

Charity Registration No. 1075316

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

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION RESEARCH FOUNDATION (STIRF)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Dr M Shahmanesh Professor J D C Ross Dr A Palfreeman Dr M Page Dr R Caswell Miss L Jackson
Charity number	1075316
Principal address	Whittall Street Clinic Whittall Street Birmingham B4 6DH
Independent examiner	Garry Rutter The Oakley Kidderminster Road Droitwich Worcestershire WR9 9AY

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2022.

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 (Xola Potelva) was appointed and commenced study in October 2019. The 2022 reports have been received and are satisfactory.

STIRF-PhD 03. Study to investigate international students' access, outcomes and experiences of sexual and reproductive health care whilst studying in a university in the UK, and to identify how these factors have been influenced by COVID-19

STIRF agreed to part-fund a three-year PhD Studentship for Chloe Roesch at Department of Health Social Work, Care and Community, at Nottingham Trent University.

The sum approved is £26,930 to be paid over three years. Commence October 2021. Awaiting 2022 report.

b: Projects currently being conducted.

STIRF-050 A comparative study of the performance of ESwab™ versus direct inoculation for the detection of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in patients presenting to a level 3 Genitourinary Medicine (GU) clinic – Sally Jewsbury

Sum awarded: £9,135.91

Project approved and awarded as part of 2021 funding round. Awaiting annual report.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

Financial review

The income for the financial year 2021-2022 was £45,544.70. The accounts were independently examined by Garry Rutter FCA, Ormerod Rutter Chartered Accountants. The trustees spent £31,406.00 on projects and related costs.

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

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.

Applications were invited for both PhD studentships and research projects for 2023. Awaiting completion of peer review process.

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	
Miss L Jackson	

Current Board of Trustees consist of six 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 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 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: 27 January 2023

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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 2022.

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).

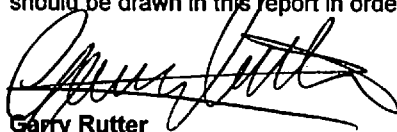
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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

FCA

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Dated: 31/01/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
	Notes		
<u>Income from:</u>			
Donations and legacies	2	45,545	40,010
Investments	3	12	34
Total income		<u>45,557</u>	<u>40,044</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>			
Charitable activities	4	<u>31,406</u>	<u>34,291</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		14,151	5,753
Fund balances at 6 April 2021		<u>139,260</u>	<u>133,507</u>
Fund balances at 5 April 2022		<u><u>153,411</u></u>	<u><u>139,260</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		153,411		139,260	
Net current assets			153,411		139,260
Income funds					
<u>Unrestricted funds - general</u>					
Designated funds	7	-		-	
General unrestricted funds		153,411		139,260	
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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 January 2023



Dr R. Caswell
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

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.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Donations and gifts	45,545	40,010

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3 Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest received	12	34

4 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
PhD Studentship	30,000	30,000
Project 041	-	3,881
	30,000	33,881
Share of support costs (see note 5)	432	360
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	974	50
	31,406	34,291

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This 3 year PhD studentship was awarded to the University of York. A suitable applicant (Xola Potelva) was appointed and commenced study in October 2019. The 2020 and 2021 reports have been received and are satisfactory.

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

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

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5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Website costs	432	-	432	360
Independent examiners fees	-	924	924	-
Secretarial services	-	50	50	50
	<u>432</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>1,406</u>	<u>410</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>432</u>	<u>974</u>	<u>1,406</u>	<u>410</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:

	Balance at 6 April 2020	Transfers	Balance at 6 April 2021	Movement in funds Incoming resources	Balance at 5 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated grant funding	40,000	(40,000)	-	-	-
	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a donation of £40,000 (2021: £40,000) from the Jo Li Trust, a charity of which Dr Mohsen Shahmanesh is a trustee.