

**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 2024**

## **Northern Ireland Regional Orthopaedic and Trauma Committee**

### **Legal and Administrative Information**

**Governing Document** Constitution

**Charity Registration Number :** 108615

**Administrative Address:** Andrew Foster, Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry NT47 6SB

**Trustees:** Mr Andrew Foster

Mr Graham Bailie

Ms Denise Shirley

Mr David Warnock

Mr Phil Charlwood

**Bankers:** Danske Bank, PO Box 183, Donegall Square West, Belfast. BT1 6JS

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

**Northern Ireland Regional Orthopaedic and Trauma Committee**  
**Trustees Annual Report - Period Ended 31 March 2024**

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 2024.

**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.

## **Northern Ireland Regional Orthopaedic and Trauma Committee**

### **Trustees Report (cont'd)**

#### **Achievement and Performance**

We have continued to act in accordance with our mandate. We have supported the Annual General Meeting of the NI regional orthopaedic and trauma committee. We have hosted the Martin Medal, a yearly meeting to assess the best research done by a trainee. The winner goes on to present at the Best of the Best at the British Orthopaedic Association. We have supported, as before, trainees in their fellowships so they can return to NI to provide better care to the population of the region.

#### **Plans for Future Periods**

We will continue to support the advancement of education and the enhancement of the knowledge of medical professionals, in particular, those working in the area of orthopaedic services.

#### **Financial Review**

The receipts and payments account shows the total income and expenditure for the period.

The opening bank balance was £15,530.

Total receipts were £6,062 with total payments being £10,069 to leave a closing bank balance of £11,523.

#### **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.

Signed: 

Date: 30/01/2025

**Northern Ireland Regional Orthopaedic and Trauma Committee**

**Receipts and Payments Account**

**Period ended 31 March 2024**

		<b>2024</b>
<b>Opening Balance 01/04/2023</b>		<b>£15,530</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>	
Member donations	4,562	
Sponsorship	1,500	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>6,062</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Catering	516	
Research awards	5,680	
Room hire	1,551	
Teleservice	144	
Website	2,146	
Bank fees	32	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b><u>(10,069)</u></b>
<b>Net (Expenditure)</b>		<b><u>(4,037)</u></b>
<b>Closing bank balance 31/03/24</b>		<b><u>£11,523</u></b>

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Date .....30/01/2025.....

