



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period from **1.9.2023** to **31.8.2024**

Charity name: **Midland Ophthalmological Society**

Charity registration number: **1040668**

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the MOS has a duty to provide training for its membership via its regular educational meetings• the MOS promotes learning and partnership in ophthalmology in the Midlands• the MOS promotes understanding and communication within its membership and the wider community, including the transference of ideas, novel treatments and practice modalities to improve the ophthalmic health and well-being of the communities from which it springs• the MOS actively seeks to expand its membership and associate membership in pursuance of the improved quality and delivery of Ophthalmic Healthcare in the Midlands and beyond
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular activities, projects or services identified in the accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• organising 3 times a year clinical and scientific meetings of the MOS• management of the MOS website, www.midophth.com• provision of support to two ancillary MOS meetings - the MOS Winter meeting and the MOS Cyprus meeting• manage the day to day running of the MOS• leadership of the MOS including oversight of the purpose, culture, values, strategy, policies and direction of the Society• maintaining the membership of the MOS• management of voluntary and involuntary retirement of members of the Council of the MOS• management and running of the MOS annual trainee awards
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>The trustees have paid attention to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the requirement for the MOS to conduct its affairs in a manner which is of benefit to the public.</p>

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings hosted in 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MOS Winter Meeting 24th February to 2nd March 2024 at Hotel Alex, Zermatt, Switzerland – MOS Spring Meeting – For a Few mmHg Less 22nd March 2024 – glaucoma symposium – at Slate Conference Centre, Uni of Warwick, Coventry, hosted by Mr Atul Bansal – MOS/ Pantheo Annual Congress 19th to 20th April 2024 – MOS President's meeting – A New Dawn for Ophthalmology 7th June 2024 - general ophthalmology – at Aston University, Birmingham, hosted by Prof Yit Yang 2. MOS Council have continued to meet throughout the year to discuss Society matters over MS Teams 3. Jiscmail forum is open for members to communicate with one another to discuss various clinical and managerial issues – link to register with the jiscmail forum for those who have not done so already can be obtained from Secretariat 4. MOS website has registration links for upcoming events, past programmes for CPD purposes, letters to the membership, past junior prize winners, previous Middlemore Lectures, videos of previous lectures, sponsor page, etc. Joomla website software crashed so website data needed to be urgently backed up then website rebuilt using Wordpress; ongoing EVCV Ltd is hosting and maintaining the site, which now has many upgraded features, including latest news section on homepage. 5. One meeting in 2020 and 2023 and all meetings in 2021 and 2022 were recorded and are published via Vimeo links on the website. The video links are password protected, for MOS members only to view. All meetings now being fully hosted in person so recording of meetings is no longer occurring. 6. First Rate Ltd continues to provide administrative service to Society as Secretariat. 7. Midlands Ophthalmic Trainees are attending on a complimentary basis, as part of their mandatory programme. 8. Please encourage all trainees/ foundation doctors/ medical students to prepare both academic and clinical work for next year's junior awards, closing date for abstract submissions will be 31st July 2025. 9. Prof Yit Yang is retiring as President Ex Officio with Mrs Jayshree Menon taking over the Presidency, President Elect will be Mr Shabbir Mohamed. MOS Council thanks Mr Joe Abbott for three years of excellent service to the Society. 10. Eventbrite has now been used for 15x meeting registrations. It is not possible to automatically stop members from registering more than once. 11. DNA rates continue to be high, 167 over last 6 meetings, costing £8714. 12. Day of week for regional meeting membership vote held, votes returned were 32 rolling weekdays against 28 continuing with only Fridays. 13. Eye News welcome reports of past MOS meetings for their News Round section of the journal. Please contact Tom by email with your reports on Tom@pinpoint-scotland.com to get them published.
<p>Achievements against set objectives</p>	<p>More people have joined the society in the past year Member numbers as of 31st August 2024 = 201 paid up full members, 48 paid up associate members, 11 who want to be on mailing list but have chosen not to pay, 112 who have inactivated their Go Cardless direct debit subs and 1 honorary member from Nigeria. Annual Subscription Fees went up in April 2023, but still only £75 for members, £45 for associate members.</p>
<p>Educational meetings planned</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MOS AGM meeting – subspecialty Electrodiagnostics 4th October 2024 At Austin Court, Birmingham Hosted by Dr Antonio Calcagni – MOS President's 24th Winter meeting 22nd February to 1st March 2025 At Hotel Alex, Zermatt, Switzerland – MOS President's meeting – Oculoplastics 28th March 2025 At Marriott Hotel, Leicester

– Joint MOS/ Pantheo Eye Centre Meeting, Cyprus

Dates TBC 2025

At ?Amathus Beach Hotel, Limassol, Cyprus (TBC)

– MOS Summer meeting – Vitreoretinal

6th June 2025

At ?Aston Conference Centre, Birmingham (TBC)

– MOS AGM meeting – Emergency Ophthalmology/ Middlemore Lecture/
Junior Prize Presentations

TBC October 2024

At ?Austin Court, Birmingham (TBC)

MOS Financial Report

01.09.2023 - 31.08.2024

Income		Expenditure	
Go Cardless	18254 prev 15462	Venues	27290 prev 34211
Sponsorship	42095 prev 39300	Speaker Expenses	1361 prev 1978
Meeting Attendance	2231 prev 2267	Junior Prizes	1375 prev 1750
Miscellaneous	88 prev 0	Administration	13328 prev 14112
		Post Meeting Dinner	1033 prev 1298
		Miscellaneous	692 prev 578
Total	62668 prev 57029	Total	45079 prev 53926

Not yet submitted to Charity Commission

Notes regarding income:

Go Cardless – over £2500 more than last year – increase in associate membership from 42 to 48 and 50% increase in subs from 6th April 2023; full membership virtually static = 201 (202 in 2023)

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Meeting Attendance – virtually static revenue - 3 popular face to face meetings where £40 for non-members to register and £75 for late registration/ attendance on the day

Notes regarding expenditure:

Venues - nearly £6800 less than last year – October 2023 total £9012, included payment for 130 delegates & 40 reps, display boards @ £60, extra room @ £780 - no recording costs; March 2024 total £10651, included payment for minimum 150 attendees, exhibitor tables @ £360 & AV support @ £1056; June 2024 total £7627, included payment for 100 delegates & 30 reps, no AV support, exhibitor cloths @ £406; extra 15 lunches on day @ £234; previous year significant AV costs including 2 x recordings

Speaker expenses – £684 5 x hotel nights & £677 7 x travel expenses claimed

Junior prizes – October 2023 junior awards only – one winner and one runner up for presentations, rather than 2 separate category winners

Administration – Go Daddy website hosting; EVCV Ltd website hosting & maintenance, EVCV Ltd build website in Wordpress, write policies & teach back end use; First Rate Ltd secretarial, administrative, council meeting chairing, event management, website editing, new website proof reading, banner design charges; Vimeo subscription, Eventbrite subscription; conference labels, printer cartridges, paper; Hollies bookkeeping annual audit charge; banner production; Graphic software; QR code charge

Post Meeting Dinners – held after October meeting, and for speakers after June meeting

Miscellaneous – chain engraving, gifts J Abbott, A Murray and L Partoon, visiting exhibition incentive hamper prize x 2, 1 meeting attendance refund, 4 subs refund

Bank Accounts as of 31.8.24 (cf. 31.8.23)

NatWest Current Account	95443.34 prev 77854.73
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Significant reserves are held at the end of the financial year due to the cost savings encountered as AV support has been provided by the MOS committee, many speakers have not claimed expenses, venue gave significant discount for meeting, less junior prize money issued; also sponsor and subscription revenue has increased.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Terms of reference
How is the charity constituted?	<p>The MOS membership comprises of : Ophthalmologists who pay a membership fee. Membership is open and welcome to any such individual worldwide, but most specifically for those working in the Midlands, UK.</p> <p>The MOS member is entitled to vote on matters affecting the MOS at the AGM and other extraordinary meetings or occasions calling for a vote. The MOS members will be invited to vote on issues, for example changes in the constitution of the Society.</p> <p>The Associate Membership comprises of: Non-Ophthalmologists working in Ophthalmology (nursing, optometry, technical, administrative and scientific) who pay an associate membership fee. Associate membership is open and welcome to any such individual worldwide, but most specifically for those working in the Midlands, UK.</p> <p>An Associate member does not have voting rights.</p> <p>The Council comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the President, an existing member of the MOS, elected by the committee, on the recommendation of the previous year's president, for a term of one year, with the expectation of serving on the committee in the year ante-ceding and post-ceding the presidential year. • the Treasurer, an existing member of the MOS, recruited from the MOS membership, usually for a 5 year term of duty • two Secretaries, existing members of the MOS, recruited from the MOS membership, usually for a 3 year term of duty • the past president for one year following the presidential term of office • the president elect for one year preceding the presidential term of office • two trainee representatives
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	MOS Council decision of a society member/s, who is serving or has served on the Council

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Midland Ophthalmological Society
Registered charity number	1040668
Charity's principal address	<p>Medical Education Centre University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust Clifford Bridge Road Coventry CV2 2DX</p>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Vaneeta Sood	Treasurer	For the whole year
2	Aidan Murray	President	1 st September 2022 to 7 th October 2022
3	Aidan Murray	President Ex Officio	8 th October 2022 to 6 th October 2023
4	Aidan Murray	Member	7 th October 2023 to 31 st August 2024

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name
n/a

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name
n/a

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounting	The Hollies Bookkeeping Services	Suite 6, Bennetts Business Centre, The Old Bakery, Main Road, Pontesbury, Shropshire, SY5 0RR
Administrative	First Rate Ltd	8 Verstone Croft, Birmingham, B31 2QE

Exemptions from disclosure



Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

	
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Full names

Vaneeta Sood

Aidan Murray

Positions

Treasurer

President Ex Officio

Date

31.08.2024

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Midland Ophthalmological Society
For the year ended 31st August 2024

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

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 and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention, other than that disclosed on the following page, which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Julie Williams MICB PM.Dip
2nd June 2025



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Midland Ophthalmological Society

For the year ended 31st August 2024

Disclosure

Income	£62668.10
Expenditure	£45079.49
Surplus in period	£17588.61
Opening Bank Balance:	£77854.73
Closing Bank Balance:	£95443.34
Increase in Bank balance:	£17588.61

Accounts have been reports £88 less due to account transaction errors on 2nd and 3rd April 2024 when money was paid into the wrong account.