



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 Period start date

To 31st December 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Pod Charitable Trust

Charity registration number: 279743

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Such charitable purpose or charitable purposes as the trustees may in their absolute discretion from time to time think fit (March 1980)
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Pod aims to bring magic, fun and laughter into the lives of children and young people in hospital. For the last 45 years Pod entertainers have made the hospital journey a more pleasant one for around a million children and one remembered (at least partly) with a smile. Pod has 3 objectives: to make smiles and laughter, to distract children and young people from pain and worry and to improve children's and young people's attitudes to hospitalization, helping them to cope better with the possibility of re-admittance and further treatment. Pod is governed by a board of voluntary trustees. All administrative costs are financed by an entirely separate charity – The Pod League of Friends (Reg: 296119). Entertainer's fees are Pod's only cost which means every penny donated is spent on cheering up children in hospital.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Pod visits provide an opportunity for children, young people and their families to forget their worries, relax and share in a positive activity in which they have fun together. Pod entertainers provide regular monthly visits at hospitals and hospices throughout the UK, providing shows on wards, in playrooms and clinics. They visit children individually at the bedside and children who are in isolation so that everyone is included and has something to smile about.</p> <p>In 2019 Pod provided 2816 sessions in 127 hospitals and hospices but in March 2020, Covid meant that all visits were suspended. Since then, visits have very gradually resumed at some of the hospitals and hospices previously visited. By the end of 2023 there are 1475 sessions at 63 hospitals and hospices.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set		
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash at bank: £298,113.00
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Policy has been to maintain reserves sufficient to cover expenditure for 18 months. Covid restrictions since March 2020 meant most visits could not take place, consequently income has been received over the last few years but has not yet been spent. As visits resume at more hospitals, all donations received will be used for the purposes for which they were intended. Reserve funds are based upon 165 sessions per month in 65 hospitals.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£148,500
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trustee Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The power of appointing a new trustee or trustees is vested in the original settler (David Jamilly) during his life.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Pod Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	Pod Children's Charity
Registered charity number	279743
Charity's principal address	Turpins Yard Oaklands Road London NW2 6LL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Jamilly	Chair		
2	Gary Davison			
3	Kim Einhorn			
4	Michel Einhorn			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Margaret Munford (Administrator)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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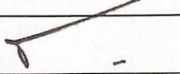
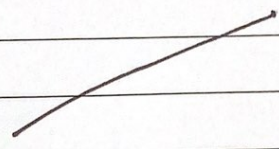
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	DAVID SMILEY	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	29-6-24	



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The Pod Charitable Trust

279743

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st January 2023	To	31st December 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Gift Aid	969	-	-	969	1,128
Donations	18,813	71,372	-	90,185	45,239
Interest	4,195	-	-	4,195	877
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	23,977	71,372	-	95,349	47,244
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	23,977	71,372	-	95,349	47,244
A3 Payments					
Children's entertainment	76,531	-	-	76,531	23,673
Bank charges	82	-	-	82	81
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	76,613	-	-	76,613	23,754
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	76,613	-	-	76,613	23,754
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 52,636	71,372	-	18,736	23,490
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	55,526	223,851	-	279,377	255,887
Cash funds this year end	2,890	295,223	-	298,113	279,377

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		2,890	295,223	-
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,890	295,223	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

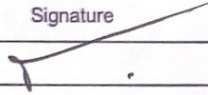
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DAVID STANLEY	2-6-24



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The POD Charitable Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

279743

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

29/5/2024

Name:

Andrew C S Clarke

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ICAEW

Address:

Morris Cook

6 Salop Road, Oswestry

Shropshire SY11 2NU

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.