

Charity Registration No. 1075316

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION
(STIRF)**

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity number	1075316
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are:-

- to enhance the care and well being of individuals with sexually acquired infection including HIV by facilitating advancement in medical knowledge;
- to fund research to advance medical and scientific understanding and knowledge of sexually acquired infection including HIV and to disseminate and publish such research; and
- to promote the dissemination of knowledge on sexual health by encouraging and facilitating the publication of research and medical reviews in this field of medical practice.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Activity Report:

a. PhD Studentship.

STIRF-PhD 01. HPV vaccination for preventing cervical and other HPV-associated cancers: Comparing the knowledge and understanding of factors influencing initiation and completion of the UK and Ugandan school-based vaccination programme - Amanda Mason Jones

This 3 year PhD studentship was awarded to the University of York. A suitable applicant was appointed and commenced study at Warwick university in October 2019.

b. Projects currently being conducted

STIRF-041 Accessing testing for sexually transmitted infections online. Tommer Spence

This project from Birmingham was approved and due to commence in November 2019.

Mid-study report shows satisfactory progress, though they have had to adapt methodology to current pandemic conditions.

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c. Projects completed

STIRF 032 – Chem Sex, HIV, mental health and other health outcomes amongst gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) - Maurice Nagington

This project from Manchester was completed December 2019. Final report awaited.

STIRF-039 Exploring perspectives on provision and accessibility of Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in North England and the West Midlands - Marie Claire Van Hout

This project from Liverpool was commenced in 2017 and a satisfactory mid-term report received. A six-month extension was granted and the project finished in winter 2019. The results were published in two papers:

*Hillis, A., Germain, J., Hope, V., McVeigh, J., **Van Hout, MC** (2020). Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention among men who have sex with men (MSM): A scoping review on PrEP service delivery and programming. *AIDS and Behavior*. 24(11), pp. 3056-3070.*

*Hillis, A., Germain, J., Hibbert, M., Hope, V., **Van Hout, MC** (2020). 'Belt and braces approach; added benefit and...extra reassurance': An exploratory multi-stakeholder study on Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Northern England and the Midlands. *AIDS Care*. (accepted for publication)*

Achievements and performance

Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the attached financial statements.

The income for the financial year ended 5 April 2021 was £44,044 (2020: £50,059) whilst the expenditure was £34,291 (2020: £39,181). This resulted in a surplus for the year of £5,753 (2020: £10,878).

The accounts were independently examined by Garry Rutter FCA, Ormerod Rutter Limited, Chartered Accountants.

As in previous years the Trustees were heavily indebted to the Jo Li Trust for a significant grant towards their work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Future Developments

STIRF will continue to seek further co-operation with other relevant charities.

STIRF thanks the Jo Li Trust for continued financial contributions to STIRF.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic applications for research funds were cancelled for 2019. Applications have been invited for both PhD studentships and research projects for 2021. Only applications that address the relationship of Covid-19 pandemic to sexual health will be considered. Applicants who had already applied for the 2019 round were invited to reapply for the 2021 if desired taking account of the new conditions.

STIRF has made funding application for the Public Health England Innovation Fund, which this year focuses specifically on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities. Applications are only considered if made by registered charities.

Structure, governance and management

Charity is governed by the declaration of trust dated 9 September 1998 as varied by supplemental deed dated 26th March 1999.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Mr C Jordan	(Resigned 15 December 2021)
Dr M Shahmanesh	
Professor J D C Ross	
Dr A Palfreeman	
Dr M Page	
Dr R Caswell	

Current Board of Trustees consist of seven persons.

Secretarial assistance

Ms Leslie Organ continued to provide valuable secretarial assistance to the Hon Secretary.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Dr R Caswell

Trustee

Dated: 6 JAN 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) (the charity) for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

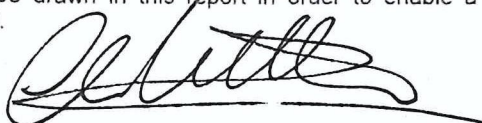
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Garry Rutter

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Dated: 12.1.2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
	Notes		
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	40,010	50,000
Investments	3	34	59
Total income		40,044	50,059
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	4	34,291	39,181
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		5,753	10,878
Fund balances at 6 April 2020		133,507	122,629
Fund balances at 5 April 2021		139,260	133,507

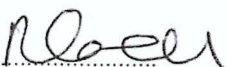
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		139,260		133,507	
Net current assets			139,260		133,507
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds - general</u>					
Designated funds	7	-		40,000	
General unrestricted funds		139,260		93,507	
			139,260		133,507
			139,260		133,507

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 31-12-2021


Dr R Caswell
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Sexually Transmitted Infection Research Foundation (STIRF) is an unincorporated charity.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have been prepared under a receipts and payments convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

All income is recognised on receipt in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenses are included in the financial statements when they have been paid in accordance with the receipts and payments basis.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Donations and gifts	40,010	50,000

3 Investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest received	34	59

4 Charitable activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Project 039	-	24,429
PhD Studentship	30,000	10,000
Project 041	3,881	3,880
	33,881	38,309
Share of support costs (see note 5)	360	360
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	50	512
	34,291	39,181

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5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Website costs	360	-	360	360
Independent examiners fees	-	-	-	462
Secretarial services	-	50	50	50
	<u>360</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>872</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>360</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>872</u>

All support costs are attributable to the single charitable activity and have therefore been allocated in full to this activity.

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				
	Balance at 6 April 2019	Incoming resources	Balance at 6 April 2020	Transfers	Balance at 5 April 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated grant funding	40,000	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a donation of £40,000 (2020: £50,000) from the Jo Li Trust, a charity of which Dr Mohsen Shahmanesh is a trustee.