Charity number: 1145101

# **BRITISH MATERNAL AND FETAL MEDICINE SOCIETY**

# UNAUDITED

# TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

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# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

**Trustees** 

Mr M Taylor (resigned 4 October 2021)

Dr K Morris, President (appointed 4 October 2021)

Dr E Ferriman, Secretary Dr T Johnston, Treasurer

**Charity registered** 

number

1145101

Principal office

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG)

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**Accountants** 

Haslers

Chartered Accountants

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#### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society for the 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) as it applies to charities completing accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

#### Objectives and activities

#### a. Policies and objectives

The society will address its aims through the following means:

- The organisation of an annual conference
- The support of members' research work through the BMFMS research bursaries
- The support of the clinical study groups aligned to the aims of the BMFMS

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

#### b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The Society usually organises a 2-day annual scientific meeting, during which the AGM is held. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, BMFMS did not hold an annual conference in 2021, this has had a financial impact on this year's income. As a result of the inability to hold an annual conference, a decision was made to suspend the bursaries as the financial position was not clear.

#### Achievements and performance

#### a. Review of activities

This has been another good year for the Charity, with the membership numbers rising. The Charitable aims of BMFMS continue to be reflected in the significant developments of the past year as follows:

The following is also available to BMFMS members:

Continuing development of an improved website. This helps fulfil one of our Charitable aims by increasing access for education, communication, advice and support, for Members and patients.

The Charity's finances are sound, and the annual financial report is attached. There are unrestricted funds of £236,793. During the year, the total income was £105,124 with expenditure at £46,342.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### Financial review

#### a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

#### b. Reserves policy

The charity holds no fixed assets or trade debtors. The only funds held by the charity are available as cash at short notice. The reserves are all unrestricted and will be used to ensure that the charity can meet its growing training and course commitments in the future.

#### c. Principal funding

The charity receives most of its funding from annual membership fees and course income. This income has been used to facilitate the organisation of the courses and cover in the administration costs of the society.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### Structure, governance and management

#### a. Constitution

The Society

The Society shall be known as the British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society. Hereafter in the document it will be referred to as "The Society".

#### **Objects**

To advance education in the subject of maternal and fetal medicine and to preserve and protect good health by encouraging improved standards of pregnancy care,

#### **Aims**

The Society aims to provide a forum where issues of relevance to Obstetricians and other professionals involved in maternity care are discussed. In particular, the Society seeks to

- Disseminate knowledge
- Promote research and audit
- Establish good quality training programmes
- Encourage development of clinical guidelines.

The ultimate goal is to encourage improved standards of maternity care.

The Society will provide a Maternal and Fetal Medicine input to the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) including advice on training in obstetrics and special interest / subspecialty training in Maternal and Fetal Medicine. The Society will also make representation to other Colleges and national bodies when appropriate, including providing relevant stakeholder feedback on relevant national documents and guidance.

The Society will develop links to other relevant professional societies with the aim of disseminating knowledge and improving standards of care for pregnant women.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### Structure, governance and management (continued)

#### b. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

#### Membership

Membership is open to any professional involved in maternity care. There will be no limit to the size of membership. To become a member, a completed application form must be submitted to the Society's Coordinator, along with the appropriate annual subscription fee. Subscription rates are set by the Society and revised periodically. Concessionary membership rates will be available for midwives and non-clinicians. Continued membership involves the payment of the annual subscription fee. Membership will be terminated if there is failure to pay the annual subscription. The Officers have the right to terminate membership under exceptional circumstances.

#### Society Officers and Committee Structure

The Officers are the charity trustees (the "Trustees").

#### Roles of Officers

#### The President will:

- Be the principal spokesperson for the Society
- Be the named stakeholder when the Society registers involvement in discussions with other Societies or national bodies
- · Chair Officer meetings
- Chair the Annual General Meeting
- Be responsible for the accuracy of the minutes of meetings.

#### The Secretary will:

- Be responsible for coordinating the activities of the Trustees
- Be responsible for the production of the minutes of the Trustees and Annual General Meetings
- Collaborate closely with the appointed Conference Organiser
- Act as deputy to the President in terms of representing the Society at relevant meetings.

#### The Treasurer will:

- Be responsible for the Society's finances and producing an annual audit of accounts at the Annual General Meetings.
- Advise the Trustees about financial issues e.g. when subscription rates need to be raised
- Advise about the registration fee or any surcharge necessary for Annual Meetings of the Society, to
  ensure that these Meetings do not run at a financial loss and generate some income for the Society

There shall be a Committee which will act as an advisory body to the Trustees with delegated authority to manage and direct day to day operational matters in accordance with its Terms of Reference. The Committee will comprise of 19 members, drawn wherever possible from England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

#### Appointment of Committee Members

- 1. Notification of vacancies or new appointments to the Committee will be circulated to Society members (by email or web posting).
- 2. Candidates, with their agreement, must be nominated by 2 Society members (by email return of signed nomination paper)

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### Structure, governance and management (continued)

- 3. A voting paper with details of candidates will be circulated (by email or web posting).
- 4. Votes will take place via an electronic vote.
- 5. Members can only vote once for each vacancy advertised.

The Society's Officers and Committee members will be elected by the membership of the Society for a term of three years.

The President may not be re-elected, but other Officers and Committee members may be re-elected once for a second three-year term.

If a Committee member wishes to be re-elected after the first term, the post does not need to be advertised providing the re-election is supported by two other Committee members. Elections for the position of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer must be advertised.

The post must be advertised for election after the Committee member has been in the post for six years. A willing person can serve a third term, if no other candidates come forward for election.

The Committee reserves the right to allow flexibility in the timing of appointments, to ensure continuity within the Committees. It is anticipated that no more than four committee members will change in one year.

#### **Committee Membership:**

- President
- Honorary Secretary
- Treasurer
- Scientific representative
- Trainee representative x 2
- District General Hospital representative x 2
- Abstract Co-ordinator
- Prize Co-ordinator
- Maternal Medicine representative x 2
- Labour & Delivery representative x 2
- Pregnancy Outcome representative x 2
- Fetal Medicine representative x 2
- Education and Training representative

In addition, there may be up to six ex officio members:

- Representative of the Royal College of Midwives (RCM)
- Representative of the British Association of Perinatal Medicine (BAPM)
- Website co-ordinator
- Technology co-ordinator
- Representative of the British Intrapartum Care Society
- Representation from MacDonald Obstetric Medicine Society (MOMS)

Ex-officio members representing the RCM and BAPM will be elected by their respective organisations for a period of three years but may be re-elected once for a second three-year term. The appointment of other ex-officio members is at the discretion of the Committee. Such appointments will usually be for a period of three years.

In addition to the above, a representative of the Conference Organiser may be invited to attend Committee Meetings where appropriate.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### Structure, governance and management (continued)

The quorum for Committee Meetings is 12 out of 19 members, with at least 2 officers.

The Committee will meet at least twice during the year, as necessary to fulfil its functions. The functions of the Committee will be as follows:

- Development of Maternal and Fetal Medicine special interest and subspecialty training
- Identification / provision of BMFMS representatives for RCOG and other relevant national committees
- Organisation of the Annual Meeting of the Society
- Organisation of joint meetings with other Societies /Groups.

#### Working Groups

The Trustees may draw up small Working Groups, usually chaired by a Trustee, where an issue is identified needing consultation and discussion. Members of these Groups will be co-opted from the Society's wider membership. These Groups will report to the Trustees and their continued existence will be reviewed on an annual basis.

#### **Society Coordinator**

The Society will employ a Coordinator whose functions will be:

- Keeping a full and up-to-date membership list
- Collecting the annual subscriptions
- Deal with the day to day financial matters pertaining to the Society
- Keeping a permanent record of the Minutes of all Society Meetings
- Keeping on file copies of all correspondence relevant to the Society, including Committee minutes.
- Communicating with the Society's members via mail, website posting or email when there are items of news to be disseminated from the Trustees or Committees, or where the members' views need to be canvassed about a subject.
- In liaison with the Website Coordinator, maintaining an up-to-date Society website, in liaison with any
  persons or company employed for that purpose

The Society Coordinator will usually be present at Trustee and Committee meetings.

#### **Conference Organisers**

The Trustees will appoint Conference Organisers to deal with the practical arrangements of their Annual Meeting (selecting conference venues, negotiating rates of hire, identifying suitable accommodation, publicity, registration, trade exhibitions etc). The Trustees will review contracts periodically.

The Conference Organisers will participate in parts of Trustee meetings relevant to Conference Organisation and take minutes accordingly.

### **Change in Constitution**

- 1. Any change in the Constitution must be proposed at least 2 months in advance of the Annual General Meeting to the Trustees and have a seconder who must also be a Member of the Society.
- 2. The decision on the proposal will be on the basis of a straight majority vote of those attending the Annual General Meeting.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### 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 & 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 period. 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 12 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr T Johnston

#### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 January 2022

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 2011 Act.

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report 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 Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: Laura Ambrose FCA

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Dated: 12 September 2022

Haslers Old Station Road Loughton Essex IG10 4PL

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	726	726	-
Charitable activities		27,882	27,882	26,992
Investments	3	16	16	94
Other income	4	76,500	76,500	37,044
Total income		105,124	105,124	64,130
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		46,342	46,342	24,771
Total expenditure		46,342	46,342	24,771
Net movement in funds		58,782	58,782	39,359
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		178,011	178,011	138,652
Net movement in funds		58,782	58,782	39,359
Total funds carried forward		236,793	236,793	178,011

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

Current assets	Note		2022 £		2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand		236,793		178,011	
		236,793		178,011	
Net current assets			236,793		178,011
Total assets less current liabilities			236,793		178,011
Total net assets			236,793		178,011
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	9		-		=
Unrestricted funds	9		236,793		178,011
Total funds			236,793		178,011

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 12 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr T Johnston

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### 1. Accounting policies

### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

#### 1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

#### 1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 1.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

#### 1.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.6 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 1.7 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

#### 2. Income from donations and legacies

		 Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations		726	726	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

3.	Investment income				
			Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
	Bank interest		16	16	94
	Total 2021		94	. 94	
4.	Other incoming resources				
			Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
	Income from joint RCOG/BMFMS meetings		58,643	58,643	27,226
	Twins Trust		17,857	17,857	9,818
			76,500	76,500	37,044
	Total 2021		37,044	37,044	
5.	Analysis of expenditure by activities				· ·
		Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
	Promoting education and research	9,777	36,564	46,341	24,771
	Total 2021	1,260	23,511	24,771	

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Bursaries	9,777	9,777	1,260
Total 2021	1,260	1,260	
Analysis of support costs			
	Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	23,815	23,815	14,329

		£	£	£
Staff costs	•	23,815	23,815	- 14,329
Bank charges		-	-	30
Postage			-	. 2
General expenses		616	616	250
Committee expenses		2,111	2,111	1,644
Professional fees		4,604	4,604	3,659
Conference expenses		648	648	1,970
Catering			-	34
Rent		4,770	4,770	1,593
,		36,564	36,564	23,511
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Total 2021		23,511	23,511	
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# 6. Independent examiner's remuneration

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	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	2,730	2,600

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

#### 7. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	20,139	12,117
Social security costs	3,676	2,212
	23,815	14,329
The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was	as follows:	
	2022	2021

No. No. Administrative 1

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

#### 8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 January 2022, expenses totalling £540 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2021 - £NIL) This related to a committee lunch in the year.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

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9.	Statement of funds				
	Statement of funds - current year				
		Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
	Unrestricted funds				
	General Funds	178,011 ———	105,474	(46,692)	236,793
	Statement of funds - prior year				
		Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
	Unrestricted funds				
	General Funds	138,652	64,129	(24,770)	178,011
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10.	Summary of funds				
	Summary of funds - current year				
		Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
	General funds	178,011	105,474	(46,692)	236,793
	Summary of funds - prior year				
	F.	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
	General funds	138,652	64,129	(24,770)	178,011
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

# 11. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year		
	Unrestricted funds 2022	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	236,793	236,793
Total	236,793	236,793
Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year		
	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	178,011	178,011
Total	178,011	178,011