MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

(A charitable company limited by guarantee)

Unaudited Financial statements

Year ended 31 March 2014

Charity Number: 1145214
Company Number: 07818480
MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

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Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2014

The directors, who are also trustees, submit their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Results

The results for the year and the financial position of the company (“MDSUK”) are shown in the annexed financial statements. The company is a non-profit distributing company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity (No. 1145214).

Principal activities and objectives of the charity

The charity’s principal activities during the year under review relate to the support of individuals suffering from Myelodysplastic Syndrome (“MDS”), which is a rare blood cancer. The activities were previously carried on by a trust with the same name and were taken over by the company with effect from 1 April 2012. The objects of the charity are:

(a) To relieve the sickness and preserve, promote and protect the health of sufferers of MDS in the United Kingdom through the provision of support education and practical advice.
(b) To advance the education of the general public in the United Kingdom in all areas in relation to MDS.
(c) To promote and support scientific research into MDS and its treatment together with the care of MDS sufferers and those disposed to the development of MDS.

Achievements and performance

The Charity’s main activity is the operation and maintenance of a website, the telephone helpline and email support, regional and national group meetings, as well as the Facebook page. All of these provide support and information to MDS sufferers and their families.

All the activities of the charity have steadily increased over the last year. The website attracts more visitors and chat forum contributors, the number of MDS UK charity members as well as the number of information packs sent out to individuals have increased by almost 15% and 30% respectively.

More local meeting groups have been set up, and consequently only one national patient meeting took place in London in Oct 2013, and another one in Oct 2014.

MDS UK helped set-up the MDS Ireland group throughout 2013-2014. This is now operating semi-autonomously.

Further cooperation was set up with the umbrella organisation Leukaemia Care – with regards to regional groups – where number of MDS patients are not sufficient to warrant a MDS only group initially.

The charity has seen a steady increase in the number of hospitals and clinical contacts receiving MDS UK resources – comprising MDS UK Leaflets, MDS UK Posters, Newsletters, etc.

The charity released two Newsletters in 2013, and one to date in 2014.

North West England, West Midlands, Northern Ireland and Scotland are the areas which receive proportionally less resource materials and patient packs. The greatest amount of patient first-time contacts comes from South East and East of England.

A marked increased activity has been observed on MDS UK Facebook page in 2014.

Fundraising efforts have increased again further this past year, with several very successful events set up by patients and their relatives. These funds, as well as general donations from members and memorials have also helped to increase the level of funds available to the charity.

The charity has also benefitted from the financial support of pharmaceutical companies via unrestricted educational grants.

The MDS UK Patient Research Project is on-going, with improved distribution methods, as well as publication of initial Phase 1 results. This project aims to complete 450 surveys over a three year period.

MDS UK promoted the third ‘MDS World Awareness Day’ in conjunction with international
colleagues and the MDS Alliance. This event will continue to be marked in future.

MDS UK continued to campaign for the approval of relevant drug therapies, working with Health Technology Appraisal organisations: NICE (National Institute for Healthcare and Clinical Excellence), the SMC (the Scottish Medicines Consortium) and the CDF (Cancer Drug Fund), submitting evidence in writing and in person at relevant meetings, in London, Manchester and Glasgow.

MDS UK has promoted its services and activities at multiple educational events throughout the UK, to groups of patients, nurses, physicians and pharma industry, through presentations and information stands.

Further collaboration was initiated with Leukaemia CARE and LLR (Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research) to create a new national MDS booklet for patients. An important report and Call to Action, based on a Roundtable workshop in 2013 was launched and published with Leukaemia CARE, regarding care of elderly MDS patients. This has been disseminated amongst clinical staff, parliamentarians, journalists and other charities.

MDS UK continued to be actively involved at European and International level through organisations such as EMA (European Medicines Agency), ESH (European School of Haematology), EHA (European Haematology Association) and ASH (American Society of Haematology), plus other MDS overseas groups. Participation as co-founder member of the MDS Alliance – the newly formed formal cooperation between several world-wide national MDS Support Groups. MDS UK being one of the core members, due to experience and success in the UK. This formal cooperation will be of particular importance with regards to EMA licensing of new drugs.

Staff changes
The Chief Executive of the charity, started working full-time for the charity on a remunerated basis in June 2014 (previously a part-time volunteer from Oct 2010 to May 2014).

The current Research Assistant/Project worker started work with the charity in October 2013 on a part-time basis, four days/week, with the previous research assistant having left the post in Oct 2012.

The volunteer assistant post is being maintained one day/week, assisting with administration work.

The charity is actively considering the appointment of a freelance nurse to help to run groups as well as a full or part time appointment to assist in running and expanding the group’s activities, as it currently relies solely on voluntary help.

The charity is also considering enlisting the remunerated help of an accounts assistant for 1 day/week, starting in November/December 2014.
MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2014

MDSUK is extremely grateful for the support it receives from all its donors including Celgene and Novartis and for the enthusiasm and dedication of all those involved in the charity or who have campaigned and raised funds on its behalf. Without their support the charity would not be able to continue to offer hope and support to many thousands of MDS sufferers.

Public benefit
The directors have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the above aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Governing document and company status
The entity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 21 October 2011.

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company who are directors are listed below. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

Appointment of Directors
New directors are proposed by the existing directors. The number of directors shall not be less than three and is not subject to any maximum.

Reserves Policy
The directors are satisfied that the level of reserves held by the charity is appropriate for the charity to achieve its objectives. At 31 March 2014 the total funds of the charity, all of which were unrestricted, were £243,028. The reserves are held to meet any future funding requirements of the charity in relation to the maintenance and expansion of its activities including potential appointment of a specialist nurse.

The directors monitor the level of reserves on a timely basis.

Grant Received
A grant has been received from the pharmaceutical company, Celgene Limited. The grant is unrestricted and comply with the Code of Practice for the Pharmaceutical Industry of the United Kingdom.

Risk Assessment
The directors have assessed the risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate, where possible, those risks identified. The principal risk is that the level of activities undertaken by the charity is dependent upon the level of funding received.

Decision Making Structure
Decisions concerning the charity are made jointly by the directors / trustees.

Principal address and registered office: Haematology – Bessemer Wing (Ground Floor), Kings College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 9RS

The following directors resigned in March 2014:
Sharon Berger
Stephen Berger

The following directors have held office since 1 April 2014:
Rodney Taylor
Sophie Wintrich
Fiona Pirilla
John Taylor (Appointed 1 August 2014)
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Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2014

Directors’ responsibilities
The directors (who are also trustees for the purpose of charity law) are responsible for preparing the Directors’ Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the incoming resources or outgoing resources of the company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
b. observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
c. make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
d. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company’s transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

On behalf of the Board

Rodney Taylor
Director
Date: 02/12/2014
MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP  
Unaudited Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the year ended 31 March 2014

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<td>Governance costs</td>
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<td><strong>Total resources expended</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net income</strong></td>
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All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.
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Unaudited Balance sheet
31 March 2014

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<td>217,925</td>
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<td><strong>Liabilities: Amounts falling due</strong></td>
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For the year ending 31 March 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and its members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 4 to 9 were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on and signed on its behalf by:

Rodney Taylor  
Director
MDS UK PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

Unaudited notes to the financial statements as at 31 March 2014

1. **Accounting policies:**
   These financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006.

   **Fund accounting:**
   All funds are unrestricted and are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

   **Incoming resources:**
   Income represents income attributable to the activities of the charity when:
   - The Charity becomes entitled to the donation or similar income and any conditions for receipt are met;
   - The directors are reasonably certain they will receive it; and
   - The directors are reasonably certain that the value can be reliably measured.

   All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

   **Going concern**
   The directors are not aware of any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern and have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future as the charity will continue in operation only if it has received sufficient income from investments and donations. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

   **Cashflow Statement**
   Due to its size, the charity is not required to present a Cashflow Statement under Financial Reporting Standard Number one.

   **Resources expended:**
   Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

   **Charitable activities:**
   Costs of charitable activities include expenditure incurred in the delivery of activities and services for beneficiaries and all the support costs as shown in note 7.

   **Governance costs:**
   Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the accounts preparation and legal fees.
2. Directors’ remuneration

The charity does not have any employees, but it paid Kings College Hospital £11,269 for the services of a research assistant in order to carry out a patient survey as detailed in Note 6. Two research assistants worked for the charity (the assistant first from Jan 2012-Oct 2012 and the second assistant from Oct 2013 to date). During the current period the directors neither received nor waived any emoluments. Expenses of £470 were reimbursed during the current period to the directors and are shown in Note 7.

3. Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources

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<td>Donations</td>
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<td>47,311</td>
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4. Grants

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<tr>
<td>Celgene Limited</td>
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<td>34,401</td>
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<td>Novartis Limited</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>30,000</td>
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5. Investment income

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<td>Bank interest received</td>
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<td>333</td>
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6. Costs of activities for charitable objectives

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<td>Research assistant</td>
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<td>Website expenses</td>
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<td>London Forum</td>
<td>3,907</td>
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<td>Support groups</td>
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<td>Sponsorship – NCRI and EBMT Conferences</td>
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<td>Volunteer Travel</td>
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<td>Support costs (note 7)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>43,029</td>
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Unaudited notes to the financial statements as at 31 March 2014 (continued)

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<td>Committee Expenses</td>
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<td>Stationery and Postage</td>
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<td>Telephone and Broadband</td>
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<td>Office Computer and Supplies</td>
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<td>Sundry Expenses</td>
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8. Governance costs

Accountancy fees

150 150

9. Taxation

The company is a registered charity, with no liability to tax arising in the year.

10. Debtors

Tax recoverable on Gift Aid

1,880 -

2013 grant from Celgene (received in April 2014)

30,000 -

- 31,880

11. Creditors

Creditors for goods and services

6,777 -
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF MDS UK PATIENTS GROUP

I report on the accounts of MDS UK PATIENTS SUPPORT GROUP for the year ended 31 March 2014, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
   b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practise: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ronald Cyril Smart
Bridger Smart & Co
Chartered Accountants
Unitek House
Churchfield Road
Chalfont St Peter
Bucks
SL9 9EW

Date: 22 November 2014