



The Hidradenitis Suppurativa Trust

Trustees Annual Report

Year ended 4th April 2013

Charity No: 1128167

SC041828

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Reference and administrative Information

Trustees

Mrs Tara Burton (Chair of trustees)

Mr James Burton

Mrs Pat Allen

Mrs Jennifer Cooper

Miss Kerry Campbell

Mr Pete Cooper

Medical Advisors

Dr Nemesha Desai (Consultant Dermatologist)

Debbie Brown (Medical Dermatology Clinical Nurse Specialist)

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 4th April 2013

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2013. The financial statements and reports have been prepared in accordance with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 1993 and the Statement Of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is registered with England and Wales, number 1128167, and also Scotland SC041828 and is constituted by Trust Deed dated 19th September 2007. Formed by a sufferer of Hidradenitis Suppurativa and family in early 2007, the charity actively fundraises in order to fund its charitable purposes of raising awareness, education and support for the chronic skin disorder Hidradenitis Suppurativa. During 2012 it was decided by all Trustees that we should re-brand from the British Association for Hidradenitis Suppurativa to the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Trust. This was undertaken during November 2012.

New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees, and may serve until such time when they resign, or are evicted from the board of trustees. In accordance with the trust deed dated 19th September 2007, there must be a minimum of 3 trustees serving the charity at any one time.

On appointment, a new trustee is required to sign a declaration, confirming their eligibility to become a trustee, and is presented with an induction pack containing the charity's trust deed, conflict of interest policy, trustee expenses policy, harassment policy, statement of accounts, and the Charity Commission publication; The Essential Trustee: What you need to know.

The trustees all give their time freely and voluntarily, receiving no salaries. Details of trustee remunerations are included in the statement of accounts. All trustees are required to disclose any conflict of interest in accordance with charity policy, and are excluded from decisions when such interest arises.

The Hidradenitis Suppurativa Trust are regulated members of both the Fundraising Standards Board and the Institute of Fundraising, and are committed to best practice in fundraising. We promise to always be honest, open and accountable in our fundraising, helping supporters to give with confidence. For more information, visit www.givewithconfidence.org.uk.

Risk Management

The Charity continues to assess the current risks to which the charity is exposed, and has established systems and procedures to manage those risks.

Through the risk management process, the trustees are satisfied that all risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary, and reasonable steps have been taken to manage such risks in the future.

Charitable objectives and activities for public benefit

The objects of the charity are to advance the education and awareness of Hidradenitis Suppurativa, to both the general public and the general medical profession. The charity will also be compiling a grant making policy for the purpose of funding research into treatment and cure at such time when sufficient funds allow funding to take place. The trustees confirm that they have referred to guidance provided by the Charity Commission in regards to public benefit.

In order to help achieve our charitable objectives, the charity has actively promoted the awareness of Hidradenitis Suppurativa by;

- Producing and providing literature in hard copy to Dermatologist departments, general practitioners and patients.
- Providing up-to-date information and research resources by electronic means via the charity website.
- Actively promoting awareness of Hidradenitis Suppurativa through the public media.
- Producing and selling charity branded awareness products via the charity website.
- Promoting the charity's Blue Ribbon Awareness Campaign.

All charitable objectives and activities are in place to ultimately benefit the sufferers of this chronic skin disorder.

Volunteers

The Hidradenitis Suppurativa Trust would like to thank the fundraisers and volunteers for their time and efforts, helping to raise the vital funds required in order to achieve our charitable objectives. In particular John McNeece and fellow Freemasons for donations totalling £2853. Congratulations to James Burton, Paul Hutchison, Emma Goble, Rachel Young and Day Wells for completing the Adidas Silverstone Half Marathon in March 2013, raising further funds.

During 2013, we will continue to implement new policies for volunteers, in order to offer specific volunteering opportunities to the general public

Advancements

During 2012, it was discussed that there is a lack of emotional support for patients with mental illness associated with HS. Jennifer Cooper (Trustee) decided to undertake the task of becoming a professional psychologist, and, with a fantastic grant from BAD, we were able to secure her a place within a counselling course. She has an agreement with the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Trust to ensure that we will be able to offer counselling to patients if they fall into a position to require this. All services by Jennifer Cooper will be voluntary. Training is due to end 2014, by which time we will have plans in place to ensure this service is available to all who require further support.

Financial review

	Unrestricted Funds (1)	Restricted Funds (2)	Total 2011/12	Total 2012/13
Incoming Resources				
Private Donations	3387.82	-	783.97	3387.82
Sales of Goods	819.22	-	207.86	819.22
Event income	2423.50	-	1124.27	2423.50
Interest	0.53	-	3.49	0.53
Refunds	86.42	-	0.00	86.42
Grant	0.00	1824.00	-	1824.00
Legacies	389.00	-	-	389.00
Gift Aid	451.44	-	-	451.44
Unity Lottery	227.50	-	-	227.50
Total Income	7785.43	1824.00	2119.59	9609.43
Resources Expended				
Fees and subscription	561.23	-	729.14	561.23
Office Expenses	516.65	-	466.50	516.65
Awareness and Pubs	707.48	-	310.00	707.48
Postage	281.18	-	208.15	281.18
Event Costs	591.20	-	914.68	591.20
Governance Costs	1992.47	-	1165.99	1992.47
Staff Development	456.00	1824.00	-	2280.00
Total Expenses	5106.21	1824.00	3794.46	6930.21
Surplus/(deficit) for yr	2679.22	-	-1674.87	2679.22
Funds Brought Forward	1978.31	-	3653.18	1978.31
Total Carried Forward	4657.53	-	1978.31	4657.53

Notes

- (1) **Unrestricted Funds** – These are funds that may be spent at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (2) **Restricted Funds** – These funds can only be used for the purposes for which they are given, or nominated by the donor(s). Restricted funds can be of two types: restricted income funds which must be spent to further some particular object of the charity; or restricted capital funds, where the assets must be invested or retained for actual use. The Charity currently has no restricted funds.

Trustee Remuneration and Governance costs

Remuneration was given to 3 trustees to cover expenses amounting to £1117.51 for the year. There were also payments totalling £854.96 which were for hotel stays for Official meetings held throughout the year. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity for the year 2012/13.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Trust is exempt from taxation of income in accordance with sections 521 to 536 Income Tax Act 2007 (ITA 2007) to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

Accounts Auditing

In accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Trust is not required to submit accounts for independent auditing. However due to the Scottish registration of the charity we are obliged to undergo an independent examination.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accountable records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and to take reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on the 26 April 2013 and signed on their behalf by:

T M Burton
Chair of Trustees