

TRANSPLANT SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

Transplant Sport Northern Ireland (TSNI) is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC103853). The charity was registered from 23 February 2016.

Transplant Sport Northern Ireland is governed by a constitution.

A Board of Trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the charity. They are recruited and appointed for the skills and experience that they can bring to the management of the charity and for their commitment to the positive delivery of the charity objectives of Transplant Sport NI. The Board meets on a regular basis.

The Association is established to provide relief and preserve and protect the health of individuals in Northern Ireland who have had or are waiting on a lifesaving organ or stem cell transplant and in particular:

- (a) to provide sporting and recreational activities, and facilities in the interests of social welfare, to rehabilitate such individuals and improve their condition of life; and
- (b) to advance the education of the public about transplants and promote human organ and tissue donation for the relief of persons in need of transplants.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2022 was a more positive year for the charity than 2021 and the first time since Covid that TSNI were able to send a team to the Transplant Games, which were held in Leeds in July.

TSNI established the first NI Transplant Football team. The team competed in the British Transplant Games and travelled to Dublin in November for a friendly match against the ROI Transplant Team. The charity has received support from the Disability Section of the IFA. TSNI are grateful for their continued support and encouragement.

An information day in March was held to attract new members to the team and to advise them of all the details on the Transplant Games. It was a great turn out and we were able to encourage a number of newly transplanted people into the team. There were many newly transplanted athletes attending the British Games for the first time. Several TSNI members carried out various forms of fundraising activity throughout the year and the charity is very grateful for all the funds received from members. Our members actively support each other's events from swimming challenges, sports raffles, gaming days and coffee mornings.

TSNI's former Chair and Treasurer had some great TV coverage for being the longest living bone marrow transplantee for some 40 years. Furthermore, a videographer who joined TSNI in the Transplant Games in Leeds documented the whole journey which meant there were great pictures and videos of the Games. Also, there were personal stories gathered which were able to be used by the Public Health Agency on TSNI's return for PR purposes.

The TSNI team picked up 13 Gold, 14 silver and 5 Bronze medals. However, the highlight of the games was being reunited with the transplant family from the rest of the UK. Three TSNI members were selected to represent Team GB & NI at the World Transplant Games in Perth 2023 following their performances in Leeds and TSNI congratulate them for this achievement.

Other activities throughout the year included park run meets, cycle and swim meets, a trip to see the Belfast Giants, pub quizzes and the Annual Thanksgiving service organised by the Northern Ireland Kidney Research Fund.

We very much look forward to another great year for TSNI and are entering 2023 with renewed optimism that the charity is going from strength to strength. As always, TSNI hope to recruit more members, be there to support their members and that more members become actively involved within the committee, fundraising activities and most importantly continuing to demonstrate to the world the benefits of organ transplantation, through Sport.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissioner of Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and consider that operations continue to be undertaken in furtherance of our stated public benefits being:

- To provide sporting and recreational activities and facilities in the interests of social welfare, to rehabilitate such individuals and improve their condition of life. The benefits derived from this purpose are the improved health and fitness of all participants and allows individuals the opportunity to connect with people who have similar health issues. These benefits are evidenced through the Doctors and nurses who carry out organ transplantation and our also members of our association. The hospitals openly encourage patients to participate in sport as members of Transplant Sport NI. Social events and sporting activities promoted by ourselves on an annual basis are well supported and positive feedback received.
- To advance the education of the public regarding transplants and to promote human organ and tissue donation for the relief of patients in need of a transplant. The direct benefits which flow from this purpose are the increase in the number of people signing up to the organ donor registrar and the subsequent increase in the number of organs that become available for transplantation and the number of lives saved. There is also benefit for the organ donor families who are comforted in the knowledge of the number of lives their loved ones have saved. These benefits can be evidenced through government figures which clearly show how sporting events positively influence the public signing the organ donor registrar. Evidence is also available from the positive feedback received from the Organ Donor Family support groups.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The balance of the TSNI account on the 1 January 2022 was £37,212.

Throughout the year the total income was £25,416 and total expenditure £21,819 giving us a closing bank balance on the 31 December 2022 of £40,810.

The resumption of the first British Games post covid was the main expenditure this year costing £18,212 (including a new kit order). When taking into consideration the BHSCT Grant of £7,330, the total cost to TSNI was £10,882. This amount was further offset by member contributions and individual fundraising.

Insurance costs remained high this year post covid, however, through changing TSNI's insurance provider saved over £500 with new cover totalling £820.

TSNI extends grateful thanks to Kay Hack, Grant Devlin, Dylan Caughey, Grant Devlin and David Gourley and their families who raised nearly £4,700 through various fundraising events and donations. Other income sources this year included £1,000 from Fleming Agri who have supported TSNI now for three years.

There was a large collective effort to raise funds for members attending the World Transplant Games in April 2023 through a TSNI quiz in November which raised £4,648 through direct giving, just giving donations, gift aid and a raffle. The Belfast Trust once again supported these members with a grant of £2,628 to cover WTG registration fees and accommodation costs on a shared basis.

TSNI are saddened to hear of the death of Janet Greeves, who attended many British and World Transplant Games and being well known in Transplant circles in NI. Janet's family wish to continue her legacy through a yearly bursary of £1,250 to help several members attend the Games. Janet's brother-in-law, John, has been advising and helping the charity at present.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



[Orla Smyth \(Nov 14, 2023 10:03 GMT\)](#)

Ms O Smyth - Trustee

Date: 11/14/2023
