

Charity registration number 1075316

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

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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 Dr L Jackson
Charity number	1075316
Principal address	Whittall Street Clinic Whittall Street Birmingham B4 6DH
Independent examiner	Gary Rutter The Oakley Kidderminster Road Droitwich WR9 9AY

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Achievements and Performance

Activity Report:

a. PhD Studentship.

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 - Pam Aldred

This was a three-year part-funded PhD Studentship for Chloe Roesch at Department of Health Social Work, Care and Community, at Nottingham Trent University. Sum £26,930 over two years had been paid.

A final report was expected in the Autumn 2024. However, Chloe has taken sick leave and her work remains only partially completed. Her supervisor's report has been received.

No PhD Studentship application for 2024-25 was received.

b: Projects currently being conducted.

STIRF-051: Advertising sexual violence support services in sexual and reproductive health services: improving awareness, relatability and acceptability - Rachel Caswell.

STIRF approved to funding the above study in March 2023. The sum approved is £82,918, to be paid as follows: £52,953 in the first year and £29,965 in the second year.

The end-of-year one report was received and approved in July 2024

c: Projects currently being considered for funding.

STIRF-052: Enhancing access to sexual health services for people with mental health conditions and/or learning difficulties in the West Midlands: assessing knowledge, barriers, and facilitators – Charlotte Owen

This project has been reviewed by two external referees and we await the response of the authors. Proposed costs are £59,430.02 for the first year and £28,312.83 for the second year.

Financial review

The income for the financial year 2023-2024 was £122,977 (2023: £259). The accounts were independently examined by Garry Rutter F.C.A, Ormerod Rutter Ltd, Chartered Accountants. The trustees spent £97,283 on projects and related costs.

Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves at year end were £156,296 (2023: £130,602); all of these funds are unrestricted and available for general use. The charity aims to hold in reserves adequate funding to cover all immediate and committed costs that fall due.

New Trustees

Current Board of Trustees consist of six persons. There were no changes.

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Future developments

STIRF will continue to seek further co-operation with other relevant charities.

Jo-Li Trust has agreed to part-fund STIRF by donating £50,000 annually until 2029.

Applications were invited for both PhD studentships and research projects for 2024 in December 2023. Only one application for a project (STIRF-052) and none for PhD studentship was received.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees who served during the year were:

Dr M Shahmanesh
Professor J D C Ross
Dr A Palfreeman
Dr M Page
Dr R Caswell
Dr L Jackson

Current Board of Trustees consist of six persons.

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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: 12 Dec 2024

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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 2024.

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).

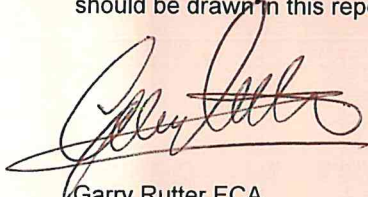
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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.



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Dated: 13.12.2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	121,952	-
Investments	3	1,025	259
Total income		<u>122,977</u>	<u>259</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	97,283	23,068
Total expenditure		<u>97,283</u>	<u>23,068</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		25,694	(22,809)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 6 April 2023		130,602	153,411
Fund balances at 5 April 2024		<u>156,296</u>	<u>130,602</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		156,296		130,602	
		<u>156,296</u>		<u>130,602</u>	
Net current assets			156,296		130,602
			<u>156,296</u>		<u>130,602</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	9		156,296		130,602
			<u>156,296</u>		<u>130,602</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on ..12 Dec 2024.....



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Dr R. Caswell
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts	121,952	-

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

3 Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest received	1,025	259

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2024	Unrestricted 2023
	£	£
Direct costs		
PHD Studentship	96,347	22,636
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Support	432	432
Governance	504	-
	<u>97,283</u>	<u>23,068</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>97,283</u>	<u>23,068</u>

5 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Website costs	432	-	432	432
Independent Examiners Fee	-	504	504	-
	<u>432</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>432</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>432</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>936</u>	<u>432</u>

All support costs are attributable to the single charitable activity and have therefore been allocated in full to this activity.

Independent examiners fees of £504 were incurred during the year (2023: £nil).

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6	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	504	-
	<u>504</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

9 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 6 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2024 £
General funds	130,602	122,977	(97,283)	156,296
	<u>130,602</u>	<u>122,977</u>	<u>(97,283)</u>	<u>156,296</u>
Previous year:	At 6 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 5 April 2023 £
Designated grant funding	-	-	-	-
General funds	153,411	259	(23,068)	130,602
	<u>153,411</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>23,068</u>	<u>130,602</u>

10 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received a donation of £90,000 (2023: £nil) from the Jo Li Trust, a charity of which Dr Mohsen Shahmanesh is a trustee.