely during the year (2020 - 1, £228). No trustees attended external training courses funded by the charity (2020 - £25).

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### 11 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Grant administration	1	1

#### Employment costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	38,330	37,859
Social security costs	1,375	1,320
Other pension costs	3,450	3,407
	<u>43,155</u>	<u>42,586</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more. The above costs are the total key management remuneration for the year.

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers & equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2021	1,147
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,147</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 January 2021	348
Depreciation charged in the year	286
At 31 December 2021	<u>634</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2021	<u>513</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>799</u>

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### 13 Fixed asset investments

	Charities Trust Fund	Medical Education Fund	Colman Kenton Fund	Hastings Fund	Cash in portfolio	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Market valuation</b>						
At 31 December 2020	2,646,351	710,797	283,136	1,719,676	-	5,359,960
Additions	2,340	627	250	1,516	628	5,361
Valuation changes	202,868	54,489	21,705	131,830	-	410,892
	<u>2,851,559</u>	<u>765,913</u>	<u>305,091</u>	<u>1,853,022</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>5,776,213</u>
<b>Historic cost</b>						
At 31 December 2021	2,328,281	625,610	249,239	1,513,299	628	4,717,057
At 31 December 2020	2,325,941	624,983	248,989	1,511,783		4,711,696

As at 31st December 2021 and 2020 the above portfolio was invested in Climate Active Endowment Class A Income units by Sarasin and Partners LLP.

The charity seeks to minimise the risks of holding investments, which comprise mainly market, yield and liquidity risks, through the appointment of an independent Investment Manager, who invests via common investment funds specifically tailored for charities of this nature. The trustees report contains further details of the charity's investment policy.

The holding of common investment units allows the charity to access increased diversification at a lower cost than would otherwise be available, and so decreases the risks of holding investments. At the balance sheet date the units held by the charity were invested in the following areas:

	Charities Trust Fund	Medical Education Fund	Colman Kenton Fund	Hastings Fund
Fixed Income	8.30%	8.30%	8.30%	8.30%
Equities	73.00%	73.00%	73.00%	73.00%
Property	3.60%	3.60%	3.60%	3.60%
Alternative Assets	10.80%	10.80%	10.80%	10.80%
Liquid Assets	4.30%	4.30%	4.30%	4.30%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total				

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### 14 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	87	127
Prepayments	541	502
	<u>628</u>	<u>629</u>

### 15 Current asset investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Listed investments	509,786	641,544

Current asset investments are comprised of Blackrock Institutional Sterling Liquidity Heritage Accumulator units and are stated at market value. These investments are held to reduce liquidity risk whilst generating a higher interest return than cash holdings.

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants payable	63,638	66,459
Accruals	5,047	4,821
	<u>68,685</u>	<u>71,280</u>

### 17 Defined contribution scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge in respect of defined contribution schemes was £3,450 (2020- £3,407)

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#### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds 2021 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	513	-	-	513
Investments	2,851,559	765,913	2,158,741	5,776,213
Current assets/(liabilities)	438,368	379,975	-	818,343
	<u>3,290,440</u>	<u>1,145,888</u>	<u>2,158,741</u>	<u>6,595,069</u>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2020 £</b>
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	799	-	-	799
Investments	2,646,351	720,279	1,993,330	5,359,960
Current assets/(liabilities)	278,470	392,217	-	670,687
	<u>2,925,620</u>	<u>1,112,496</u>	<u>1,993,330</u>	<u>6,031,446</u>

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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### 19 Endowment funds

	Movement in funds						
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Transfers	Revaluations gains and losses	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Permanent endowments</b>							
Colman Kenton	262,925	18,871	281,796	338	1,339	21,707	305,180
Hastings	1,597,150	114,384	1,711,534	2,055	8,142	131,830	1,853,561
	<u>1,860,075</u>	<u>133,255</u>	<u>1,993,330</u>	<u>2,393</u>	<u>9,481</u>	<u>153,537</u>	<u>2,158,741</u>

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Medical Education Fund reserve.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Hastings Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 20 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds					Balance at 31 December 2021
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	Balance at 1 January 2021	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Medical Education Fund	942,054	151,807	(196,650)	60,000	47,869	1,005,080	122,468	(203,595)	48,661	54,503	1,027,117
Hastings Fund	77,582	51,907	(63,684)	-	252	66,057	46,615	(60,836)	31,858	7	83,701
Fairley Legacy	35,070	-	-	-	-	35,070	-	-	-	-	35,070
BMA Covid-19 Fund	-	10,000	3,711	-	-	6,286	-	(6,286)	-	-	-
	<u>1,054,706</u>	<u>213,714</u>	<u>264,045</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>48,121</u>	<u>1,112,493</u>	<u>169,083</u>	<u>270,717</u>	<u>80,519</u>	<u>54,510</u>	<u>1,145,888</u>

The Medical Education Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree.

The Hastings Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the former unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Fairley Legacy has been donated to provided assistance to a restricted class of student. At the balance sheet date the bequest beneficiaries are still to be clarified by the Treasury Solicitor.

The BMA Covid-19 Fund was given to the Hastings Fund to assist in the support of grantees affected by Covid-19.

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### **21 Related party transactions**

The BMA Charities Trust Fund receives free use of office accommodation from the BMA. A gift in kind value has been placed on this donation of £7,500 as were the accommodation not provided the Charity would rent equivalent accommodation of this cost elsewhere. The BMA has also donated £25,000 (2020-£50,000) to the Medical Education Fund during the year, and £nil (2020 - £10,000) to the Hastings Fund for grantees impacted by Covid-19. Of the £10,000 received for Covid-19, £3,642 was returned as all applicants' needs had been met.

The Dain Fund and the Charities Trust Fund share the cost of an employee whose salary is apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on a fixed estimate of time spent on each charity's affairs. During the year the Charities Trust Fund had seven trustees who are also trustees of the Dain Fund (2020:7). A donation of £3,500 was made by the Dain Fund during the year (2020 - £9,500)

A donation was received from the De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund during the year towards grant giving of £34,000 (2020 - £30,000). The De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund is an unregistered charity, and shares trustees with the BMA Charities Trust Fund.

The charity is required to disclose key management salaries. There is only one shared employee of the charity, as outlined above, and their remuneration is detailed in note 12 and in the Dain Fund accounts.

During the year the trustees collectively donated £120 (2020 - £120). None of these funds were given for activities outside of the usual BMA Charities' undertakings. There were no further transactions with trustees aside from reimbursed expenses disclosed in note 11.

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England & Wales - Charity number 219102

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# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr A J Mowat (Chair) Ms H Byron Dr A Dearden (Vice Chair) Mr T Grinyer Dr H McKeown Dr T Pickersgill Dr W Sapwell Dr S W Strange Dr M A Burrow Dr G Ralston	(Appointed 16 June 2020) (Appointed 21 May 2020)
<b>Director</b>	Ms M Flint	
<b>Charity number</b>	219102	
<b>Principal address</b>	BMA House Tavistock Square London WC1H 9JP	
<b>Auditor</b>	Begbies 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4DJ	
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling ME19 4TA	
<b>Solicitors</b>	Wilson Alexandra House St Johns Street Salisbury SP1 2SB	
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Sarasin & Partners LLP Juxon House 100 St Paul's Churchyard London EC4M 8BU	

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# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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### **Registered Charity No. 219102**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report, together with audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

### **Structure, governance and management**

The BMA Charities Trust Fund was established by a Trust Deed in 1925. It is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Fund is managed by a board of ten Trustees. Four of these are appointed ex officio: the Chair of the British Medical Association ("BMA") Representative Body, Dr H McKeown, the BMA Treasurer, Dr T Pickersgill, the Chairman of the Dain Fund (an autonomous charity), Dr G Ralston, and the Secretary/Chief Executive of the BMA, Mr T Grinyer. Four other Trustees are nominated by the BMA's membership at the Annual Representative Meeting ("ARM") to serve a term of four years and appointed by the board, and two trustees have been co-opted to serve for two years so that the board has the wide range of skills necessary to enable it to carry out its duties effectively. A skills audit is undertaken every couple of years in order to monitor this.

In 2009 the charities formerly known as the Hastings Benevolent Fund (no. 219103) and the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund (no. 1044720) were formally merged into the BMA Charities Trust Fund under a Charity Commission uniting direction. The assets, income and expenditure of each remain distinct, as do the objects of each of the Funds.

The members of the Board of Trustees between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020 were as follows:-

Dr A Dearden, Dr S W Strange (retired May 2020), Dr A Mowat, Dr S Hedderwick (retired May 2020), Dr W Sapwell, Ms H Byron, Mr T Grinyer, Dr H McKeown, Dr T Pickersgill, Mr G Singh (retired November 2020), Dr M A Burrow (appointed June 2020) and Dr G Ralston (appointed May 2020).

When appointed, Trustees are sent guidelines on the duties of Trustees, copies of the governing documents and a copy of the governance framework and code of conduct. Trustees are given the opportunity to attend relevant training sessions through the year online and in person, when permitted. Most of the Trustees are medically trained and therefore well equipped to sit on the board of a medical benevolent fund. Several have previous experience of being a Trustee and/or business experience. The current composition of the Board of Trustees reflects a diversity of gender, age and medical specialty which ensures a good skills mix and works to the advantage of potential beneficiaries. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the Charity. Reasonable expenses for attending meetings are reimbursed. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to award grants, deal with administrative matters and set policy. The awarding of some grants to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors is delegated to the Director.

In the autumn Trustees meeting each year, the Trustees authorise the negotiation of remuneration, terms and conditions, and pension arrangements for employed staff: this review is usually undertaken by the Chair but may be delegated to any Trustee. The Trustees normally consider firstly whether an employee's job description has changed within the preceding year. They also look at national financial overview data, such as the consumer price index, inflation, evidence relating to pay change within the charities sector, if available, and levels of responsibility undertaken by the employee.

The Fund is one of two charities administered as "BMA Charities" and, therefore, it benefits from shared staffing arrangements and office accommodation. It is independent of the BMA and has its own Trustee structure.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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### Objectives

#### Objects

The objects of the Charity as set out in the Trust Deed are to make grants to medical charities named in the Deed and other charities which help medical practitioners. The Hastings Fund's objects are to make payments to members of the medical profession or their dependents who are in need of relief or assistance. The objects of the Medical Education Fund are to make payments to advance the medical education of students who are unable to receive a statutory grant and who are in need of assistance.

#### Aims

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The Trustees believe that there is no detriment or harm attaching to the Charity's aims or activities.

The Charity carries out its charitable purposes for the public benefit in the following ways:

(i) The Charity awards grants to applicant charities once a year at the autumn Trustees' meeting after consideration of their annual reports and accounts.

(ii) The Hastings Fund is able to help all doctors, medical students and their dependents experiencing a financial crisis, not just members of the BMA. In March 2021 the GMC stated that there were 338,411 registered medical practitioners in the UK. Together with retired doctors, medical students and dependents, this forms a substantial group within the UK population.

The Fund does not make general awards for "living costs" nor does it seek to maintain lifestyles. Assistance is given in the form of one-off grants for essential items. Most beneficiaries are not in full-time work and are living on state benefits, student loans or have a similar low income. Applicants who are in full employment may usually only apply for help with paying for their GMC retention fees and medical defence insurance as this enables them to maintain their posts as doctors. Applicants who ask for help with debt are referred to the Fund's licensed money advisor whose services are retained on a case by case basis. A grant may be made subsequently to help with priority expenses. Grants for medical students in immediate need are usually made for rent or essential travel, a typical grant being £750.

Much of the Fund's work is with refugee and asylum-seeking doctors who wish to re-validate their qualifications so that they can practice in the NHS. The majority of these applicants are in receipt of means-tested state benefits and are eager to become independent and use their skills to benefit the country which has given them asylum. The grants the Fund makes to this group enable them pay for the courses and exams leading to GMC registration and the fees for GMC registration itself. The Fund only makes these grants to doctors who are members of programmes which support refugee healthcare professionals back into work. This ensures that the doctors' expectations of achieving GMC registration and work are well managed. Society as a whole benefits from the work of the Fund as there is a shortage of doctors in all specialities in the UK (M Taylor, "Why is there a shortage of doctors in the UK?" *Royal College of Surgeons Bulletin*, Vol: 102, Issue: 3 March 2020, pp. 78-81, <https://doi.org/10.1308/rcsbull.2020.78> - accessed 07.04.2021). In 2020 the Fund paid GMC registration fees to 16 doctors (2019 - 19) which means that these additional doctors are now available for work in the NHS.

The Trustees want to help doctors achieve or remain in work so that they are self-supporting and not dependent on the State, and to help medical students who are in danger of having to withdraw from their course because of lack of funds. The Fund does not help with legal fees, private medical treatment, conference attendance or career enhancement projects. All beneficiaries must be in receipt of their full state benefit or student loan entitlement.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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(iii) The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA. Most applicants are taking the five-year medical degree and are eligible to apply for help with their third and fourth years of study. Applications are accepted from November to January in each academic year. Access to the Fund is limited to students who can demonstrate that they are over £25,000 in debt, thus ensuring that only the neediest students receive help, and are paying no more than £9,250 a year in fees. The maximum grant for this group is £2,500.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support these students. They are often the most strongly committed to practising medicine but face enormous financial pressures because of the length of the course, debt from previous studies and the high course fees which are required to be paid up front each year. The students assisted by the Fund do not have access to the NHS Bursary Scheme nor to student loans to cover their course fees which are usually £9,250 a year. Frequently the students undertake paid work against the advice of their tutors. Money advice is offered to those students whose finances appear to be poorly managed.

#### **Activities**

During the year, the BMA Charities Trust Fund made grants to external charities totalling £10,000 (see note 9) and grants totalling £60,000 to the Medical Education Fund (see note 8).

The Trustees authorised £59,802 in grants from the Hastings Fund to 49 beneficiaries, compared with £60,421 awarded to 42 beneficiaries in 2019. These 49 beneficiaries comprised 36 refugee doctors, 5 other doctors and 8 medical students in financial need. This Fund was able to make an award to every applicant who was able to demonstrate appropriate financial need. £11,738 of grants awarded in previous years were reversed due to changes in recipients' circumstances.

The Medical Education Fund distributed £180,470 to 94 beneficiaries, compared to £204,840 awarded to 76 beneficiaries in 2019. In 2020 80% of beneficiaries said that without their grants they might have had to drop out of their course. 95% were able to do less paid work and all the beneficiaries experienced lowered stress levels because they received a grant. Unfortunately, the Trustees were unable to make grants to all students who met the required level of hardship as the financial drain on the Fund would have been detrimental to grant giving to this group in future years.

#### **Financial review**

Under the requirements of the Guidelines on Accounting and Reporting by Charities, the Board of Trustees has assessed the format of financial statements and is satisfied that the appropriate systems are in place. These procedures will be reviewed annually to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

During the year the Charity's income increased by £31,599 from £290,384 to £321,983. The total value of fixed asset investments held by the charity rose by £378,087 in the year from £4,981,873 to £5,359,960.

#### **Reserves**

Total funds held by the Charity at the end of the accounting period stood at £6,031,446, an increase of £369,139 from the previous year. Of these funds £1,993,330 represents the permanent endowment funds of the Hastings and Coleman Kenton Funds (see note 20), £1,005,080 is restricted for the purposes of the Medical Education Fund, £66,057 is restricted for purposes of the Hastings Fund, £6,289 is restricted to cases of Covid-19 related hardship, £35,070 is a bequest, the beneficiaries of which are still to be clarified by the Treasury Solicitor (see note 21), and £2,925,620 is unrestricted funds to be spent on the general charitable objects of the BMA Charities Trust Fund. £71,280 is committed to grants payable and accruals (see note 17).

Investment portfolios provide the basis of the reserves of the charity, with the intention to hold these assets for the longer term. Charitable expenditure is financed by the income generated from these investments and donations received. The trustees receive forecasts of investment income from the investment manager which they consider when authorising grant expenditure.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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The Charity's reserves policy states that should the investment income in any given year decline by more than 25%, then the amount given in grants should be reduced by such proportion until the Trustees shall determine, usually 2 years, taking into account the anticipated return on investments, planned expenditure on standing costs and any other relevant factors. The Charity currently has sufficient reserves.

Whilst the Hastings Fund usually only helps each applicant once, the award that refugee and asylum-seeking doctors receive may be in the form of a package of grants which take into account all of the stages leading to GMC registration. It may take the doctor three or four years from the start of the process to pass all the necessary exams and obtain registration, and grants awarded to these doctors are not written off until it is clear that they will not be used. This is why the amount written off varies from year to year.

#### **Funding**

The Charity's main, consistent source of funding is investment income. For many years the Medical Education Fund has received generous annual donations from Worshipful Company of Barbers. A substantial annual donation to this Fund is usually received from the BMA. The contribution of the Goldsmiths' Company, which has made its own selection of students for sponsorship from applicants to this Fund, has also been greatly appreciated; this funding is due to end in 2021.

During the year a significant grant was received by the Hastings Fund from BMA Giving specifically to help doctors and medical students who have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

The Charity raises some money from donors who have set up standing orders. During the year the website was further developed so that card and direct debit donations with the option of Gift-Aiding can now be made in a secure online environment. There is no fundraising via cold-calling or mailshots, which protects the public from undue pressure. The Charity does not currently use professional fundraisers or commercial participators. Employees do not benefit from fundraising outcomes. No fundraising complaints have been received but a complaints policy is in place.

#### **Investment policy**

The investment objective of the Charity is to achieve a consistently attractive level of income coupled with the potential for long term capital appreciation, whilst aiming to preserve the value of capital over the shorter term. The portfolio is fixed interest orientated with the remainder in a mix of global equities, convertible bonds and cash. The Trustees were content with the level of return in 2020 having taken into account ongoing fluctuations in market performance.

The Charity continues to operate its ethical investment policy of not investing in companies which manufacture tobacco products or have greater than 10% of their turnover in alcohol manufacture, armaments, gambling or pornography and avoiding companies that generate significant revenues from thermal coal and oil from tar sands. All of the Charity's investments are now in the Sarasin & Partners Climate Active Endowment Fund which is a multi-asset portfolio managed to take into account companies' commitment to managing their own climate risks with divestment available if necessary.

Social investment is not used by the Charity.

#### **Pension Liability**

The Charity has a contractual obligation to contribution to the Director's personal pension plan. Beyond that, the Charity has no pension liability.

#### **Risk management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic business and operational risks which the Charity faces. The Charity does not engage in any high-risk activities and there is no face-to-face engagement with applicants and beneficiaries. The Trustees have identified five key areas of risk and have put in place the following risk management strategies:

(1) Failure to comply with legislation and regulations – Professional advice is provided by the appointed solicitors, accountants and investment advisors. The Director keeps up to date with relevant changes in compliance requirements. Trustees are offered training on the legal obligations of their role.

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# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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(2) Conflict of interest – All Trustees are provided with the Charity Commission's guide to the responsibilities of trustees. A conflicts of interest policy is in place and conflicts are declared on an annual basis and at the beginning of every Trustees meeting.

(3) Loss of key staff – An annual diary of key activities has been created. In the event of the Director being unavailable for work for a long period of time, the Trustees will approach an agency for a temporary replacement or consider staff/ex staff from other medical benevolent funds.

(4) Information technology – The Charity has its own office laptop with automatic back-up to the cloud. McAfee security is in place on the office laptop and Director's home laptop. GDPR, Data Security and Privacy policies are in place. Confidential electronic discussions with Trustees take place using MS Teams. IT support is provided by an external provider via their helpdesk. The provider has recently completed a survey of IT security and has updated systems as necessary. A cyber insurance policy is in place.

(5) Dependence on income sources – The Charity is mainly dependent on investment income but the Medical Education Trust is vulnerable to changes in grant giving practices by external organisations. The levels of grants awarded by the Charity are commensurate with the liquid assets available and the need to preserve capital to enable continuity of grant giving. A firm of fundraising consultants has prepared a report on the Charity's readiness to fundraise.

The risk assessment is reviewed annually.

### **The Future**

The Trustees are committed to continuing the current programmes of grant giving to refugee and asylum-seeking doctors and to medical students.

In 2021 the development of the website will be completed so that the Charity can reach a wider audience of potential beneficiaries and donors.

Fundraising consultants have been appointed to prepare a fundraising strategy.

### **Acknowledgements**

The Trustees would like to acknowledge the service received from Sarasin & Partners, our investment advisors, Wilsons, our solicitors, and Begbies, our accountants.

### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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**Dr A J Mowat (Chair)**

Trustee

Dated: 08.06.2021



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**Dr A Dearden (Vice Chair)**

Trustee

Dated: 08.06.2021

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020***

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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of BMA Charities Trust Fund (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# **BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND**

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the accounts is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

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### Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Enquiries and confirmation of management and the trustees as to their identification of any non-compliance with laws or regulations, or any actual or potential claims;
- Review of minutes of Board meetings throughout the period;
- incorporating unpredictability into the nature, timing and/or extent of testing.
- Evaluation of the selection and application of the accounting policies chosen by the charity; and
- We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the key risks impacting the financial statements.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

**Begbies**

14/06/2021

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**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

9 Bonhill Street  
London  
EC2A 4DJ

Begbies is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

### Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Endowment funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
	Notes					
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>						
Donations and legacies	3	28,844	132,391	-	161,235	125,080
Investment income	4	79,425	81,323	-	160,748	162,804
Other income	5	-	-	-	-	2,500
<b>Total income</b>		<b>108,269</b>	<b>213,714</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>321,983</b>	<b>290,384</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>						
Raising funds	6	1,274	1,474	-	2,748	558
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>						
Grants to medical charities	7	45,805	-	-	45,805	48,459
Grants to second degree medical students	7	-	195,913	-	195,913	221,676
Grants to provide financial assistance	7	-	66,658	-	66,658	72,203
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>45,805</b>	<b>262,571</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>308,376</b>	<b>342,338</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>47,079</b>	<b>264,045</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>311,124</b>	<b>342,896</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		176,904	48,121	133,255	358,280	641,318
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>238,094</b>	<b>(2,210)</b>	<b>133,255</b>	<b>369,139</b>	<b>588,806</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(60,000)	60,000	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>178,094</b>	<b>57,790</b>	<b>133,255</b>	<b>369,139</b>	<b>588,806</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		2,747,526	1,054,706	1,860,075	5,662,307	5,073,501
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2020</b>		<b>2,925,620</b>	<b>1,112,496</b>	<b>1,993,330</b>	<b>6,031,446</b>	<b>5,662,307</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

### Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Endowment funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>					
Donations and legacies	3	17,463	107,617	-	125,080
Investment income	4	80,619	82,185	-	162,804
Other income	5	2,500	-	-	2,500
<b>Total income</b>		<b>100,582</b>	<b>189,802</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>290,384</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Raising funds	6	558	-	-	558
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>					
Grants to medical charities	7	48,459	-	-	48,459
Grants to second degree medical students	7	-	221,676	-	221,676
Grants to provide financial assistance	7	-	72,203	-	72,203
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>48,459</b>	<b>293,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>342,338</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>49,017</b>	<b>293,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>342,896</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		316,622	86,854	237,842	641,318
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>368,187</b>	<b>(17,223)</b>	<b>237,842</b>	<b>588,806</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(101,000)	101,000	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>267,187</b>	<b>83,777</b>	<b>237,842</b>	<b>588,806</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2019		2,480,339	970,929	1,622,233	5,073,501
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2019</b>		<b>2,747,526</b>	<b>1,054,706</b>	<b>1,860,075</b>	<b>5,662,307</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		799		623
Investments	14		5,359,960		4,981,873
			<u>5,360,759</u>		<u>4,982,496</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	629		39,397	
Investments	16	641,544		528,486	
Cash at bank and in hand		99,794		180,235	
		<u>741,967</u>		<u>748,118</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	<u>(71,280)</u>		<u>(68,307)</u>	
Net current assets			670,687		679,811
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>6,031,446</u>		<u>5,662,307</u>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Endowment funds - permanent	20		1,993,330		1,860,075
<b>Restricted Income funds</b>					
Medical Education Fund		1,005,080		942,056	
Hastings Fund		66,057		77,580	
BMA Covid-19 Fund		6,289		-	
General restricted funds		<u>35,070</u>		<u>35,070</u>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	21		1,112,496		1,054,706
			<u>2,925,620</u>		<u>2,747,526</u>
			<u>6,031,446</u>		<u>5,662,307</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on ..... 8 June 2021



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Dr A J Mowat (Chair)  
Trustee



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Dr A Dearden (Vice Chair)  
Trustee

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

BMA Charities Trust Fund is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales as established by a Trust Deed in 1925.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing documents, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include investment assets at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

The Medical Education Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree

The Hastings Fund derives from the uniting direction and represents the formerly unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund. The Medical Education Fund also holds investments, however these are not held as endowment funds.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the former Hastings Benevolent Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation and added to the fund to which the underlying donation was given.

Legacies and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the fund becomes entitled to the resource.

The Charity SORP requires that an estimate is included in the accounts for material gifts in kind of donated services and facilities except time donated by general volunteers and trustees. The gift is included at an estimate of what the charity would otherwise pay for the goods or services. An expense is recognised in the accounts to match the income received.

Income from investments is included in the SOFA in the year in which it is receivable and is allocated to the relevant restricted and unrestricted funds.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

The cost of generating funds comprises the costs of promoting the charity to potential donors.

In accordance with the SORP provision is made for all grants authorised by the Board of Trustees in the year. Where grants are subject to conditions only those grants where all the conditions have been met at the year end are recognised in the accounts. The expense for the period is reduced by the cancellation of grants authorised but not subsequently required.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity. Costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred.

The estimated current staff time percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 27%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 33% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%.

Support costs are the general costs incurred in support of meeting the charity's objectives. There is a single charitable objective of giving grants, but costs are apportioned to the appropriate fund, and so type of grant, at an estimate of usage based on an estimate of staff time or fund size unless directly incurred. The estimated current usage percentages are Medical Education Fund second degree medical students 30%, Hastings Fund financial assistance 30% and grants to medical charities unrestricted funds 40%.

The charity's long term investments are held in units in collective investment funds. In accordance with the SORP the charity does not estimate investment management fees which are charged to the collective investment fund to identify the notional cost attributable to its own holding in the scheme.

# BMA CHARITIES TRUST FUND

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Due to the collective nature of the investments held, the investment charges are levied directly to the investment by the investment provider, rather than as a charge to the charity portfolio directly. Due to the size of the portfolio some management charges may be refunded directly to the charity. Where this is the case the refund is reported within the investment income heading.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers & equipment      Over four years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

##### **Other financial assets**

The charity holds current assets in the form of listed investments. Those investments that are categorised as current assets are held in an investment fund containing short term money market instruments. Current asset investments are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently revalued to market value as at the balance sheet date.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### **1.9 Employee benefits**

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

The Dain Fund and the BMA Charities Trust Fund share the cost of an employee whose salary is apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on the percentage of time spent on each charity's affairs.

#### **1.10 Retirement benefits**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### **Critical judgements**

##### **Grant liabilities**

Grants include awards which are formed of a series of individual payments for specific items, such as a series of exams. The time taken by individuals to draw on the funds varies and some recipients may not draw all of their allocation. Due to the timing of the drawdown being outside of the control of the trustees once the grant has been awarded all unpaid grants are shown as creditors due within one year.

Outstanding grants are reviewed annually and if no further payment is considered likely the grant is written back.

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### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	8,544	132,391	140,935	5,107	72,547	77,654
Legacies receivable	12,800	-	12,800	4,856	35,070	39,926
Donated goods and services	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	-	7,500
	<u>28,844</u>	<u>132,391</u>	<u>161,235</u>	<u>17,463</u>	<u>107,617</u>	<u>125,080</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
BMA	-	60,000	60,000	-	-	-
Worshipful Company of Barbers	-	30,000	30,000	-	23,000	23,000
De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund	-	30,000	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
Dain Fund	-	9,500	9,500	-	14,500	14,500
LMC's	-	1,816	1,816	-	2,114	2,114
Other	8,544	1,075	9,619	5,107	2,933	8,040
	<u>8,544</u>	<u>132,391</u>	<u>140,935</u>	<u>5,107</u>	<u>72,547</u>	<u>77,654</u>

### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from listed investments	79,298	81,000	160,298	80,152	81,858	162,010
Interest receivable	127	323	450	467	327	794
	<u>79,425</u>	<u>81,323</u>	<u>160,748</u>	<u>80,619</u>	<u>82,185</u>	<u>162,804</u>

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### 5 Other income

	<b>Total</b>	Unrestricted
	<b>2020</b>	2019
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other income	-	2,500
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 6 Raising funds

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Seeking donations, grants and legacies	1,274	1,474	2,748	558
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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### 7 Charitable activities

	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2020	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total 2019
	2020	2020	2020		2019	2019	2019	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	10,000	180,470	48,038	238,508	-	204,840	40,755	245,595
Share of support costs (see note 10)	27,289	12,272	15,274	54,835	33,952	12,081	24,466	70,499
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	8,516	3,171	3,346	15,033	14,507	4,755	6,982	26,244
	<u>45,805</u>	<u>195,913</u>	<u>66,658</u>	<u>308,376</u>	<u>48,459</u>	<u>221,676</u>	<u>72,203</u>	<u>342,338</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>								
Unrestricted funds	45,805	-	-	45,805	48,459	-	-	48,459
Restricted funds	-	195,913	66,658	262,571	-	221,676	72,203	293,879
	<u>45,805</u>	<u>195,913</u>	<u>66,658</u>	<u>308,376</u>	<u>48,459</u>	<u>221,676</u>	<u>72,203</u>	<u>342,338</u>

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### 8 Description of charitable activities

#### Grants to medical charities

Grants between Hastings, Medical Education and Charities Trust Funds are shown as transfers between funds. In the current year the Charities Trust Fund gave £60,000 (2019 - £81,000) to the Medical Education Fund to support the grants given to students at UK medical schools.

The Charities Trust Fund gave nil (2019 - £20,000) to the Hastings Fund to support doctors, medical students and their dependents who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Due to the structure of the charity, the support costs incurred by the Charities Trust Fund are shown above whilst the grants given to the Hastings Fund and the Medical Education Fund are shown as transfers between funds.

#### Grants to second degree medical students

The Medical Education Fund gives financial assistance to students at medical schools situated in the UK who are taking medicine as a second degree, irrespective of whether they are student members of the BMA.

#### Grants to provide financial assistance

The Hastings Fund makes grants to doctors, medical students and their dependents experiencing financial difficulties, not just members of the BMA.

### 9 Grants payable

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Grants to medical charities	Grants to second degree medical students	Grants to provide financial assistance	Total	2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants to institutions (3 grants):					
The Cameron Fund	4,000	-	-	4,000	-
Royal Medical Foundation	4,000	-	-	4,000	-
Melanin Medics	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Grants to individuals (145 grants)	-	180,470	48,038	228,508	245,595
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>180,470</u>	<u>48,038</u>	<u>238,508</u>	<u>245,595</u>
	<u><u>10,000</u></u>	<u><u>180,470</u></u>	<u><u>48,038</u></u>	<u><u>238,508</u></u>	<u><u>245,595</u></u>

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Grants to institutions (0 grants):	-	-	-	-	-
Grants to individuals (118 grants)	-	204,840	40,755	245,595	
	<u>-</u>	<u>204,840</u>	<u>40,755</u>	<u>245,595</u>	
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>204,840</u></u>	<u><u>40,755</u></u>	<u><u>245,595</u></u>	

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### 10 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	2019	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Staff costs	42,586	-	42,586	42,451	Estimated staff time
Depreciation	259	-	259	89	Charities Trust Fund
Office accommodation	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	Charities Trust Fund
Website and IT costs	2,938	-	2,938	12,503	Charities Trust Fund
Staff & other travel	-	-	-	2,326	Charities Trust Fund
Postage, telephone & stationery	385	-	385	1,021	Estimated usage
Bank charges	141	-	141	180	Direct allocation
Staff & trustee training	61	-	61	3,486	Estimated usage
Other costs	965	-	965	943	Estimated usage
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	3,600	Governance
Accountancy	-	4,644	4,644	4,644	Governance
Legal and professional	-	5,332	5,332	12,738	Governance
Trustee meeting expenses	-	228	228	4,202	Governance
Insurance	-	1,229	1,229	1,060	Governance
	<u>54,835</u>	<u>15,033</u>	<u>69,868</u>	<u>96,743</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>54,835</u>	<u>15,033</u>	<u>69,868</u>	<u>96,743</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,600 (2019- £3,600) for audit fees, £4,320 (2019- £4,320) for management accounts and £324 (2019- £324) for payroll services. All amounts include VAT.

The charity purchases Trustee Insurance at a cost of £377 (2019- £377).

### 11 Trustees

There were no trustees in receipt of any remuneration during the year. Reimbursed trustee travel expenses and subsistence expenses in respect of meetings totalled £228 paid to one trustee due to meetings being held remotely during the year (2019 - 6, £5,732). One trustees attended external training courses funded by the charity at a cost of £25 (2019 - nil).

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### 12 Employees

#### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Grant administration	1	1

#### Employment costs

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	37,859	37,115
Social security costs	1,320	1,985
Other pension costs	3,407	3,351
	<u>42,586</u>	<u>42,451</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more. The above costs are the total key management remuneration for the year.

### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Computers &amp; equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2020	712
Additions	435
	<u>1,147</u>
At 31 December 2020	
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 January 2020	89
Depreciation charged in the year	259
	<u>348</u>
At 31 December 2020	
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2020	<u>799</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>623</u>

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### 14 Fixed asset investments

	Charities Trust Fund	Medical Education Fund	Colman Kenton Fund	Hastings Fund	Total
	£	£	£		£
<b>Market valuation</b>					
At 31 December 2019	2,461,698	660,100	262,925	1,597,150	4,981,873
Additions	379,637	105,045	42,511	249,059	776,252
Valuation changes	176,280	47,331	18,871	114,384	356,866
Disposals	(371,264)	(101,679)	(41,171)	(240,917)	(755,031)
At 31 December 2020	2,646,351	710,797	283,136	1,719,676	5,359,960
<b>Historic cost</b>					
At 31 December 2020	2,325,941	624,983	248,989	1,511,783	4,711,696
At 31 December 2019	2,286,223	613,048	240,609	1,483,293	4,623,173

As at 31st December 2020 the above portfolio was invested in Climate Active Endowment Class A Income units by Sarasin and Partners LLP.

During the year all the Income and Reserve Class A Income units were sold and the proceeds invested in additional Climate Active Endowment Class A Income units to further the charity's ethical investing aims.

The charity seeks to minimise the risks of holding investments, which comprise mainly market, yield and liquidity risks, through the appointment of an independent Investment Manager, who invests via common investment funds specifically tailored for charities of this nature. The trustees report contains further details of the charity's investment policy.

The holding of common investment units allows the charity to access increased diversification at a lower cost than would otherwise be available, and so decreases the risks of holding investments. At the balance sheet date the units held by the charity were invested in the following areas:

	Charities Trust Fund	Medical Education Fund	Colman Kenton Fund	Hastings Fund
	%	%	%	%
Fixed Income	14.70%	14.70%	14.70%	14.70%
Equities	72.80%	72.80%	72.80%	72.80%
Property	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%
Alternative Assets	8.10%	8.10%	8.10%	8.10%
Liquid Assets	2.80%	2.80%	2.80%	2.80%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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### 15 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Amounts due from The Dain Fund	-	3,702
Other debtors	127	35,221
Prepayments	502	474
	<u>629</u>	<u>39,397</u>

### 16 Current asset investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Listed investments	641,544	528,486
	<u>641,544</u>	<u>528,486</u>

Current asset investments are comprised of Blackrock Institutional Sterling Liquidity Heritage Accumulator units and are stated at market value. These investments are held to reduce liquidity risk whilst generating a higher interest return than cash holdings.

### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants payable	66,459	59,840
Accruals	4,821	8,467
	<u>71,280</u>	<u>68,307</u>

### 18 Defined contribution scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge in respect of defined contribution schemes was £3,407 (2019- £3,351)

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### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Endowment Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	799	-	-	799
Investments	2,646,351	720,279	1,993,330	5,359,960
Current assets/(liabilities)	278,470	392,217	-	670,687
	<u>2,925,620</u>	<u>1,112,496</u>	<u>1,993,330</u>	<u>6,031,446</u>

	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Endowment Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2019 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	623	-	-	623
Investments	2,461,698	660,100	1,860,075	4,981,873
Current assets/(liabilities)	285,205	394,606	-	679,811
	<u>2,747,526</u>	<u>1,054,706</u>	<u>1,860,075</u>	<u>5,662,307</u>

### 20 Endowment funds

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Revaluations gains and losses £	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Revaluations gains and losses £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
<b>Permanent endowments</b>					
Colman Kenton	229,421	33,504	262,925	18,871	281,796
Hastings	1,392,812	204,338	1,597,150	114,384	1,711,534
	<u>1,622,233</u>	<u>237,842</u>	<u>1,860,075</u>	<u>133,255</u>	<u>1,993,330</u>

The Colman Kenton Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Medical Education Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Medical Education Fund reserve.

The Hastings Endowment is a permanent endowment, the income from which can be spent in accordance with the objects of the Hastings Fund and so is allocated to the restricted Hastings Fund reserve.

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### 21 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds					Movement in funds					Balance at 31 December 2020
	Balance at 1 January 2019	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	Balance at 1 January 2020	Income	Grants and other costs	Transfers between funds	Investment movements	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Medical Education Fund	894,376	102,190	(221,676)	81,000	86,164	942,054	151,807	(196,650)	60,000	47,869	1,005,080
Hastings Fund	76,553	52,543	(72,203)	20,000	689	77,582	51,907	(63,684)	-	252	66,057
Fairley Legacy	-	35,070	-	-	-	35,070	-	-	-	-	35,070
BMA Covid-19 Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	(3,711)	-	-	6,289
	<u>970,929</u>	<u>189,803</u>	<u>293,879</u>	<u>101,000</u>	<u>86,853</u>	<u>1,054,706</u>	<u>213,714</u>	<u>264,045</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>48,121</u>	<u>1,112,496</u>

The Medical Education Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the formerly unrestricted reserves of the BMA Medical Education Trust Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to give assistance to students at UK medical schools who are studying medicine as a second degree.

The Hastings Fund reserves derive from the uniting direction and represent the former unrestricted reserves of the Hastings Benevolent Fund and its ongoing income and expenditure. The purpose of this fund is to provide short-term financial assistance to members of the medical profession and/or their dependents.

The Fairley Legacy has been donated to provided assistance to a restricted class of student. At the balance sheet date the bequest beneficiaries are still to be clarified by the Treasury Solicitor.

The BMA Covid-19 Fund has been given to the Hastings Fund to assist in the support of grantees affected by Covid-19.

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#### 22 Related party transactions

The BMA Charities Trust Fund receives free use of office accommodation from the BMA. A gift in kind value has been placed on this donation of £7,500 as were the accommodation not provided the Charity would rent equivalent accommodation of this cost elsewhere. The BMA has also donated £50,000 (2019-£nil) to the Medical Education Fund during the year, and £10,000 (2019 - £nil) to the Hastings Fund for grantees impacted by Covid-19.

The Dain Fund and the Charities Trust Fund share the cost of an employee whose salary is apportioned across the two charities at an agreed percentage based on a fixed estimate of time spent on each charity's affairs. During the year the Charities Trust Fund had seven trustees who are also trustees of the Dain Fund. A donation of £9,500 was made by the Dain Fund during the year (2019 - £14,500)

A donation was received from the De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund during the year towards grant giving of £30,000 (2019 - £30,000). The De Silva Wijesekera Trust Fund is an unregistered charity, and shares trustees with the BMA Charities Trust Fund.

The charity is required to disclose key management salaries. There is only one employee of the charity, as outlined above, and their remuneration is detailed in note 12.

During the year the trustees collectively donated £120 (2019 - £120). None of these funds were given for activities outside of the usual BMA Charities' undertakings. There were no further transactions with trustees aside from reimbursed expenses disclosed in note 11.