

**THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC
GASTROENTEROLOGY HEPATOLOGY AND NUTRITION**

**ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered charity name British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition

Registered charity number Charity number 299294

Council members

Dr Keith Lindley* (President 2022 – 2024)
Dr David Campbell* (President Elect 2024)
Dr Astor Rodrigues* (Convenor 2023 - 2026)
Dr Dharam Basude* (Treasurer 2023 - 2026)
Dr Sanjay Rajwal* (2023 – 2026)
Dr Jutta Koeglmeier* (2022 – 2025)
Dr David Devadason* (2024 – 2027)
Dr Elena Cernat* (2024 – 2027)
Dr James Ashton* (2024 – 2027)
Dr Shishu Sharma* (2024 – 2027)
Dr Hema Kannappen* (2024 – 2027)
Dr Christopher Bakewell (2023 – 2026)
Dr Lucy Haworth (2023 – 2026)
Dr Nkem Onyeador (2023 – 2026)
Amy Phipps (2024 – 2027)
Elizabeth O'Connor (2022 – 2025)
Dr Ed Gaynor (2022 – 2025)

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COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Council presents its annual report with the accounts of The British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition ("BSPGHAN" or "the Society") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8 of the attached accounts and comply with the Society's governing document 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), effective from accounting periods commencing 1 January 2015 or later.

Structure, governance and management

- **Constitution**

The British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition is governed by a Council and various Committees in accordance with the rules of the Society. The Society's Charitable Constitution was adopted at York RCPCH meeting in April 1997, and which has been revised at subsequent AGMs up to and including the 2024 AGM.

- **Organisation**

The business of the Society is conducted by a Council meeting three to four times a year consisting of the President, Convenor, Treasurer and chairs of the following groups: Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Pancreatitis, Nutrition, Research, Endoscopy, Education, Paediatricians with an expertise in GHN (PeGHAN), Trainees and Associate Members. A quorum of five must be present at each Council meeting and must include the President or Convenor.

In addition, Council is free to invite appropriate individuals such as CSAC Chair, Chair of the Clinical Standards Group, a representative nominated by BAPS, representatives of other professional societies, Patient Parent Groups, organisers of annual meetings, the webmaster and lay representatives to attend Council in an advisory capacity and without voting rights.

- **The Council**

The elected (and co-opted) members of Council are charity Trustees of the Society (within the meaning prescribed by the Charities Act 1993) and are responsible for the governance of the Society.

The following were Members of Council during the year ended 31 March 2024:

Dr Keith Lindley	President
Dr David Campbell	President Elect*
Dr Astor Rodrigues	Convenor
Dr Dharam Basude	Treasurer
Dr Tassos Grammatikopoulos	Pancreatitis*
Dr Sanjay Rajwal	Hepatology
Dr Kornilia Nikaki	Gastroenterology*
Dr David Devadason	Gastroenterology*
Dr Jutta Koeglmeier	Education
Dr Andrew Barclay	Nutrition*
Dr Elena Cernat	Nutrition*
Dr Nadeem Afzal	Endoscopy*
Dr Shishu Sharma	Endoscopy*
Dr Shveta Chana	Paediatricians with Expertise*
Dr Hema Kannappan	Paediatricians with Expertise*
Dr Marco Gasparetto	Research*
Dr James Ashton	Research*
Dr Christopher Bakewell	Trainees**
Dr Lucy Haworth	Co-Chair of CSAC**
Dr Nkem Onyeador	Co-Chair of CSAC**
Lindsay Hogg	Associate Members***
Amy Phipps	Associate Members**
Elizabeth O'Connor	BAPS**
Dr Ed Gaynor	Quality Standards**
Julie Harrington	Lay Representative***

COUNCIL'S REPORT

Structure, governance and management – continued

- **The Council – continued**

*Elected at the 9 March 2024 AGM with posts commencing with effect from the April 2024 Council meeting were Dr David Cambell as President Elect, Dr David Devadason as Chair of Gastroenterology replacing Dr Kornilia Nikaki, Elena Cernat as Chair of Nutrition replacing Dr Andrew Barclay, Dr Shishu Sharma as Chair of Endoscopy replacing Dr Nadeem Afzal, Dr James Ashton as Chair of Research replacing Dr Marco Gasparetto, and Dr Hema Kannappen as Chair of Paediatricians replacing Dr Shveta Chana. Dr Tassos Grammatikopoulos vacated his position as Chair of Pancreatitis and the position is currently vacant.

** Lucy Haworth and Nkem Onyeador, the CSAC Co Chairs, Lindsay Hogg, the Associate Members' Group Chair, Elizabeth O'Connor, the BAPS Representative, Dr Ed Gaynor, the Chair of Quality Standards, the current vacant Lay Representative representing the Parent Patient Partnership Group, are all co-opted posts. Dr Christopher Bakewell as Trainees Representative is an invited position.

***Vacating their posts in March 2024 were Lindsay Hogg, Associate Members' Group Joint Chair and Julie Harrington representing the Parent Patient Partnership Group

Webmasters John Lister and James Fletcher of John Lister Consulting continued to act as Website Administrators with Fatimah Alqahtani acting as Non-technical webmaster.

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no member of Council received any remuneration for services as a member of the Council (2023 - £nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, some members of Council received reimbursed expenses relating to expenditure incurred on Society business.

Whilst certain members of Council are actively involved in the local organisation of the Society's Annual Meetings, no member of Council had a beneficial interest in any contract reportable as a related party transaction with the Society during the year.

The President, Convenor, Treasurer (herein after called 'The Executive') and other members of Council normally serve for a period of three years.

The President is elected by electronic voting of the membership if two or more applications are received one year prior to taking up office and may attend Council meetings as an observer for the twelve month period prior to taking up office. In the event of only one application being received the President Elect is voted in by a show of hands at the January AGM and takes up office the following year.

All Council Members are elected by means of electronic voting if two or more expressions of interest are received or at the AGM, by a show of hands if only one expression of interest is received.

The Trainee's representative is elected by the Trainees group and ratified at the AGM. The Associate Members' representative and the paediatric surgeon (who represents BAPS) are nominated by their respective groups. The organiser of the Annual meeting is invited to attend Council meetings.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Society are the advancement of research, clinical excellence and training in paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.

In furtherance of these objects but no further or otherwise the Society:

- (i) Fosters professional relationships with colleagues, both nationally and internationally, and
- (ii) Organises the Annual Meetings, which shall remain the fora at which researchers can present their work

The Society has provided funding for teaching and training, as well as meeting to develop its own strategy and ensure its own good governance. It has also funded advisory committees to develop opinion and advice on a range of topics, reports on which are available from the reports that are regularly issued.

Additionally, in planning the activities for the year and for the future, Members of Council confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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Achievements and performance

BSPGHAN is a society that brings together colleagues from a range of professional disciplines and is recognised by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) as the society responsible for this field of paediatric medicine.

BSPGHAN's membership is renowned for its friendliness and inclusivity. Membership stands at around 500 members, comprising consultants and specialist trainees in paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition: affiliated health care professionals such as specialist dietitians, nurses, pharmacists, clinical psychologists and scientists. This breadth of membership is a great benefit to the society and the wide range of professionals serve to represent our models of care for families. BSPGHAN has Professional groups and Working Parties to advocate for the key issues that our patients face.

The Annual Trainees meeting was held in Southampton October 2023 along with two virtual study days and the 2024 Society's Annual Meeting was successfully held in Bristol in March 2024. The Annual Trainees meeting for 2024/2025 was held in October 2024 and the Society's 2024/2025 Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place in Newcastle in March 2025.

Jennie Mort of Sovereign Conference continues in the role as Society Administrator, with support costs maintained to sustain BSPGHAN business and the third full year of the provision of Frontline Gastro to members.

Financial review

- **Results for the year**
The Society had net incoming resources for the year of £6,438 (2023 – £59,625) as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.
- **Reserves and financial position**
The Society now has unrestricted reserves totalling £382,0623 (2023 - £375,624) which the Society has built up over the years to protect the continuing operation of its activities. The Society regularly reviews the level of reserves at which it requires to operate and has determined that at least £50,000 should now be set aside to cover general uncertainties, reduced income, rising inflation and in the event of unrecovered fixed costs of an Annual Meeting which cannot be held for some reason or another, requiring the refund of registration fees and sponsorship monies.

Plans for the future

Council has published a strategy document on its website covering 2023 to 2025 following a formal strategy meeting held in January 2023. The strategy envisages in 3 key areas of:

- Sustainability
- High quality education and research
- Engagement with other gastroenterological entities external to BSPGHAN.

Approved by the Council on 8 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Dharam Basude
Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 TO THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY HEPATOLOGY AND NUTRITION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition ('the society') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 43 of the Charities Act 1993. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit go beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Hillyates, Chartered Accountants
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9 January 2025

P W Hill FCA
Independent Examiner

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED TO 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	1	68,489	63,303
Income from charitable activities	2	162,727	266,318
Income from investments – interest receivable		6,022	2,405
Other income		-	2,869
Total income and endowments		237,238	334,895
Expenditure on:			
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Meetings costs	4.1	140,503	223,749
Membership services	4.2	29,917	31,751
Governance	4.3	13,086	13,797
Working groups and committees	4.4	977	1,580
Trainees' meetings BSPGHAN contribution.	5	1,454	2,287
Research and Innovation grants	10.1	44,863	1,795
Other costs - BAPEN		-	310
Total expenditure		230,800	275,270
Net income and net movement in funds	9	6,438	59,625
Reconciliation of funds			
Total unrestricted funds brought forward	9	375,624	315,999
Total unrestricted funds carried forward	9	382,062	375,624

All of the Society's activities were derived from continuing operations during the above two financial years.

All recognised gains are included in the above statement of financial activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	7	74,822	19,854
Cash at bank and in hand		357,809	476,752
		432,631	496,606
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(50,569)	(120,982)
Net current assets		382,062	375,624
Total assets less current liabilities		382,062	375,624
Funds			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9	370,559	358,549
Designated funds	9	11,503	17,075
Total funds		382,062	375,624

The accounts were approved by Council on 8 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Keith Lindley
President

Council members

Dr Dharam Basude
Treasurer

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the accounts are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction values unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The accounts, which have been prepared in £s sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound, cover the charity for the reporting date of 31 March 2024 and for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), issued on 16 July 2014, Update Bulletin 1 issued on 2 February 2016, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

BSPGHAN constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Assessment of going concern

COVID, economic and other world-wide events continue to pose major challenges and a high level of uncertainty for many, but Members of Council continue to have every expectation that the Society has adequate resources to continue in operation for the next twelve months in meeting its liabilities as they fall due and that the going concern basis of accounting remains appropriate.

Income recognition

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the Society is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and as follows:

Membership fees when due and based on the current rates of £125 for full membership, £41 for overseas membership and £25 for associate membership and the membership year to 31 March.

Annual and other meetings income comprise applicable educational and other grants and registration fees.

Bank interest when receivable.

No value is included in income and expenditure for the time donated by members.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Society to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable expenditure, which excludes VAT, comprises those costs incurred by the Society in the delivery of its activities and services. Under its partially exempt VAT Registration effective from 1 March 2019, the Society is entitled to recover all of input VAT on expenditure directly attributable to its taxable income and a major proportion of input VAT on other expenditure.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources and time spent. The costs of the Administrator have been allocated 75% to membership and 25% to governance based on estimated time spent and after allowing for Annual meeting costs, council meetings expenses and other costs that can be directly allocated. The costs of the Assistant Administrator, income collection and other sundry costs have been directly allocated to membership. The Society employs no staff and uses contract services where necessary.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Council in furtherance of the general charitable activities.

Cash flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the Trust is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1.

Taxation

The Society is a registered charity and therefore is not liable for income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities. The Society is now registered for VAT under a Partial Exemption arrangement.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Donations and legacies

Note	2024 £	2023 £
Membership fees	3 42,489	37,303
Sponsorship agreements	26,000	26,000
	<u>68,489</u>	<u>63,303</u>

2 Income from charitable activities

Note	2023 £	2022 £
Annual meeting – April 2022	5 -	108,694
Annual meeting – March 2024 (March 2023)	5 151,899	150,695
Trainees annual meeting	5 9,495	6,929
Trainees virtual study days	5 1,333	-
	<u>162,727</u>	<u>266,318</u>

3. Membership fees and numbers

Note	2024 £	2023 £
Total membership fees		
Full	39,144	34,403
Associate	3,345	2,900
1	<u>42,489</u>	<u>37,303</u>
	2024	2023
Membership numbers		
Full	291	341
Overseas	9	17
Honorary	17	12
	<u>317</u>	<u>370</u>
Associate	114	142
	<u>431</u>	<u>512</u>

4. Cost of charitable activities

4.1 Meetings costs

Note	2024 £	2023 £
Annual meeting – March 2024	5 123,285	59,608
Annual meeting – share of surplus March 2024	5 7,154	12,272
Annual meeting – March 2023	5 -	144,940
Trainees annual meeting	5 9,494	6,929
Trainees virtual study days	5 570	-
	<u>140,503</u>	<u>223,749</u>

4.2 Membership services

Note	2024 £	2023 £
Provision of Frontline Gastro	10,240	9,560
Allocation of support costs	6 17,263	19,819
Website and IT costs	2,414	2,372
	<u>29,917</u>	<u>31,751</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. Cost of charitable activities – continued

4.3 Governance costs	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Council meetings and related expenses		3,059	4,394
Council members indemnity insurance		1,267	1,153
Independent examiner's fees and expenses		3,300	3,150
Allocation of support costs	6	5,460	5,100
		<u>13,086</u>	<u>13,797</u>
4.4 Working party groups and committees	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Education		58	487
IBD group		479	384
Endoscopy		-	96
E & E		-	613
Other		440	-
		<u>977</u>	<u>1,580</u>

During and since the Pandemic, Council business and that undertaken by working party groups and committees have used virtual technology wherever possible and practicable.

5. Analysis of meetings

	Note	Trainees virtual study days £	Trainees October 2023 £	Annual meeting March 2024 £
Income				
Sponsors and exhibitors	2	-	3,250	62,750
Registration fees	2	1,333	4,790	89,149
BSPGHAN contribution		-	1,454	-
		<u>1,333</u>	<u>9,494</u>	<u>151,899</u>
Direct expenses				
Conference, accommodation and related expenses	4	570	9,494	123,285
Balance		<u>763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,614</u>
Local organiser share*	4	-	-	7,154
BSPGHAN		763	-	21,460
		<u>763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,460</u>

*Local organiser share is either donated to an NHS Trust or University Administered account.

6. Support costs

	Membership (note 4) £	Governance (note 4) £	2024 £	2023 £
Administrator, including expenses	16,380	5,460	21,840	24,352
Income collection	792	-	792	416
Other costs	91	-	91	151
	<u>17,263</u>	<u>5,460</u>	<u>22,723</u>	<u>24,919</u>

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7. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Annual meeting income from March 2024 (March 2023)	67,495	18,369
Annual meeting expenses prepaid for March 2025 (March 2024)	184	154
Arrears of members subscriptions	225	200
VAT repayable	5,634	-
Other debtors and prepayments	1,284	1,131
	<u>74,822</u>	<u>19,854</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Annual meeting expenses from March 2024 (March 2023)	18,821	71,455
Annual sponsorship income in advance	12,000	22,367
Members subscriptions paid in advance/overpaid	11,646	164
Research grants	-	-
VAT payable	-	15,967
Other creditors, accruals and provisions	9,102	10,729
	<u>50,569</u>	<u>120,982</u>

9. Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are made up as follows:

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Total £
Balances at 1 April 2023	358,549	17,075	375,624
Applications – awards	10.1 44,863	(44,863)	-
New awards designated	10.2 (39,291)	39,291	-
Net incoming resources	6,438	-	6,438
	<u>370,559</u>	<u>11,503</u>	<u>382,062</u>
Balances at 31 March 2024			

10. Designated funds – research and innovation grants

10.1 Applications made during the year

	2024 £	2023 £
BSPGHAN Innovation grants	10,000	398
Joint Guts UK/BSPGHAN Research Grant	29,921	-
James Lind Alliance PSP for Digital Health Technology (collaboration with BSG)	4,942	398
BSPGHAN Research Prizes	-	1,000
	<u>44,863</u>	<u>1,796</u>

Designated funds of £11,503 as at 31 March 2024 represent unclaimed/unspent awards and include the James Lind Alliance grant awarded during the year ended 31 March 2022.

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10. Designated funds – research and innovation grants (continued)

10.2 Designations made during the year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Joint Guts UK/BSPGHAN Research Grant	29,921	-
James Lind Alliance PSP for Digital Health Technology (joint collaboration with BSG)	-	-
Joint Guts UK/BSPGHAN small start-up grant on pancreatic diseases	-	-
BSPGHAN Research Prizes	-	1,000
BSPGHAN Innovation grants	10,000	-
	<u>39,921</u>	<u>1,000</u>

11. Commitments relating to the year ending 31 March 2025

To date for the year ending 31 March 2025, Council have provided funds of £254 in supporting attendees' costs to the Nutrition and Intestinal Failure Study Day as part of its pledged support of up to £2,000 per meeting of such national educational meetings. None were requested during the period April 2023 to March 2024.

12. Members of Council remuneration and expenses and related party transactions

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no member of Council received any remuneration for services as a member of the Council (2023 - £nil).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, some members of Council received reimbursed expenses relating to expenditure incurred on Society business.

Whilst certain members of Council are actively involved in the local organisation of the Society's Annual Meetings, no member of Council had a beneficial interest in any contract reportable as a related party transaction with the Society during the year.