

THROMBOSIS UK
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS:

TRUSTEE AND MANAGEMENT

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st January 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 16 to 17 and comply with the Charities Act 2011, The Statement Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Accounting and Reporting: Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland published October 2019 and the Companies Act 2006. The report and statements also comply with the Companies Act 2006 as Thrombosis UK was incorporated by guarantee on 16th January 2002. It has no share capital and is a registered charity (registered 12th February 2002).

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Thrombosis UK was established to advance medical science in relation to the diagnosis, causes, prevention, alleviation, management and cure of thrombosis and for the promotion of knowledge and public education of the understanding and awareness of thrombosis. Using the powers conferred by the Memorandum of Association, Thrombosis UK aims to fund:

- A range of studies looking at why and how a thrombosis occurs.
- Research into the management and the improvement of current treatments available.
- An education programme that informs people about the causes, effects, prevention and recommended management of thrombosis.
- Provide a network of support for those affected by thrombosis.

ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the company, govern Thrombosis UK.

The Trustees have the power to appoint, and remove any member, any member to act as Secretary to the Charity and all vote on the appointment of the Chair, Treasurer and other Honorary Officers.

The charity seeks to ensure Trustees are appointed to fulfil the changing and on-going needs of the charity's activities and outcome[s]. A Trustee job description is agreed when vacancies become available to ensure existing and new Trustees have clarity on their roles and they each bring skills that complement and benefit Thrombosis UK.

New Trustees are appointed with the unanimous approval of existing Trustees. All Trustees give freely of their time and expertise and receive no remuneration for their work.

The day-to-day administration of the Charity is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer employed on a 0.8 permanent FTE contract. The Charity also employs an Executive Officer (full time) on a permanent contract and a Project Development Officer on a 0.6 permanent FTE contract for the year under review.

AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity aims to promote greater awareness and understanding of venous thromboembolism (VTE) to improve:

- Prevention of avoidable blood clots.
- Timely detection and prompt diagnosis of VTE.
- Appropriate management that improves patient outcomes.
- Timely support and education to enable patients to restore their well-being and health.

To support achievement of this, the Charity concentrates on three key areas.

- Awareness
- Education
- Research

Awareness

The COVID-19 pandemic remained a significant global issue throughout 2021, with full lock down restrictions remaining in place in the UK until 8th March 2021 followed by a phased re-opening across the remaining Spring and Summer months. Therefore, planning and delivery of the Charity's work projects was again subject to physical restrictions and the need for innovative and appropriate alternative platforms for delivery.

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Furthermore, the newly introduced COVID-19 vaccinations (offered in the UK from December 2020) generated a great deal of discussion and clinical consideration as to:

- Identifying any thrombosis patient groups who may be at increased risk and qualify as a priority vaccination group.
- Respond to questions regarding risk of or medical history of VTE and the safety of a COVID-19 vaccination.
- By March 2021, the emerging and new condition - Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombocytopenia and Thrombosis (VITT).

Building on the virtual platforms Thrombosis UK had adopted during 2020, the Charity was able to respond with information and resources for the general public, patients and health care professionals. Equally, the virtual platforms, including the website and social media enabled Thrombosis UK to disseminate information promptly and to a very wide audience, update in a timely manner with opportunity to extend response depending on need.

Thrombosis UK remained extremely active providing information and raising awareness on VTE and COVID-19 and clots.

This included:

- Dissemination COVID-19 National Living Guidance
- Collaborating with Public Health England, NHS England, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and the Medicines Health & Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) when discrepancies between guidance and evidence along with variation in local interpretation and practice, became issues for those at risk of/with a history of VTE.
- Thrombosis UK corresponded with the newly appointed NHS England Lead, Dr Strathdee, charged with leading a national network of psychological support including for COVID-19 and Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombocytopenia and Thrombosis.
- Thrombosis UK also played a central role in provision and dissemination of information about the COVID-19 vaccine with reference to VTE / those at risk of or with a history of VTE.
- Working with Prof Beverley Hunt OBE, updates and key facts were frequently shared in the media as well as social press and media channels including a five minute session on BBC Radio 4's Inside Science.
- Thrombosis UK Medical Leads, Prof Simon Noble and Prof Beverly Hunt OBE were each invited to join the Science Media Centre as recognised expert clinicians who could respond to media enquiries.
- Thrombosis UK was able to support the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in development of rapid VITT Guidelines through securing VITT patient representatives for the committee and subsequent dissemination of information.

The Charity's increased reach across media platforms, including press, resulted in continued growth of engagement across these platforms and subsequent activities with the Thrombosis UK website receiving over 207,213 page views while filmed resources developed during 2021 exceeded 220,000 views.

Tragically the Thrombosis UK team lost two loyal Thrombosis UK advocates, Sir David Amess MP and Thrombosis UK Ambassador, Dawn Tinston. In Dawn's memory her husband Peter fundraised almost £6,000 for the charity.

Education

In 2021 Thrombosis UK established bespoke virtual conference platforms to host the 'National Thrombosis Week' (NTW) and 'Let's Talk Clots' (LTC) conferences. These provided a secure conference platform where accredited live and recorded sessions were hosted for healthcare professionals and proved exceptionally popular with registration increasing each conference and between LTC'21 and NTW'21 welcoming more than 3,590 registrations from over 40 countries.

The virtual platform enabled access for everyone to hear regional, national, and globally VTE experts share, discuss and update evidence information thrombosis prevention, practice, and management. These included fast developing areas such as COVID and clots and Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombocytopenia and Thrombosis (VITT).

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Dedicated platforms gave 24/7 access to accredited sessions throughout May 2021 and October 2021 respectively. Subsequently feedback praised

- Agenda topics.
- Ease of use.
- Continued access to accredited learning.

"This has been one of the most educational conferences I have attended this year. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the technical organisation, the agenda, the Chairs and speakers were excellent. Well done Thrombosis UK. I look forwards to next year's meeting/conference. What a treat!"

Attendee feedback comment LTC 2021

For Thrombosis UK, 2021 again confirmed the clear benefit of providing educational opportunity on-line in a virtual environment providing when it delivers a very relevant agenda with collaboration from outstanding members of faculty. In 2021 Thrombosis UK was fortunate to work with over fifty VTE leads across all areas of healthcare including NHS England.

The Charity continued to produce short films to support training and education in VTE and activities were expanded with support from in-service practitioners and collaboration with VTE professional networks. In June 2021, Thrombosis Ambassador Sylvia Tees-Round and Haematology Midwife, Miranda Hobson, worked with the Charity to develop two training films to assist mothers in self-injecting low molecular weight heparin to reduce the risk of further blood clots.

Working in collaboration with the VTE National Nursing and Midwifery Network (NNMN), a series of four e-learning training videos were developed aimed to provide basic training in VTE for ward staff. Within just the first few months of launch the four films received over 1,600 views.

Our virtual Patient Information and Support programme also grew in 2021, with 'Ask the Expert', 'Coffee and Chat' Mindfulness' and topic specific sessions all welcoming new and long-term patient supporters. A collaboration with World Thrombosis Day and utilising StreamYard software on Facebook, provided yet another opportunity to new audiences. Enabling meetings with key topics via a virtual platform overcame issues posed because of lockdown restrictions and enabled more attendees to join, meetings welcomed a total of just over 1,800 patient attendees.

In partnership with Dr Louise Newson from the Menopause Charity, a much-needed new patient information booklet was published: 'Menopause and Clots', receiving much acclaim for this poorly recognised and much misunderstood area of women's health.

Research

Restrictions halting all non-COVID research were gradually lifted during 2021 and the charity again became involved in supporting ongoing research as well as new grant applications, with members of the charity providing advice on research design from the patient perspective.

For the first half of 2021 COVID lockdown still restricted face to face fundraising events, however through our virtual educational platforms, key updates in research, especially COVID-19 and Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombocytopenia and Thrombosis, were shared in a timely manner.

Thrombosis UK helped to disseminate breaking news on research findings and recruit into ongoing programmes including Compression Hosiery to avoid Post-Thrombotic Syndrome (CHAPS) study.

Extensive fundraising support from the Charity's 2021 corporate supporter, Equistone, enabled Trustees to establish and launch a new research grant opportunity. The 'Pilot Research Grant' -- welcomed applications looking to initiate a pilot research study which, when completed, would have data and measures to support application for a substantial research grant. The grant received seven applications with a mixed panel of judges appointed to review and make final selection to award.

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Due to continued restrictions on travel and face to face events, no requests for Travel Awards were received.

Following the 2019/20 NHS Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) Thrombosis Survey, Thrombosis UK worked with collaborators, VTE Exemplar and NHS GIRFT to complete and fund publication of the NHS GIRFT Thrombosis Report in September 2021.

The GIRFT Thrombosis Report is a first of its kind, providing much needed insight and data on VTE prevention within English and Welsh hospitals. Responses evidenced success, gaps and opportunities within hospitals to improve VTE prevention and management and inform further educational needs and improvement in patient safety.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES

Significant Activities

- In October 2021 Thrombosis UK was awarded the World Thrombosis Day Activity of the Year Award for outstanding engagement.
- Launched NHS GIRFT Thrombosis Survey in collaboration with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Thrombosis, NHS GIRFT and VTE Exemplar Network.
- Co-hosted first 'Facebook Live' patient meeting with World Thrombosis Day.
- Carried out a FOI on VTE prevention in hospitalised psychiatric patients with work underway to collate results for publication.
- Thrombosis UK launch innovative 'REGAIN' clinical psychology research service programme for people recovering from VITT.
- Thrombosis UK launched new patient information resources including:
 - Patient information booklet 'The Menopause and Clots.'
 - Publication of a new e-learning programme for ward staff.
 - New film resources: Injecting Low Molecular Weight Heparin / Injecting Low Molecular Weight Heparin in Pregnancy.
- Information on COVID-19 vaccination translated into multiple languages.
- Twitter impressions topped 803,644, an increase of just over 12%.
- Launched Crowdfunding appeal for the new REGAIN programme.
- Very successful collaboration with corporate 'Charity of the Year' partner, Equistone.
- Awarded the first Thrombosis UK Pilot Research Grants.
- Supported recruitment of patient representatives to join research committees.
- Extended Thrombosis UK You Tube channel with more than sixty new recordings filmed during Thrombosis UK virtual HCP conferences and patient information events held during 2021.
- Developed and published a set of four training films for ward staff.
- Successful in securing Trade Mark status for the Thrombosis UK logo and registering this with the UK Intellectual Property Office:



Government & Policy

Regular communication with NHS England and the committees central to COVID-19 management and vaccination has resulted in Thrombosis UK leading on the provision of patient information around these two important health areas and collaborate with professional bodies to highlight challenges or raise concerns.

Close liaison with Scottish VTE Leads across haematology, nursing, pharmacy and respiratory care led to the All Scotland VTE Round Table meeting to consider current challenges and priorities for VTE prevention and management.

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Thrombosis UK was invited to sit on the Scottish SIGN Guidance Rapid development committee for VTE and COVID-19.

In November 2021, Thrombosis UK was appointed Secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Thrombosis, with Chair, Lyn Brown MP.

During 2021, the Charity responded to the National Institute of health and Care Excellence (NICE) review of VTE Quality Standards.

Thrombosis UK was successful in securing registration of the Thrombosis UK logo for IPO Trademark Certification.

FUNDRAISING

Despite lock down and continued challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Thrombosis UK supporters excelled themselves in 2021 and topped previous records!

Equistone, the 2021 corporate Thrombosis UK partner, raised through fundraising and donations, over £35,000.

Events spanned virtual races including cycle rides, runs, walking challenges and quizzes as well as fishing, golf and sporting tournaments as access became possible. From Pilates to solos marathons, individuals triumphed in aid of Thrombosis UK.

Tragically, much of the support is born from personal suffering or loss, and Thrombosis UK is immensely grateful to all who fundraise and donate to the charity for our work to continue. The sad loss of DJ Andrew Weatherall in 2020 due to a pulmonary embolism, saw further fundraising initiatives including limited edition t-shirts and re-mix tracks for download. This resulted in additional donations to Thrombosis UK in his memory, bringing the current total to £16,803.23.

We are also grateful to families and individuals who took the message of thrombosis out to groups who may otherwise have not realised risk factors. This included Stanley Green who linked with schools and sports clubs to raise awareness and encourage fundraising, this has already reached more than 20,000 young people and continues to raise funds through dress sown days.

Authors Dawne Archer and Ken Gregory each continue to donate funds raised from their book sales to Thrombosis UK, and again, their support and promotion of the book sales, raises awareness of thrombosis and Thrombosis UK.

Despite many location-based events still being cancelled, individuals and teams showed resilience to still make that difference, including Imogen Jagger and her team of eight runners who had their Leeds 10k cancelled twice, but continued training to finally cross the finish line in 2021 and raise £2,035.89 in memory of Imogen's mother, Jacqui. None had previously undertaken a run, making this even more of an amazing achievement.

Committed fundraiser, Gareth Potsig was awarded a London Marathon charity ballot place in 2019 for the 2020 event. Despite cancellation, Gareth continued his daily marathon training and finally completed the London Marathon in person in 2021 raising an incredible £9,175.50 and bringing the total raised to date by Gareth for Thrombosis UK to £11,954.25! Gareth's fundraising is in memory of his father-in-law, Mick.

We are also grateful to the families and individuals who together have raised thousands of pounds during 2021, and whose donations have enabled the development of new resources for supporting those at risk of or recovering from a thrombotic event. The Charity would not succeed without everyone's support, and we are immensely grateful to you.

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GRANT MAKING

Following the identification and growing understanding of Vaccine-induced Immune Thrombocytopenia and Thrombosis (VITT), the Charity received many enquiries and responded by making available updated educational webinars and patient information written resources. However, the sudden, life-threatening event of VITT often caused significant psychological impact on the individual.

The Charity liaised with NHS Lead for psychological services, Dr Strathee, but it was quickly evident that extra resources to support this group of patients were not available and the current systems, where in place at all, were under immense pressure.

As a result, the Thrombosis UK Trustees agreed to establish a new Thrombosis UK programme which would provide a clinical counselling programme, initially to individuals diagnosed with VITT. Information obtained from this would inform the production of a framework for the psychological support of others with post-thrombotic issues.

Offered free of charge to service providers and users, the planned service aimed to appoint a part time senior clinical psychologist/counsellor, enable referral an online form accessible to both healthcare professional and individuals wishing to self-refer, and would be hosted on an online platform to ensure UK wide access.

Grant requests were prepared and successful in securing a grant of £9,900 from Daiichi Sankyo UK Ltd to provide support where there are identified gaps in NHS services and establish a specialised clinical psychology service to support VITT survivors.

The programme would also undertake research into effective modes of support for patients meeting these criteria and develop educational training modules for healthcare professionals with two specific aims:

- (i) To inform improved styles of communication and discussion with VTE effected patients.
- (ii) To support and encourage the establishing of similar services at local level.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year ended 31 January 2022 the Charity made a surplus of £72,906 (2021: £75,634). Total incoming resources saw an increase of 8% and expenditure increased by 15% in the year. The virtual events and activities incurred a generally lower expenditure requirement. However, majority of the increase in expenditure was as a result of the charity awarding the first Thrombosis UK Pilot Research grants totalling just under £7.5k. The economic and political uncertainty continues to affect the ability of the Charity to meaningfully forecast corporate and individual funding commitments and, as with last year, although the Charity budgeted to meet its planned charitable activities through funds raised in the year it was prepared to have to utilise a proportion of its general unrestricted reserves if necessary. Thrombosis UK did not make use of the government COVID relief scheme that was made available to the charity.

The net assets of the Charity have been retained and have increased from £351,136 in 2021 to £424,042 and this fits with the reserves policy of the Charity.

The Statement of Financial Activities is presented on page 14.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The extended adoption of virtual events, in particular educational webinars, conferences and meetings, has continued to enable the Charity's work to grow and extend across:

- Reach.
- Global collaborations.
- Ease of access for patients, the general public and healthcare professionals to access information, support and training.

The online platform has not only proven to be more cost-effective, but also received extremely positive feedback from faculty, attendees and sponsors. While the recording of sessions ensured a lasting legacy to access high quality education.

In reviewing plans for 2022/23, Thrombosis UK is mindful of the benefits of personal interaction and, as COVID restrictions continue to reduce or even stop, the competition which may be experienced between online events and in person meetings.

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It will be very important to ensure a successful balance, however given the engagement, reach and feedback, the Charity's current plans are to continue with online events but be mindful to ensure:

- Relevant and helpful agenda topics.
- Faculty members who represent the range of providers, disciplines and experienced VTE champions relevant to the audience and skilled in presenting and inspiring.
- Opportunity for a range of medium to deliver content – including workshops, small groups, question & answer topics along with research update, case studies, discussion and more traditional presentation styles.
- To consider new opportunities, including podcasts.
- Review platforms used to match audience.
- Look for opportunities to make the virtual experience refreshing, exciting and valuable to the user.
- That educational sessions provide legacy across learning, networking and support.

The recently launched REGAIN psychological support programme has been established to run for two years. We are excited to be planning to appoint a Senior Clinical/Counselling Psychologist who will lead the psychological programme which will include research, and an educational arm to deliver evidence and educational resources that can support improved management of patients diagnosed with VITT and venous thromboembolism. It is expected that the research arm will report initial findings with the intention of publishing a paper/poster by 2023.

In 2022 Thrombosis UK will develop the newly established role with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Thrombosis and that this will include re-instating the Charity's 'VTE Awards' which we plan to host in January 2023 in the Houses of Parliament.

Looking outwardly, the International Society for Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) congress was held in London in July 2022. The Charity hosted a meeting during the congress for fellow global partners in VTE patient support organisations and initiated:

- (i) A global network for VTE patient support groups.
- (ii) Develop resources to support other groups looking to establish a VTE patient support group in their region or in the early stages of establishing.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

A Board of eleven Trustees, who are also Directors of the company, govern Thrombosis UK. The Trustees have the power to appoint and remove any member to act as Secretary to the Charity and all vote on the appointment of the Chairman, Treasurer and other Honorary Officers. The Charity seeks to ensure trustees are appointed to fulfil the changing and on-going needs of the Charity's activities and outcomes. New trustees are appointed with the unanimous approval of existing trustees.

All Trustees give freely of their time and expertise and receive no remuneration for their work as trustees. The current list of trustees, who acted throughout the period of review, is given on page 1.

Trustees unanimously agreed to adopt a rotational model for the role of Medical Director of Thrombosis UK, with each appointee in post for two-three years. In April 2016 Professor Simon Noble accepted an invitation to this role taking up the post in June 2016, with the objective of allowing for fresh ideas to percolate through the organisation. In November 2020 the Trustees agreed to extend retaining current directors for an extended 12 months while Governance work continued with the objective to write Trustee roles and job descriptions and develop a new Constitution. This work continues, delayed due to the COVID pandemic.

Trustees' meetings are held a minimum of twice per year. Email correspondence is used to keep Trustees updated in between meetings and the CEO meets with Thrombosis UK's Medical Leads and /or Chair of Trustees between four-six times per year to discuss projects and agreed strategic and directional development.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees (who are also directors of Thrombosis UK for the purposes of company law) 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).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the 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 Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with company law, the Trustees certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- as Trustees we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The Auditors, Messrs Couch Bright King & Co., have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be put to the Trustees at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The Trustees who were in office on the date of approval of the financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware. Each of the Trustees have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditors.

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RESERVES POLICY

In the course of the development of the charity we will take account of the need to have reserves, and a policy, to honour future funding commitments that we make. We will also ensure that funds are sufficient to cover one year's charitable activity plus sufficient funds to cover all operating costs of the charity.

RISK ASSESSMENT


We consider the systems we have in place for the day-to-day operation of Thrombosis UK to be appropriate to our current size of operation but we are aware that as we grow we will need to develop and implement procedures and reporting regimes to mitigate the risks associated with running a charitable company.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that they have complied with Section 4 of The Charities Act 2011 in respect of having due regard to Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Approved by the Trustees on:

Signed on their behalf by



Prof Ian M Franklin
Trustee

18/9/2022.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THROMBOSIS UK
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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Thrombosis UK for the year ended 31st January 2022 which comprise the primary statements such as the Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st January 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources; including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 8, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We have;

- Obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity and how the entity is complying with that framework;
- Obtained an understanding of the entity's policies and procedures on compliance with laws and regulations, including documentation of any instances of non-compliance;
- Identified the laws and regulations that have significance in the context of the entity;
- Obtained an understanding of the entity's risk assessment process, including the risk of fraud;
- Assessed and evaluated the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, through error and fraud;

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- Implemented procedures to enable the identification and testing of unusual or unexpected journal entries;
- Evaluated the assumptions and judgements used by management within significant accounting estimates and assessed if these indicate evidence of management bias;
- Tested significant transactions, in particular the evaluation of the business rationale for any which appear unusual or outside the company's normal course of business;
- Reviewed the financial statements and tested the disclosures against supporting documentation;
- Communicated relevant matters (including those above) to all members of the audit team to ensure they understood the risks specific to the entity and the audit procedures planned to mitigate these.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Dean Cates BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
Couch Bright King & Co
Chartered Accountants &
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11 October 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31.1.22 Total Funds £	Year to 31.1.21 Total Funds £
Income:						
Donations, legacies and gifts	3	180,698	2,000	16,625	199,323	173,926
<i>Income from Charitable activities;</i>	4					
Educational meetings		1,950	-	-	1,950	-
Events - Sponsorship		18,350	-	-	18,350	29,050
<i>Income from other trading activities;</i>	5					
Online shop		1,498	-	-	1,498	2,569
Awareness Literature		390	-	-	390	-
Other Income		206	-	-	206	40
<i>Investment Income</i>						
Bank Interest		1,125	-	-	1,125	206
Total income		<u>204,217</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>16,625</u>	<u>222,842</u>	<u>205,791</u>
Expenditure						
Costs of raising funds	6	1,912	-	-	1,912	2,498
Costs of charitable activities	7	144,764	1,260	2,000	148,024	127,659
Total Expenditure		<u>146,676</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>149,936</u>	<u>130,157</u>
Net income and Net movements in funds		57,541	740	14,625	72,906	75,634
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		<u>57,541</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>14,625</u>	<u>72,906</u>	<u>75,634</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds At 1 February 2021		<u>342,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,143</u>	<u>351,136</u>	<u>275,502</u>
Total Funds At 31 January 2022	13	<u>400,534</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>22,768</u>	<u>424,042</u>	<u>351,136</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	131
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	12,207	25,065
Cash at bank and in hand		434,284	333,113
		<u>446,491</u>	<u>358,178</u>
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	12	22,449	7,173
Net Current Assets		<u>424,042</u>	<u>351,005</u>
Net Assets		<u>424,042</u>	<u>351,136</u>
Represented by:			
Restricted funds	13	22,768	8,143
Designated Funds	13	740	-
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	13	400,534	342,993
Total unrestricted funds		<u>424,042</u>	<u>351,136</u>
Total funds		<u>424,042</u>	<u>351,136</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 28 September 2022

Signed on their behalf by

Simon Hart
Trustee

Prof Ian M Franklin
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

1) Statutory Information

a) Company Status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is First Floor, Shropshire House, 179 Tottenham Court Road London W1T 7NZ. The principal office address is PO. Box 58, Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire, SA19 0AD.

The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

b) Charitable Status

Thrombosis UK (Formerly known as Lifeblood: The Thrombosis Charity) is a registered charity, registration number 1090540 and in consequence is exempt from taxation on income arising from and expended on its charitable activities.

2) Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below:

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Thrombosis UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption permitted by the SORP 2019 and does not include a cashflow statement.

b) Functional and presentation currency

The company's functional and presentation currency is GBP.

c) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on a straight-line basis, in order to write off the assets over their useful economic lives as follows:

Computer and Other Equipment over 3 years

Assets acquired under a value of £1,500 are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of acquisition.

d) Income and Expenditure recognition

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

The Charity, in common with many others of a similar size and organisation, derives a substantial proportion of its income from voluntary donations. Such donations are recognised and entered into the accounting records when they are received. Other income, such as bank interest, is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenditure is accounted for on accruals basis.

e) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

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- f) **Unrestricted Fund**
Unrestricted funds are donations, gifts and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds or for purposes as designated and agreed by all the Trustees.
- g) **Designated Fund**
Designated funds (where applicable) are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.
- h) **Restricted Fund**
Restricted funds are donations, gifts and other incoming resources receivable or are generated for the objects of the charity with a specified purpose. They can only be used in accordance with the donor's wish or by the terms of a public appeal.

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
3) Donations and gifts		
<u>Restricted</u>		
Research Scotland	-	212
Research	4,514	849
VTE Grand Appeal	-	820
REGAIN Programme	12,111	-
<u>Unrestricted</u>		
Donations	163,415	158,784
Gift Aid	17,283	13,261
Education Grant	2,000	-
	<u>199,323</u>	<u>173,926</u>

The number of general donations we have received during the year has seen a small increase compared to prior year. Thrombosis UK is immensely grateful to all of those who have organised a fundraising event for the charity.

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
4) Income from charitable activities		
Educational Meetings	1,950	-
Events - Sponsorship	18,350	29,050
	<u>20,300</u>	<u>29,050</u>
5) Income from other trading activities		
Online shop – ebay sales	1,498	2,569
Awareness Literature	390	-
Other	206	40
	<u>2,094</u>	<u>2,609</u>
6) Costs of raising funds		
Donations	1,058	1,875
Events	854	623
	<u>1,912</u>	<u>2,498</u>

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7) Analysis of costs of charitable activities	2022 £	2021 £
Research Grant	7,210	1,171
Travel Fellowships Grant	300	-
Educational Grant	3,760	-
Awareness Resources	2,896	-
Awareness Literature	1,797	2,104
Thrombosis Education	-	-
Website Costs	27,600	23,310
Support Costs (Note 8)	93,739	93,526
Governance Costs (Note 8)	10,722	7,548
Total	148,024	127,659

8) Analysis of Support and Governance costs

Thrombosis UK initially identifies its support costs which relate to the governance function and then the remaining support costs are apportioned as follows;

	General Support £	Governance Function £	Total 2022 £	Basis of apportionment
Trustee and other business meetings	113	16	129	Invoiced events
Salaries, wages and related costs	85,696	-	85,696	Allocated on time
General Office	7,930	-	7,930	Invoiced events
Audit fees	-	6,000	6,000	Governance
Legal and other professional fees	-	4,706	4,706	Governance
	<u>93,739</u>	<u>10,722</u>	<u>104,461</u>	

	General Support £	Governance Function £	Total 2021 £	Basis of apportionment
Trustee and other business meetings	66	-	66	Invoiced events
Salaries, wages and related costs	85,454	-	85,454	Allocated on time
General Office	8,006	-	8,006	Invoiced events
Audit fees	-	4,620	4,620	Governance
Legal and other professional fees	-	2,928	2,928	Governance
	<u>93,526</u>	<u>7,548</u>	<u>101,074</u>	

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		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		£	£
9)	Staff costs		
	Salaries	76,544	76,334
	Employers National Insurance	2,906	2,908
	Pensions	5,623	5,628
		<u>85,073</u>	<u>84,870</u>
	The average number employed during the year was	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.		
	The Key Management Personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The Trustees have not received any remuneration for their work as Trustees. The total employee benefits of the Key Management Personnel were £40,471 (2021: £40,481).		
10)	Fixed Assets		
		<u>Computer</u>	
		<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	£	£
	At 1 st February 2021	4,697	4,697
	Additions	-	-
		<u>4,697</u>	<u>4,697</u>
	<u>Depreciation</u>		
	At 1 st February 2021	4,566	4,566
	Charge for year	131	131
		<u>4,697</u>	<u>4,697</u>
	Net Book Value 31 st January 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	Net Book Value 31 st January 2021	<u>131</u>	<u>131</u>

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13) Movement in Funds

	At 1 st February 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 st January 2022 £
Restricted funds:					
Research	-	4,514	-	-	4,514
Education Grant	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
REGAIN Programme	-	10,111	-	-	10,111
VTE Grand Appeal	8,143	-	-	-	8,143
Total restricted funds	<u>8,143</u>	<u>16,625</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,768</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated Funds					
REGAIN Programme	-	-	1,260	2,000	740
General Funds	342,993	206,217	146,676	(2,000)	400,534
Total unrestricted funds	<u>342,993</u>	<u>206,217</u>	<u>147,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>401,274</u>

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Research – There was a donation of £4,514 (2021: £1,061) received towards the Thrombosis UK Research Fund in the year.

REGAIN Programme - Thrombosis UK launched innovative 'REGAIN' clinical psychology research service programme for people recovering from VITT. The charity was successful in securing a grant donation towards the development of a comprehensive research and support programme to combat the psychological impact of VTE (including COVID -19) and VTT thrombosis patients.

Awareness Campaign –We have received donations totalling £nil (2021: £820) towards our VTE Research Grand Appeal launched in June 2018. This campaign was closed during the year.

Purpose of Unrestricted Funds

General funds balance includes:

(i) Designated Funds – REGAIN Programme

Thrombosis UK launched an innovative 'REGAIN' clinical psychology research service programme for people recovering from VITT. The Trustees designated a £2,000 grant donation received in the year towards this programme.

(ii) General - Thrombosis UK is committed to raising awareness and advancing thrombosis research in the UK. The Trustees have decided that as much as possible of the money donated by the general public will be used towards these objectives.

Events - Sponsorship fees received to enable the charity to widen the Public and Health Professionals' awareness of thrombosis and the related issues. Sponsorship fees of £18,350 were received in the year to support the 'Let's Talk Clots' Virtual Conference held in October 2021, the National Thrombosis Week and World Thrombosis Day Virtual conferences held during the year.

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Transfers between funds

The transfers between funds in the year represents the donation earmarked towards the REGAIN Programme received in the year.

14) Capital Commitments

There are no outstanding commitments as at 31 January 2022.

15) Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities to report as at 31 January 2022

16) Post Balance Sheet Events

The Trustees have given consideration to the impact of Covid 19 on the Charity's operations since the current pandemic started and have outlined the impact this has had on the charity in their report. There are no adjusting or non-adjusting events to report.

17) Trustee Remuneration

The Trustees have not received any remuneration for their work as Trustees. Expenses totalling £Nil (2021: Nil) have been reimbursed to Trustees (2021: four), and these are in respect of travel, accommodation and postage whilst promoting Thrombosis UK.

18) Related Party Transactions

There were no Related Party Transactions in the year.

19) Taxation Status

The company being a registered charity (No.1090540) is not liable to Income and Corporation Taxes on its charitable activities.

20) Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Cash and current Investments	410,776	740	22,768	434,284
Other current assets/ (Liabilities)	(10,242)	-	-	(10,242)
Total	400,534	740	22,768	424,042