Aniridia Network

(Registered charity, number 1176792)

Financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Aniridia Network Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Full name Aniridia Network

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1176792

Principal address 22 Cornish House, Adelaide Lane, Sheffield, S3 8BJ

Trustees (held office throughout year unless noted otherwise)

Katie Atkinson, Chair James Buller, Trustee Andrew Baghurst, Trustee, from September 2021 Dave McKay, Trustee, April to September 2021 Eleanor Burke, Trustee, April to June 2021

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its governing document adopted 23/01/2018.

Trustees are recruited via adverts on the Aniridia Network's communications channels to members and followers. Trustees are appointed by members at Annual General Meetings or, on an interim basis, co-opted by the existing trustees (in accordance with the charity's governing document).

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, in the British Isles:

- (1) the protection and advancement of health, of people with aniridia, in particular but not exclusively by:
 - (a) promoting and facilitating research into the causes, effects and treatments of aniridia
 - (b) providing information to educate people with aniridia, their family members and relevant professionals about the causes, effects, treatments and management of aniridia.
- (2) the relief of people suffering from aniridia and their families, in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) providing a network of families, individuals and professionals in order to share: ideas, knowledge and experiences plus give practical and emotional support
- (b) providing information and services to people with aniridia, their family members and relevant professionals regarding education, health, employment and social security plus life skills relevant to having aniridia.
- (3) the education of the public, in all areas relating to aniridia by:
 - (a) publicising the needs, stories and achievements of people affected by and working with aniridia

For the purpose of this clause 'aniridia' means the genetic conditions causing iris defects (such as aniridia and iris hypoplasia) usually causing visual impairment. Where they occur in people with aniridia it also encompasses related conditions such as: dry eye, keratopathy, nystagmus, cataracts, glaucoma, auditory processing disorder and WAGR.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Aniridia Network supports people in the UK affected by aniridia: those who have it plus their family, carers, doctors, educators and others. The charity wants all these people to be hopeful, confident, supported and well informed regarding aniridia. For them we: organise conferences, meetups and befriending, provide access to professionals and distribute or signpost to useful information.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

Enquiries – 8 medical enquiries on a variety of topics, 2 enquiries regarding Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

Befriending – 20 individuals interacted with the befriending service, 9 parent information packs were sent out and 15 buddy relationships were set up.

Education – 5 pupil passports issued, 2 EHCP resources issued, 2 pupil passports and EHCP resources issued to teachers of the visually impaired, work progressing on new resource to support parents with babies with aniridia.

Conference – integrated in to the 5th European Aniridia Conference, a 2-day event with 45 speakers over 43 sessions, 353 attendees and 10 patients/parents benefited from 25-minute video clinics with Moorfields Eye Hospital consultants.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Andrew Baghurst, Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of **Aniridia Network** for the year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Aniridia Network (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 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 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 Act: or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

_ Date 19/07/2022 Signed _

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Aniridia Network Receipts & payments account for the year ended 31 March 2022

2021 Total Funds £	No Receipts		restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
5394	•	2	8757	13428	22185
-	Exchange rate gains		2	-	2
5394	Total receipts		8759	13428	22187
	Payments				
-	Training		220	_	220
102	Conference		-	10273	10273
-	Conference - transfer to Aniridia Sp	ain	-	3485	3485
-	Conference - returned to funders		-	1933	1933
-	Internal services - Education		18	-	18
455	Internal services - IT		293	-	293
107	Membership fees		50	-	50
185	Insurance		-	-	-
-	Postage		178	-	178
-	Election Fees		2487	-	2487
226	Marketing		-	-	-
11	Bank Fees		3	269	272
316	Website Fees		286	-	286
	Volunteer awards		40		40_
1402	Total payments		3575	15960	19535
3991	Net receipts/(payments)		5184	(2533)	2651
45400	Cash funds at start of this period		46581	2810	49391
<u> </u>	Transfers between funds		277	(277)	
49391	Cash funds at end of this period	-	52042	0	52042

Aniridia Network Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 March 2022

2021 £ 49391 49391	Cash assets Bank accounts	2022 £ 52042 52042
414	Assets retained for the charity's own use General equipment.	414
<u>-</u> <u>-</u>	Liabilities Creditors - Independent examination fee	(420) (420)

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Andrew Baghurst, Trustee

Aniridia Network Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
CAF Donate	3142	-	3142
CafePress	19	-	19
Everyclick	21	-	21
Justgiving	1053	-	1053
Paypal Giving Fund	10	-	10
Other	4512	-	4512
NSS grant and donations for EAC		13428	13428
	8757	13428	22185

3. Funds analysis

, ,	Opening balance	Receipts (Payments)		Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
European Aniridia Conference	2810	13428	(15960)	(277)	-
·	2810	13428	(15960)	(277)	-
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	46581	8759	(3575)	277	52042
	46581	8759	(3575)	277	52042

The transfer from the European Aniridia Conference fund to the General fund reflects the release of restrictions on the use of a portion of a donation.

4. Premises & staff

The Aniridia Network has no staff employed and no premises.

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

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7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.