



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 April 2023	To	31 March 2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name BRITISH INFERTILITY COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION

Other names charity is known by BICA

Registered charity number (if any) 803743

Charity's principal address Rookdale

Malton Road

York

Postcode

YO31 9LT

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	Angela Pericleous-Smith	Chair		
2	Vicky Parkin	Honorary Secretary		
3	Deborah Howe	Information Officer		
4	Caroline Spencer			
5	Jamie Forster	Membership Secretary	Until 31.3.2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner		

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

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 11 MAY 1990 AS AMENDED 10 MARCH 1990, 11 MAY 1991, 10 JUNE 1992 AND 20 MAY 1998. as amended on 27 Mar 2023
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	The charity is an unincorporated association.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration.
Travel, stationery, and similar expenses are reimbursed to Trustees.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the charity are to promote the practice, study of, and research into infertility counselling and the publication of the useful results thereof.

Our regional groups, training workshops, conferences and informal networks enable members to stay abreast of new developments, explore and reflect on current issues and access support in their work.

The website and Journal are important resources for learning and our many Practice Guides provide essential insights into the specialist requirements of infertility counselling.

The BICA accreditation scheme gives members, as well as employers and clients, assurance of their competence as specialist counsellors in the field.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity holds conferences, training, regional groups and accreditation events throughout the year.

The charity publishes a journal three times per year.

Practise Guidelines are developed and published by BICA and reviewed at relevant periods.

The Trustees represent BICA on the Boards and Committees of all main professional organisations related to assisted conception.

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit when planning the charity’s activities for the year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

N/A

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity continued to hold conferences, training and accreditation events, and these are well attended.

The Trustees represent BICA on various on working groups and the charity works alongside other professional organisations.

The membership numbers remain strong and the charity continues to successfully publish a journal three times per year in the Spring, Summer and Winter.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All funds are unrestricted. Reserves are in a bank current account and are held to meet expenses of the charity as they are incurred.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

N/A

Section F Other optional information

Future plans

The charity plans to continue holding conferences, training and accreditation events, and publishing a quarterly journal in order to meet the charitable objects.

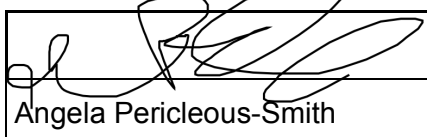
Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)


Angela Pericleous-Smith

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

27th January 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name BRITISH INFERTILITY COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION	No (if any) 803743
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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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					
Membership subscriptions	16,740	-	-	16,740	14,423
Conferences, training and accreditation	44,713	-	-	44,713	39,070
Publications	814	-	-	814	626
Other income	965	-	-	965	975
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,232	-	-	63,232	55,094
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,232	-	-	63,232	55,094
A3 Payments					
Conferences, training and accreditation	44,093	-	-	44,093	18,629
Publications	5,950	-	-	5,950	1,442
Committee and treasurer expenses	1,961	-	-	1,961	2,164
Website and Social Media	5,504	-	-	5,504	3,804
Independent Examination Fees	660	-	-	660	600
Paypal fees	972	-	-	972	781
Miscellaneous expenses	787	-	-	787	1,012
Subscriptions	779	-	-	779	1,097
Sub total	60,706	-	-	60,706	29,529
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,706	-	-	60,706	29,529
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,526	-	-	2,526	25,565
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	133,463	-	-	133,463	107,898
Cash funds this year end	135,989	-	-	135,989	133,463

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	Bank current account	135,989	-	-
	Paypal account	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	135,989	-	-
	OK	OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
BRITISH INFERTILITY COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 MARCH 2024

**Charity no
(if any)** 803743

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments Accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 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 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
- the accounts did 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

27 January 2025

Name:

CHRISTOPHER JOHN IRVINE

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

FCCA

Address:

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COVENTRY, WEST MIDLANDS
CV3 1HU

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.

There are no matters which have come to my attention which need to be disclosed.