CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2025 Period start date To 31 March 2026 Period end date

Charity name: Max's Trust

Charity registration number: 1184081

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	1. The preservation and protection of good health and the relief of sickness of people born with Imperforate Anus / Anorectal Malformation (IA/ARM) and their families in particular but not exclusively by: 2. Raising awareness of the issues for babies born with IA/ARM and the need for human support for each child. 3. Providing access to comprehensive, approved resources, relevant to all people affected by IA/ARM including the production and distribution of information via digital channels and leaflets that are endorsed by medical professionals and bodies across the UK 4. Access to a network of renowned surgical and clinical care providers, from family doctors (GP's) through to highly trained specialists, with programs in place for the transition from paediatric to adult care. 5. Providing mental health support for adults, children, parents, and families and the provision of well led peer support programs for members of the IA/ARM community. 6. Community Events, bringing together members of the IA/ARM community and specialist medical professionals to provide information and support. 7. Facilitating local groups, bringing together members of the IA/ARM community to foster mutual support.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**1.** Trustees have made significant effort to network with medical professionals and organisations throughout this year. One of our trustees presented at the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh Annual AGM regarding the patient voice within the medical setting. This presentation highlighted the importance of lived experience while also highlighting Max's Trust as a charity and the rare condition ARM. **2.** The Trustees have taken steps to begin registering as a charity in Scotland. This will ultimately lead to our events becoming more accessible to the ARM community as we will be able to hold events within Scotland. Our long-term goal is to hold our annual conference in different locations in order to make access easier for people impacted by ARM and this is a step towards that goal. **3.** During this year the trustees have organised and advertised for our 2026 conference which is to be held on 10th October 2026 in Manchester. The trustees have decided on holding a 1-day conference and have slightly changed the format to previous years. The trustees arranged quotes for venues and childcare provisions and have communicated with medical professionals to create an impactful day for attendees. While keeping in mind the current cost of living, trustees have aimed to create a day that is accessible and useful to attendees.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	The charity's three main achievements were as follows: 1. One of the biggest achievements for Max's Trust has been launching our new website (hello@maxtrust.org). The website has been a collaboration between trustees, medical professionals and people impacted by ARM. We have created a website that is free to access for the public and that seeks to raise awareness of ARM while providing useful information for people who have been impacted by the condition. From the website we have been able to highlight important fundraising activities, as well as advertise our 2026 conference tickets. The website also signposts to other important organisations and has ultimately been a huge success for the charity. 2. Max's Trust has grown again in 2025/2026 and has had a new trustee join the charity. Together, trustees have worked together to raise awareness of Max's Trust and ARM within the UK and the wider European ARM networks. Trustees have attended numerous events, including EAU Annual Congress in London, discussing important topics and raising awareness of Max's Trust and ARM. 3. Trustees have also begun working on a new project looking at Lifelong Care

		for people born with ARM. This project is a collaboration between trustees with ARM and medical professionals and seeks to use lived experience to look practically at improving Lifelong Care and Transition pathways for patients.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£7,746 closing balance including reserves.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**Reserves policy** 1. The purpose of the reserves policy is to ensure the financial sustainability of Max's Trust. 2. Assessing the appropriate level of reserves requires review of: – forecasts for future levels of income, taking into account the reliability of each source of income; – forecasts for future levels of expenditure on the basis of planned activity, including any needed investment projects; – analysis of any identifiable risks and their potential impacts and consequences. 3. The treasurer is responsible for providing supporting calculations to help trustees to agree the relevant level of reserves, which – at a minimum – should be set at 5% of annual operating expenditure plus any planned investment project costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Constitution**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
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	Para 1.25	**Appointment of charity trustees** (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	**Information for new charity trustees** The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Max’s Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1184081
Charity’s principal address	98 Meadow Way Theale Reading Berkshire RG7 5DG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lauren Stahly	Chair		
2	Deepti Grover	Treasurer		
3	Helen Millard	Secretary		
4	Andrew Button	Vice Chair		
5	Kate MacFarlane			
6	Katrina Tyler			
7	Shaun Shepherd		14/5/25 onwards	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

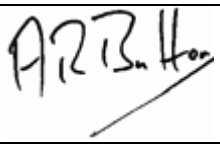
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lauren Stahly	Andrew Ronald Button
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair
Date	13/10/2026	

Max's Trust

Annual Accounts Summary

Financial year: 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

1. Financial Summary

For the financial year ended 31 March 2026, the charity received income from donations, fundraising activities and other receipts. Expenditure during the year consisted primarily of trustee expenses and website costs.

	Amount
Total income	**£3,621.29**
Total expenditure	**£1,466.72**
Opening balance	£5,591.28
Closing balance	**£7,745.85**

2. Income

Income received during the financial year was recorded under the following categories:

Income category	**Amount**
Donations	£1,417.54
Fundraising	£828.75
Conference 2024 income	£1,375.00
Total income	**£3,621.29**

3. Expenditure

The charity's expenditure for the year was:

Expense category	**Amount**
AGM	£1,117.32
Trustee expenses	£35.00
Website costs	£285.60
Donations	£28.80
Total expenditure	**£1,466.72**

4. Trustee Approval

These accounts provide a summary of Max's Trust financial activity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: _____

Name and position: DEEPTI GROVER, TREASURER

Date: 11/10/26