

**Northern Ireland Regional Orthopaedic and
Trauma Committee**

Charity Number NIC 108615

**Annual Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
for the period ended 31 March 2023**

Northern Ireland Regional Orthopaedic and Trauma Committee

Legal and Administrative Information

Governing Document

Constitution

Charity Registration Number :

108615

Administrative Address:

Andrew Foster,
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Trustees:

Mr Andrew Foster
Mr James Ballard
Ms Denise Shirley
Mr David Warnock
Mr Phil Charlwood

Bankers:

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Independent Examiner

Dr R I Peters Gallagher OBE, Moore (N.I.) LLP

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Trustees Annual Report - Period Ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees of the Northern Ireland Regional Orthopaedic and Trauma Committee present their report together with the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is run by a board of 5 trustees, i.e.. committee members who hold joint legal responsibility for the actions of the charity, and include post holders in the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Charity's activities are governed by the Constitutional Document approved at the Annual General Meeting.

Aims and objectives

NIROTC supports the education and training of orthopaedic surgeons (purpose 1) and thereby promotes the development and delivery of orthopaedic and trauma services to the population of Northern Ireland (purpose 2). It provides training and training materials, organises seminars and conferences and encourages discussion and learning within this specialist sector.

Public Benefits

The direct benefits which flow from purpose 1 include the advancement of education and the enhancement of the knowledge of medical professionals, in particular, those working in the area of orthopaedic services. There is no harm flowing from this purpose. The direct benefits which flow from purpose 2 include improved health outcomes for members of the public in Northern Ireland, who require orthopaedic services.

This is achieved by the continuous provision, maintenance, development and improvement of orthopaedic services and facilities for patients in Northern Ireland. There is no harm flowing from this purpose. The benefits which flow from Purpose 1 can be demonstrated through seminars, conferences and publications, sponsorship of awards and the increase in medical professionals specialising in orthopaedic services. The benefits which flow from Purpose 2 can be demonstrated by the increase in the provision of orthopaedic services provided to the general public in Northern Ireland. Currently there is 1 orthopaedic surgeon per 30,000 head of population in Northern Ireland and this should ideally be 1 per 15,000. NIROTC will seek to reduce this imbalance. No General

public in Northern Ireland Any private benefits are incidental because they directly contribute towards achieving the charity's purposes and are necessary towards the achievement of those purposes. The private benefits are significantly less valuable than the main charitable benefits and therefore the private benefits are outweighed by the main charitable benefits to the beneficiaries.

Achievement and Performance

NIROTC has continued to support the education and training of T&O surgeons in 2023. This includes the organization and financial support to host the Martin Medal Ceremony in May 2023 at which trainees had the opportunity to present research / audit projects with prizes for the top 3 presentations as decided by an independent panel. The overall winner then proceeded to represent NI at the prestigious "Best of the Best" session at the annual BOA Congress.

Specialist Fellowship training grants of £750 were awarded to 5 senior trainees from NI in 2023 to facilitate the undertaking of additional overseas training prior to taking up consultant posts.

A very successful Clinical Update training session for consultants and trainees was organized to precede the AGM in November 2023 with presentations from paediatric , spinal, and upper limb surgeons.

Regular meetings have taken place in 2023 for the consultant body and committee to discuss important issues relating to the provision of acute and elective care for our patients.

NIROTC continues to advocate for the T&O surgeons and all our patients within NI. This includes representation on the national BOA Council as well as the Elective Recovery Board set up within NI to help plan and structure the re-establishment of T&O services following the Covid pandemic.

During 2023, a dedicated NIROTC website (www.nirotc.org) was established to help correlate and disseminate information to the membership and further development of this facility is planned.

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Trustees Report (cont'd)

Financial Review

The receipts and payments account shows the total income and expenditure for the period.
The opening bank balance was £19,261.

Total receipts were £2,800 with total payments being £6,531 to leave a closing bank balance of £15,530.

Trustees Responsibilities

Charity regulations require the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which show the income and expenditure of the Charity in the year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.


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Receipts and Payments Account

Period ended 31 March 2023

		<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Opening Balance 01/04/2022		£19,261
Receipts		
Member donations	2,800	
Total Receipts		2,800
Payments		
Research awards	1,250	
Room hire	999	
Training	3,750	
Website	500	
Bank fees	32	
Total Expenditure		<u>(6,531)</u>
Net (Expenditure)		<u>(3,731)</u>
Closing bank balance 31/03/23		<u>£15,530</u>

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