



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date 1st January 2024 to Period end date 31st December 2024

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 47 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 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). Entertainers' 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	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on grant making		
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.</p> <p>Pod entertainers provide regular monthly visits at hospitals and hospices throughout the U.K., 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. There were 1790 sessions in 65 hospitals and hospices in 2024.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

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: £290,684
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. Reserves remain higher than this because income greatly exceeded expenditure between 2020 and 2023 when Pod was unable to provide visits due to Covid restrictions. The required reserve position is under constant review as Pod continues to build up the number of sessions provided pre-Covid. Expectation is to gradually erode reserves until they are back to the standard target level. Reserve target for 2025 is based upon providing 1850 sessions.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£138,750
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	Trust 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

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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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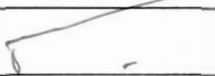
Other optional information

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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)		DAVID TAIT
Full name(s)	DAVID	TAIT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	X
Date	03.08.25.	

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THE POD CHARITABLE TRUST
Charity registration number: 279743

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2024.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/01/2024

Financial period end date

31/12/2024

Income and spending

Income £

£ 82,152

Spending £

£ 89,581

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 71,669

Charitable activities

£ 0

Other trading activities

£ 0

Investments

£ 8,615

Other

£ 1,868

Grantmaking**Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?**

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments**Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?**

☒ e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK**Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?**

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom**Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?**

No

Spending outside of the United Kingdom**Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?**

No

Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom

£

Trading subsidiaries**Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?**

No

Charity contact details correct

Is the contact address displayed from the Register of Charities, correct?

Yes

Charity headquarters details correct

Is this the same address that you use as your charity's administrative headquarters?

Yes

Charity contact address

Address Line 1

TURPINS YARD

Address Line 2

OAKLANDS ROAD

Address Line 3

LONDON

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

NW2 6LL

Country

Charity Headquarters address

Address Line 1

Mount Hall

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Llanfair Caereinion

Address Line 4

WELSHPOOL

Address Line 5

Powys

Postcode

Country

SY21 0BH

Property

Were any of your charity's properties held by holding or custodian trustees on behalf of your charity (excluding the Official Custodian) during the financial period for this return?

No

Membership type

Is your charity part of a wider group structure with a parent body and subsidiary bodies?

no, the charity is not part of a wider group structure

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Yes

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Yes

Financial reserves policy and procedures

Yes

Complaints policy and procedures

Yes

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

Yes

Internal risk management policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

Yes

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

Yes

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

Yes

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

Not applicable

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

No

Social media policy and procedures

Yes

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

Not applicable

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

Yes

a. All required standard DBS checks have been obtained

Not applicable

b. All required enhanced DBS checks have been obtained

Yes

c. All required enhanced with Barred List(s) DBS checks have been obtained

Yes

d. DBS checks are not required other than Basic DBS checks

No

Serious Incidents

Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?

There were no incidents to report

External risk and impact

Donations

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - grants

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - contracts

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - investment

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Negative

Expenditure on overheads

Negative

Number of volunteers

Negative

Number of employees

Negative

Number of trustees

Negative

Fundraising activities

Negative

Capacity to deliver services

Negative

Total service demand

Negative

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

1

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- **you have consented to their release; or**
- **we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- **we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- **we can lawfully do so; and**
- **we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

(a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;

(b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;

(c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made



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 2024

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 31/12/2024.

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:

25/7/25

Name:

Samantha Jones

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

FCCA ACA

Address:

Morris Cook

6 Salop Road, Oswestry

Shropshire SY11 2NU

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.