

Charity number: SC032028 (Scotland)

SCOTTISH SOCIETY FOR RHEUMATOLOGY
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Scottish Society for Rheumatology

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024

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Current Trustees



President
Secretary
Treasurer

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Societies Administrator
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Structure, governance and management

The society is a charitable unincorporated association and its purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution, dated 1st June 2001.

Trustees are the Honorary Officers of the Society. They comprise:

- President
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer

Candidates for election of Honorary Office shall require nomination of two Ordinary Members of the Society and are elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. They assume their duties on 1 January following. To be eligible for nomination as President a candidate must have been a member of the Society for not less than five years, and have served on the Council and one of its Committees.

Objectives and activities

The principal object of the Society is to promote the development of scientific knowledge about Rheumatology and the medical speciality of Rheumatology.

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Achievements and performance

The Society's main activities during the year comprised:

During the year two educational meetings were held, being open to all society members. The meeting in November 2023 as a Joint meeting with the Scottish Osteoporosis Specialist Network, which took place at Dunblane Hydro. This was a successful meeting with a focus on a variety of different topics including "Difficult to Treat Rheumatoid Arthritis", "Juvenile Inflammatory Arthritis", "The Frozen Shoulder", and two sessions on Giant Cell Arteritis. Original work was also presented in the form of oral and poster presentations. Three prizes were awarded (£100 each) for the best medical student presentation, the best overall oral presentation and the best poster presentation.

The Spring Meeting was held in May 2024 at Glasgow Caledonian University, with presentations from international experts on "MSUS examination of enthesitis, enthesitis prognosis, and responses to therapies" and "Forefoot bursitis and tenosynovitis in RA". National experts presented on "Understanding the pathogenesis of enthesitis, dactylitis and nail disease", "How physical activity effects multimorbidity outcomes in Rheumatology", "Advanced practice challenges and opportunities", "Reducing the pharmaceutical burden on the environment", "The Role of an Advanced Clinical Practitioner in an Early Inflammatory Arthritis Clinic", "HSD/hEDS : Translating Research Into Change" and "Workplace Wellness- Axial SpA Employment Audit / NASS Aspiring to Excellence Programme". A prizes was awarded (£100) for the best poster presentation.

During the year provision of grants to Allied Health Professionals and rheumatology specialist nurses for travel to and/or present at national and international educational meetings totalled £2,700. We continued to pay quarterly administration charges, and ongoing costs for website maintenance, totalling £4,458.90, to the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. Payments of £1,530.24 were made to medical journals to support publications of original articles on behalf of the society. We received membership subscriptions totalling £4,980. The sponsorship received £38,490 from the pharmaceutical industry and was used to support biannual educational meetings. We also received a direct donation from two individuals for £95 to be used to support the society.

Financial review

As a result of the surplus of £8,922 (2023 - £14,201 deficit), the association held unrestricted funds of £51,525 (2023 - £42,514) and restricted funds of £89 (2023 - £89) at the year end. The Trustees deem that maintaining this level of reserves is sufficient to meet the ongoing obligations of the charity.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Date

16/17 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts				
Subscriptions	4,980	-	4,980	4,980
Proceeds from meetings	42,633	-	42,633	32,650
Interest received	646	-	646	413
Other - refund Hilton	180	-	180	-
Donations	95	-	95	90
	<u>48,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,534</u>	<u>38,133</u>
Payments				
Professional Subscriptions	1,614	-	1,614	1,486
Meeting expenses	29,759	-	29,759	39,214
Prizes	300	-	300	996
Grants	2,700	-	2,700	1,796
General expenses - RCPE admin	4,459	-	4,459	8,817
Accounting Fees	780	-	780	25
	<u>39,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,612</u>	<u>52,334</u>
 Surplus / (Deficit)	 <u>8,922</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>8,922</u>	 <u>(14,201)</u>

The notes on page 5 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances as at 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Bank and cash in hand				
Opening balances	42,514	89	42,603	56,804
Surplus for year	8,922	-	8,922	(14,201)
Closing balances	<u>51,436</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>51,525</u>	<u>42,603</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
Reserves		
Unrestricted Funds	51,436	42,514
Restricted Funds	<u>89</u>	<u>89</u>
	<u>51,525</u>	<u>42,603</u>

The notes on page 6 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf


President

Date.....16/5/2025.....

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity. The closing balance of unrestricted funds stands at £51,436.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. In 2013, the society received a donation of £5,000 from Roche Pharmaceutical. The use of this donation was restricted to providing bursaries to members of the Allied Health Profession so they could attend meetings organised by the society. The balance carried forward within restricted funds at the year end was £89.

3 Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year.

During the year the charity paid expenses on behalf of the Trustees totalling £nil (2023 - £nil) in relation to travel expenses for society meetings.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Scottish Society for Rheumatology

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Use of our report

This report is made to the charity's board of trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of engagement. My work has been undertaken to enable me to undertake an independent examination of the charity's accounts on behalf of the charity's board of trustees 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 board of trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Dated: 21 March 2025

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