

# MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

(A charitable company limited by guarantee)

## **Unaudited Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31st March 2016**

***Registered Company Number: 07818480***

***Registered Charity Number: 1145214***

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## Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st March, 2016

The Directors, who are also trustees, submit their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2016.

### Results

The results for the year and the financial position of the company ("MDSUK") are shown in the annexed financial statements. The company is a non-profit distributing company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity (No, 1145214).

### Principal activities and objectives of the charity

The charity's principal activities during the year under review relate to the support of individuals suffering from Myelodysplastic Syndrome ("MDS"), which is a rare blood cancer. The activities were previously carried on by a trust with the same name and were taken over by the company with effect from 1st April, 2012. The objects of the charity are:

- (i) To relieve the sickness and preserve, promote and protect the health of sufferers of MDS in the United Kingdom through the provision of support, education and practical advice.
- (ii) To advance the education of the general public in the United Kingdom in all areas in relation to MDS.
- (iii) To promote and support scientific research into MDS and its treatment together with the care of MDS sufferers and those disposed to the development of MDS.

### Achievements and performance

The Charity's main activities are the operation and maintenance of a website, the telephone helpline and e-mail support, regional and national group meetings as well as the Facebook page. MDS (UK) has continued to increase its advocacy work at both UK and European levels where it affects UK issues. All of these activities provide support and information to MDS sufferers and their families.

Features of this year included; an additional national forum in Manchester followed by the creation of a new local group; publishing an in depth patient booklet in co-operation with two other organisations; attendance at GP information meetings to raise awareness of MDS and preparation for the formation of new local groups in Scotland, Derby and Leeds to improve national coverage.

The website has been revised and developed to enable easier editing and maintenance.

Two regular contract team members have joined to cover editing of the website and production of the newsletters. A further volunteer has also joined the team to deal with accounts and administration.

We are trying to fill the vacancy for a full time project support worker but this is proving difficult at the current time. The increase in resources will enable us to expand activities in 2016/17.

The amount of funds raised has significantly increased compared to the previous year. This is due to successful events set up by patients and their relatives and generous donations from members and memorials. This has compensated for the lower level of unrestricted educational grants received from the pharmaceutical companies.



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The MDS UK Patient Research Project continues to receive completed questionnaires to be analysed at a later stage.

MDS UK promoted the fifth 'MDS World Awareness Day' in conjunction with international colleagues and the MDS Alliance. This event will continue to be marked in the future.

The charity has promoted its services and activities at multiple educational events throughout the UK, to groups of patients, nurses, physicians and pharma industry, through presentations and information stands.

The MDS Patient Handbook collaboration project with Leukemia CARE and Bloodwise (formerly Leukemia and Lymphoma Research) has been completed and the booklet has been distributed to main hospitals

MDS UK continued to be actively involved at European and International level through organisations such as EMA (European Medicines Agency), ESH (European School of Haematology), EHA (European Haematology Association and ASH (American Society of Haematology), plus other MDS overseas groups. MDS Alliance activities have again increased, with MDS UK being a founder member and one of the core members due to experience and success in the UK. The formal co-operation will be of particular importance with regards to EMA licensing of new drugs.

### Financial Review

The principal funding resources for the charity are by way of grants income, donations and fundraising.

Total income for the year of £118,455 was 46% higher than the previous year (2014/15 - £81,010). This was due to increased support through donations and activities which compensated for lower grant income. Expenditure has not significantly increased so there was a surplus of £34,950 compared with the £5 deficit in the previous year.

Total expenditure was £83,505 for the year (2014/15 - £81,015). Expenditure on activities was nearly double that of last year due to increased expenditure on newsletters, literature, a new national forum in Manchester, increased expenditure on local support groups and more representation at conferences. The increase in activity expenditure was offset by lower staff costs as the project worker seconded from Kings College, London left during the year and the recruitment of a replacement was still ongoing at the end of the year.

MDS UK is extremely grateful for the support it receives from all its donors including Celgene and Novartis and for the enthusiasm and dedication of all those involved in the charity or who have campaigned and raised funds on its behalf. Without their support the charity would not be able to continue to offer hope and support to many thousands of MDS sufferers.

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### Public Benefit

The directors have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the above aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

### Governing document and company status

The entity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 21st October 2011.

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company who are directors are listed below. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

### Appointment of Directors

New directors are proposed by existing directors. The number of directors shall not be less than three and is not subject to any maximum.

### Reserves Policy

The reserves are held to meet any future funding requirements of the charity in relation to the maintenance and expansion of its activities. Our current level of net unrestricted funds of £277,973 meets this objective. The directors monitor the level of reserves on a timely basis.

### Grants Received

Grants have been received from the pharmaceutical companies, Celgene Limited and Novartis Limited. The grants are unrestricted and comply with the Code of Practice for the UK Pharmaceutical Industry.

### Risk Assessment

The directors have assessed the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate, where possible, those risks identified. The principal risk is that the level of activities undertaken by the charity is dependent on the level of funding received.

### Decision Making Structure

Decisions concerning the charity are made jointly by the directors/trustees.

**Principal address**                      Haematology - Bessemer Wing (Ground Floor), Kings College Hospital.  
**and registered office:**              Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS.

The following directors have held office since 1st April 2015:

Rodney Taylor  
Sophie Wintrich  
Fiona Pirilla  
John Taylor  
Don Barrett  
Russell Cook



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## Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st March, 2016

### Directors' responsibilities

The directors (who are also trustees for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the 2015 Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (FRSSE).

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources and outgoing resources of the company for that period.

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

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)
- (iii) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iv) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

On behalf of the Board



Director

Date

17th Sept 2016

# MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

Unaudited Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31st March, 2016.

		2016 £	2015 £
	Note	Total	Total
<b>Income from</b>			
Donations and similar incoming resources	3	104,443	42,934
Grants	4	13,612	37,750
Investment income	5	400	326
<b>Total income</b>		<b>118,455</b>	<b>81,010</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
Raising Funds	6	4,141	1,901
Charitable activities	7	78,821	78,303
Other	10	543	811
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>83,505</b>	<b>81,015</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>34,950</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		243,023	243,028
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>277,973</b>	<b>243,023</b>

All amounts relate to continuing activities

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements

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## Unaudited Balance sheet As at 31st March 2016.

		2016 £	2015 £
	Note	Total	Total
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors	12	12,582	3,282
Current asset investments	13	225,559	150,209
Cash at bank and in hand		55,078	113,602
<b>Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and accruals	14	-15,246	-24,070
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>277,973</u>	<u>243,023</u>
<b>The Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		277,973	243,023
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>277,973</u>	<u>243,023</u>

For the year ending 31st March 2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and its members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act in respect of accounting records and the preparation of financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 9 were approved by the board of directors on the 3rd June and authorised for issue and signed on its behalf by:

R Taylor  
Director



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# MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

Unaudited notes to the financial statements as at 31st March 2016

## 1) Accounting policies

### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the 2015 Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (FRSSE) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standards No 1 from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemption for small companies available in Section 38 to 383 of the Companies Act 2006.

### Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted and are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

### Incoming resources

Income represents income attributable to the activities of the charity when:

- The Charity becomes entitled to the donation or similar income and any conditions for receipt are met;
- The directors are reasonably certain that they will receive it; and
- The directors are reasonably certain that the value can be reliably measured.

### Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

### Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities includes expenditure incurred in the delivery of activities and services for beneficiaries and all the support costs as shown in note 9.

### Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include legal and professional fees and the costs of the AGM and governance meetings

### Going Concern

The directors are not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern and have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future as the charity will continue in operation only if it has received sufficient income from investments and donations

### Cash flow Statement

Due to its size, the charity is not required to present a Cash flow Statement under the Financial Reporting standards.

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## 2) Directors Remuneration

The charity reimbursed Kings College Hospital Trust for emoluments of £34,829 and pension contributions of £4993 in respect of Sophie Wintrich, the Chief Executive.

The other directors neither received or waived any emoluments.

The charity meets the expenses incurred by directors in carrying out their duties. During the year three directors had expenses met by the charity totaling £1,807 in respect of travel and subsistence. These are included in note 7.

## 3) Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources.

	2016 £ Total	2015 £ Total
Donations (including Gift Aid)	101,481	42,934
Event Income	2,962	-
	<u>104,443</u>	<u>42,934</u>

## 4) Grants

Novartis	12,304	-
Celgene Limited	1,308	37,750
	<u>13,612</u>	<u>37,750</u>

## 5) Investment Income

Bank Interest Received	<u>400</u>	<u>326</u>
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## 6) Costs of raising funds

Advertising and promotion	<u>4,141</u>	<u>1,901</u>
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## 7) Costs of activities for charitable objectives

Reimbursed staff costs	49,740	63,625
Website	758	478
Newsletter	11,241	5,592
Literature and Information Sheets	3,746	836
National Forums	5,746	4,546
Local Support Groups	1,088	543
Conference Participation	2,653	-
Travel and expenses	2,200	1,255
Support costs (Note 8)	1,649	1,428
	<u>78,821</u>	<u>78,303</u>

## 8) Staff Costs and Emoluments

The charity does not have any employees , but it paid Kings College Hospital for the services of a project worker until the end of September and Kings College Hospital Trust for the services of the chief executive.

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## 9) Support Costs

	2016	2015
	£	£
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stationery and postage	476	638
Telephone and broadband	703	468
Office computer and software	288	65
Sundry expenses	182	257
	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,428</u>

## 10) Other costs

AGM & governance meetings	530	949
Accountancy fees	-	-151
Legal Fees	13	13
	<u>543</u>	<u>811</u>

## 11) Taxation

The company is a registered charity with no liability to tax arising in the year.

## 12) Debtors

Tax recoverable on Gift Aid	-	3,282
Grant from Novartis	12,304	-
Prepayments	278	-
	<u>12,582</u>	<u>3,282</u>

## 13) Current asset investments

Nationwide Building Society Deposit	75,209	150,209
CCLA Charities Deposit	75,188	-
Scottish Widows Deposit	75,162	-
	<u>225,559</u>	<u>150,209</u>

## 14) Creditors

Accruals	<u>15,246</u>	<u>24,070</u>
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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report on the accounts of MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP for the year ended 31st March 2016, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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, seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

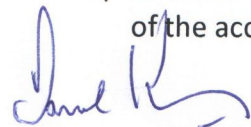
### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and reporting by Charities

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.



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Date

27 September 2016