

**ULSTER PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY**  
**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31st AUGUST 2024**

## **ULSTER PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024**

#### **Reference and administrative details**

Charity name	Ulster Paediatric Society
Registration body	The Charity Commission of Northern Ireland
Charity registration number	101701
Correspondence address	Ulster Paediatric Society, C/O Paediatric Secretaries Office, Ulster Hospital, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT16 1RH
Trustees	Dr Mark Rollins Md Frcpi Frcpch Dch Dr Mugilan Anadarajan

#### **Objectives and activities**

The Ulster Paediatric Society organises several educational meetings each year on various topics of paediatrics. The meetings are open for all members of the society and other health professionals involved in the care of children. The society may also be asked to consult on health documents or service models.

The purpose of working together as a society was to improve care of children in Northern Ireland through advocacy, education and improved clinical practice. Whilst the Society does not provide direct clinical care to children, the direct benefit from supporting paediatric research is that children involved in research, audit and quality improvement projects receive improved care. The results of such collaborative discussion and research are disseminated throughout Northern Ireland further enhancing the education of paediatric healthcare professionals and thereby continually improving the quality of care.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Society held a number of education meetings during the year covering various subject matter.

Review and discussion of such subjects has proved extremely valuable to the members, wider healthcare staff and most importantly, the patients. It ensures that recent developments and best practices are observed and implemented across the province.

# ULSTER PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT *(continued)*

### **Financial review**

The Society receives only a modest value of income and donations and incurs only the necessary expenses to ensure the charitable purposes of the Society are met.

In the year to 31st August 2024, income totaled £5,635 and expenses, £7,583 resulting in a net deficit for the year of £1,948.

At the year end the net assets of the Society totaled £84. The Society aims to generate a small surplus each year and retain sufficient funds to ensure that any wider educational campaigns can be funded from retained reserves.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Society maintains a constitutional document which was updated and approved by the members in in 2018. It describes the purpose and the public benefit objectives of the Society. This detail can all be found on The Charity Commission of Northern Ireland's web-site.

The appointment of Trustees is governed by the constitution. Applications to become a trustee require majority approval from the existing Trustees and the Society's members.

### **Exemptions from disclosure**

The Society is not availing of any disclosure exemptions.

### **Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others**

The Society does not hold any funds as a custodian trustee.

Approved by the society and signed on its behalf

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Dr Mugilan Anadarajan  
Trustee  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

# ULSTER PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024 (Charity no. 101701)

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions and meeting fees	1,305	1,555
Sponsorship	2,450	9,487
Conference fees	1,230	2,255
Donations and other income	650	1,375
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	5,635	14,672
<b>Expenses</b>		
Secretary wages and expenses	1,800	1,500
Meeting expenses including speakers' fees	2,482	4,850
Postage, printing, stationery & advertising	500	750
Computer and website expenses	500	500
Conference costs	2,000	2,000
Sundry	185	185
Travel expenses	55	50
Bank charges	61	269
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	7,583	10,104
<b>Net income/(deficit) for the year</b>	----- <b>(1,948)</b>	----- 4,568
	=====	=====
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Total funds as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	2,032	(2,536)
Net income/(deficit) for the year	(1,948)	4,568
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<b>Total funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024</b>	=====	=====
	84	2,032

# ULSTER PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

### 1. Charity information

The Charity is an unincorporated body registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. All of the Charity's activities are carried out throughout Northern Ireland. The correspondence address is Ulster Paediatric Society, C/O Paediatric Secretaries Office, Ulster Hospital, Upper Newtownards Road, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16

### 2. Principle accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice under Financial Reporting Standard 102.

#### Income

Income represents all income receivable from membership subscription, fund raising activities and function income.

Membership subscriptions received by the charity do not confer any benefit to the member and are treated in the nature of a gift. Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably. Income from other sources is recognised upon receipt at which point the charity is entitled to benefit from the income.

#### Expenditure

Expenditure is ordinarily recognised at the time of occurring the expense. Liabilities and the related expenditure are also recognised in circumstances in which the charity has a measurable present or legal obligation as a result of the past event, and it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required for settlement.

#### Funds

Unrestricted funds are spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes and may be used to supplement expenditure made from restricted funds. Trustees may, on occasion, choose to set aside a part of the unrestricted funds to be used for a particular future project or commitment. Where such circumstances arise, these funds are separately disclosed as designated funds on the balance sheet. The charity does not hold any restricted funds.

### 3. Trustee remuneration

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the financial year. The Trustees were reimbursed for expenditure totaling £3,400, which they incurred on behalf of the Charity.

## **ULSTER PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ULSTER PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY**

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (as amended) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65(3) of the 2008 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Peter Stevenson  
Member of the Institute of Chartered  
Accountants in Ireland

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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