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**THROMBOSIS UK**

**(Formerly known as Lifeblood: The Thrombosis Charity)**

**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015**

**Registered Charity No: 1090540**

**Company No: 4354472**

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**TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT**

**Trustees**

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Brian Herbert John Gardner (Resigned 21.11.14)  
Dr Beverley Jane Hunt, MD, FRCP, FRCPath  
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Kim Lesley Carter  
Dr Simon Noble  
Professor Ian Maxwell Franklin  
Robin Offord  
Paul Westerman (Appointed on 11.07.14)  
Clare Mary Reynolds (Appointed on 11.07.14)  
Andrea Louise Croft (Appointed on 10.07.14)  
Raanan Evelyn ZVI Gillon (Appointed on 11.07.14)

**Secretary**

Dr B J Hunt, MD, FRCP, FRCPath

**Council of Reference**

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015**

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2015. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005). The report and statements also comply with the Companies Act 2006 as Thrombosis UK (Formerly known as Lifeblood: The Thrombosis Charity) was incorporated by guarantee on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2002. It has no share capital and is a registered charity (registered 12<sup>th</sup> February 2002). The Charity changed its name on 25 April 2015.

**Aims and Activities**

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 Lifeblood 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 and effects of thrombosis.

**Organisational Structure**

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. Training and induction methods are under review and new processes will be introduced in 2015/16. As part of raising awareness of VTE training in Pregnancy and post partum period in health visiting, Thrombosis UK paid £1,349 for a Masters Programme for Kim Carter, a Trustee.

All Trustees give freely of their time and expertise and receive no remuneration for their work. The current list of trustees, who acted throughout the period of review except where indicated, is given on page 2.

The day to day administration of the charity is the responsibility of the Executive Officer, Annya Stephens-Boal, who is also the only full-time employee of Thrombosis UK (Formerly known as Lifeblood: The Thrombosis Charity) in the year.

The Trustees are supported by a multi-disciplinary group, drawn from recognised leaders within the UK in thrombosis care and research. It is this group who advise the charity on the latest thoughts on treatment and prevention as well as acting as the Peer Review Panel for our scientific research programme.

The contact address is Thrombosis UK, P.O.Box 58, Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire, SA19 0AD.

**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.

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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015**

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 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.

#### **Accounts**

The accounts comply with current statutory requirements and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005.

#### **Review of our work**

Lifeblood had another active and productive year in fulfilling our mission statement of raising awareness and increasing research into venous thromboembolism (VTE). We were once again very privileged to receive support and donations from the general public, many of whom have loved ones who had suffered from VTE.

Katherine Johnson joined us as a part-time Projects Manager. Katherine's remit is to develop and run the Buddy System, offering one-to-one peer support for patients and those bereaved due to VTE. She is also responsible for specific projects which include our charity re-branding, development of a new website, and our National Thrombosis Week and World Thrombosis Day events. Katherine set up and oversaw the Buddy system and ensured there was adequate governance in place to protect individuals and charity.

We also added several new Trustees to our ranks, diversifying the palette of talent and experiences which we can draw on.

Sadly, our longest standing member, Brian Gardner, decided to step down as a Trustee. We shall all miss him and it will leave a big gap in the Lifeblood team. It was decided to formally recognise his contribution to Lifeblood at the next Houses of Parliament awards event in October 2015.

We continued work on our two campaigns:

**Stop the Clots** –aiming to mandate appropriate thromboprophylaxis in all UK hospitals to reduce the incidence of hospital-acquired clots

and

**Spot the Clots** - aiming to increase awareness of VTE in the community to reduce the incidence of "missed diagnosis" of VTE

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**Increasing awareness of VTE**

The highlight of our year is National Thrombosis Week (second week of May). The three main components this year were:

a) Our customary three regional educational days in Cardiff, Antrim and Edinburgh, covering subjects as diverse as VTE and cancer, VTE in pregnancy, New oral anticoagulants (NOACS), thromboprophylaxis for plaster casts and community nursing and VTE education. In addition, there were several well received workshops including one on stockings held by Welsh Nursing Director, Andrea Croft, and Executive Officer, Annya Stephens-Boal which exposed an interesting finding that the knowledge surrounding post thrombotic syndrome leaves a lot to be desired. We will endeavour to do some more work in this area.

For the first time ever, we also held a Patient Day at St. Thomas' Hospital in London. The agenda was a mixture of educational subjects and patient telling their own stories. This is the first VTE event where health professionals and patients have been presenting and combined in the audience and was an extremely successful, if very emotional, day. There were several very popular breakout workshops which included INR Management, fundraising and awareness, getting psychological support and "medical questions we are afraid to ask".

b) The main focuses of our press release this year were seated immobility ('e-thrombosis') and we issued a press release on the dangers of longer commutes having the potential for developing VTE from long periods of sitting on trains and other modes of public transport. We also continued to keep hospital-acquired thrombosis in the fore.

c) We had another poster campaign running on trains in the provinces, but did not include the London Underground on this occasion.

Once again, we supplied around 750 NTW promotional packs and the website saw a steady increase in hits over the course of the week. The office also received many more emails and phone calls, especially from patients and relatives asking for more information about support.

As with previous years, many individual events were undertaken at NHS Trusts across the UK and we again had some public fundraising events organised to run in conjunction with the week. Supporters continue to supply us with photos and written reports for use in newsletters and archive.

The 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 saw the launch of the first ever World Thrombosis Day, an ambitious project headed up by the International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis. Our Medical Director, Prof Hunt sits on the inaugural organising committee. The day aims to bring together health professionals and patients from across the globe to promote VTE awareness, share good practice, form research collaborations and educate both health professionals and the public. A fantastic achievement for Thrombosis UK was the outcome of an international MORI poll organised by the World Thrombosis Team showing that the UK leads the world in terms of VTE awareness, with 85% aware of deep vein thrombosis and its symptoms. England also leads the world in a systems based approach to reducing hospital acquired thrombosis and Prof Hunt has shown in a recent publication that this has led to a fall in the death rate due to pulmonary emboli by 8%.

On World Thrombosis Day we held a very successful education day at St. Thomas' Hospital in partnership with Anticoagulation in Practice and the National Centre for Anticoagulation Training. Once again, we used the format of health professionals and patients at the same venue – which had worked very well earlier in the year during National Thrombosis Day. Subjects for discussion included the global burden of VTE, HAT prevention, PTS, psychological impact of VTE, NOACS and patient stories. There was a lively panel discussion to end the day. The whole day was filmed and streamed live and was also uploaded to our new You Tube channel via the website

Following the education day, we headed across Westminster Bridge to an awards event at the Houses of Parliament where both fundraisers and Ambassadors were recognised. A special award was also given to Executive Officer, Annya Stephens-Boal, in recognition of her outstanding commitment to the charity. A Lifetime Achievement award was given to Dr Anders Cohen for his work on the epidemiology of VTE.

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**Awareness and education of health professionals**

*a) Undergraduate*

We continue to run our Master Classes in Haematology, run jointly with the British Society for Haematology, which provide a one-day course in all aspects of Haematology including VTE twice yearly. They are attended by over 100 medical students and always oversubscribed. Two Student Master Classes in Haematology were held this year; one in London and another in Manchester.

*b) Postgraduate*

Nursing Director, Kim Carter, was awarded a grant to complete an MSc module on VTE and Health Visiting at Southampton University commencing in September 2014.

*Royal College of Nursing and Nursing in Practice conferences*

We attended the Royal College of Nursing Congress for the third year. Congress was held in Liverpool for the second year in a row and was another highly successful outing with in excess of 400 nurses, Healthcare Assistants, midwives and students visiting the stand, many of whom took information packs and leaflets away with them. The success of the RCN Congress ensures that we will attend on an annual basis. Executive Officer, Anya Stephens-Boal and Nursing Director, Kim Carter, were joined this time by newly appointed Trustee, Clare Reynolds who added another dimension to the team in terms of highlighting the patient's viewpoint.

**Awareness and education of the public**

In addition to NTW we also have the following to report:

A new general information 6-fold brochure was developed and has been very well received. A perfect size to fit on a waiting room table or in a bag, it outlines Thrombosis UK's aims and provides contact information and short messages from patients and other users about our work.

Our closed and public Facebook pages continue to grow in followers and the closed page continues to provide much needed mutual help and support for VTE sufferers by VTE sufferers. The closed group grows year on year and now has over 300 members – a massive increase on last year. It is a lively and supportive community.

The Twitter account goes from strength to strength and Anya and Beverley regularly tweet generic VTE information messages, feature fundraising events, and 'live tweet' from many of our events including the education days for NTW and the RCN Congress.

We have started on a complete overhaul of the website with the aim to make it more users friendly and less 'heavy'. We plan to have the new version up and running for the second World Thrombosis Day in October 2015.

**Grant Making**

The Charity continues to consider grants for research and travel fellowships. Grants are considered by the Trustees at their meetings and are considered on a case by case basis and awarded by unanimous approval from the Board. Travel fellowships are limited to one grant per individual every three years.

**Research**

A PhD fellowship continued with Professor Sam Machin's team at University College London, jointly funded by Lifeblood, the BSHT and BSH.

We funded further research on e-thrombosis by Professor Richard Beasley in New Zealand.

As a result of our work with Professor Paul Bennett, Psychologist at Swansea University, which looked into the psychological impact of thrombosis and the need for continued support, we have gone to develop the Lifeblood buddy



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system 'Lifeblood Buddies' which was launched in March 2014 and is being overseen by Katherine Johnson. Katherine is a VTE sufferer, former Lifeblood fundraiser, and a current psychology student. Lifeblood Buddies offer to pair individuals with similar problems related to VTE so they can support each other.

Annya continued to work with Professor Jonathan Sterne's group at Bristol University on comparative study 'Anticoagulants for atrial fibrillation and treatment and prevention of VTE'.

We awarded only one Travel Fellowships this year to Dr Siân Sweetland of Oxford University to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Thrombosis and Haemostasis Issues in Cancer, Bergamo, Italy, May 9-11<sup>th</sup> 2014.

### **Political Work**

#### **1. Where are we now?**

a) England the new CQUIN rules (Commissioning for Quality and Innovation), all English Trusts are obligated to risk assess 95% of admissions and ensure 95% receive appropriate thromboprophylaxis AND that 60% of the patients receive written patient information.

"The Patient Safety Thermometer" which is a set of questions about patient safety that will require to be answered by nurses on a ward once a month about their patients. The section on VTE is poorly designed, the nurses get confused by it, and they don't have the skill base to answer the questions. This has been pointed out to the National VTE Board who have commented on it. We campaigned successfully to have the VTE section downgraded - it is no longer obligatory.

*Hospital inspection.* Professor Hunt met with the new Inspector of Hospitals Mike Richards, who was reminded about prevention of hospital-acquired clots. The criteria for hospital inspection have been released and prevention of hospital-acquired clots is very prominent!

We worked with the All Party Parliamentary Thrombosis Group to do yet another annual national survey of English hospitals in November 2014.

*The Patient Experience section of the National VTE board.* Professor Hunt led on this and produced 2 national leaflets on VTE that are in plain English, Crystal marked and badged by Lifeblood.

NICE Quality Standards on the management of VTE came out in April 2014 and was endorsed by Lifeblood. Professor Hunt sits on the writing committee. Annya continues to represent the patient's perspective on NICE Scoping Workshops and Appraisal Committees.

#### **2. Scotland**

They are using a system of change management that will improve thromboprophylaxis in all the hospitals through the 14 health boards. This is not achieving its targets and we plan to make Scotland's thromboprophylaxis a priority next year

#### **3. Wales**

They are building a system of ensuring VTE prevention occurrences in Welsh Hospitals. The steering group chaired by Simon Noble and which Professor Hunt and Annya both attend continues to make progress, albeit slow. However, things are continuing to move forward with plans for a public awareness campaign about hospital-acquired clots 'Ask About Clots' to be launched in 2014.

### **Fundraising**

Lifeblood continues to be very well supported with donations increasing year on year. There are more people undertaking fundraising events and we continue to benefit from several repeat events. We also had many individuals making generous donations in memory of loved ones.

Just Giving, Do It For Charity, and Virgin Giving Money fundraising websites continued to be regularly used and we have added the Charity Challenge and Givey. Easyfundraising continues to bring in a small but welcome income annually.

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**Financial Reports**

With the difficult economic conditions continuing and the inability to raise private and corporate donations to the same levels of previous years, the charity took the inevitable view that some of the accumulated general reserves would be utilised to maintain and support the charitable activity levels and outputs and outcomes needed. As a result, the net incoming resources for the year under review amounted to £66,293.

The net assets of the charity still remain healthy, at the balance sheet date, for a small charity such as this. Net assets total £249,993 and are liquid in nature, in line with our planned approach.

**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 at least three years administration, support and governance 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 2006 in respect of having due regard to Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

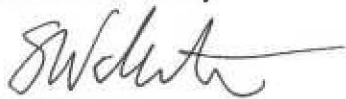
**Auditors**

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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), and in accordance with special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Trustees on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Signed on their behalf by



**Shelley Webster**  
Trustee



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

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We have audited the financial statements of Thrombosis UK (Formerly known as Lifeblood: The Thrombosis Charity) for the year ended 31 January 2015 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

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.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, 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.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

**Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Association's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

**Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31st January 2015 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 properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

**Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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 exemption in preparing the Trustees' Report.

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*28th* October 2015

  
Anthony Oakes, FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Couch Bright King & Co  
Chartered Accountants &  
Statutory Auditors

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted		Restricted	Year to 31.1.15	Year to 31.1.14
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Donations, legacies and gifts	3	185,316	-	20,090	205,406	136,261
Investment income – interest (gross)		52	-	-	52	353
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>185,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,090</u>	<u>205,458</u>	<u>136,614</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>						
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>	4	492	-	-	492	476
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>						
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects –						
Grants awarded:						
Research and Development	5	-	4,018	-	4,018	420
Raising Awareness of Thrombosis:						
Literature		2,126	-	-	2,126	2,741
General Awareness		41,619	12,813	19,500	73,932	106,075
Website		5,940	-	-	5,940	1,263
Support costs	6	20,072	-	-	20,072	17,569
Administration costs		7,017	-	-	7,017	13,593
Governance costs	8	25,568	-	-	25,568	22,310
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>102,834</u>	<u>16,831</u>	<u>19,500</u>	<u>139,165</u>	<u>164,447</u>
<b>Net incoming resources / (resources expended)</b>		82,534	(16,831)	590	66,293	(27,833)
Transfers		683	(683)	-	-	-
<b>Net movements in funds</b>		<u>83,217</u>	<u>(17,514)</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>66,293</u>	<u>(27,833)</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		166,186	17,514	-	183,700	211,533
<b>At 1 February 2014</b>		<u>166,186</u>	<u>17,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>183,700</u>	<u>211,533</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>						
<b>At 31 January 2015</b>	9	<u>249,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>249,993</u>	<u>183,700</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 JANUARY 2015**

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	7	900	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	10	16,095	11,525
Cash at bank and in hand		237,363	177,324
		<u>253,458</u>	<u>188,849</u>
<b>Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)</b>	11	4,365	5,149
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>249,093</u>	<u>183,700</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>249,993</u>	<u>183,700</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>	9	590	-
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Designated funds	9	-	17,514
General funds	9	249,403	166,186
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		<u>249,993</u>	<u>183,700</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>249,993</u>	<u>183,700</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Trustees on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Signed on their behalf by

  
**Simon Hart**  
Trustee

  
**Shelley Webster**  
Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015**

**1) Accounting Policies**

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

- a) **Basis of Preparation**  
These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005).
- b) **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 2 years
- Assets acquired under a value of £1,500 are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of acquisition.
- c) **Voluntary Income**  
Voluntary income is received by way of donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the financial period in which they are receivable.
- d) **Resources Expended**  
Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include Value Added Tax (V.A.T.) which cannot be recovered.
- e) **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.
- f) **Designated Fund**  
Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.
- g) **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.
- 2) a) **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.
- b) **Company Status**  
The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 2. 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.

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Registered Charity No: 1090540

Company No: 4354472

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015**

	Year to 31.1.15 £	Year to 31.1.14 £
<b>3) Donations and gifts</b>		
Individuals and covenanted income	590	2,979
Events, bequests, collections	176,465	87,080
Corporate donors	19,500	42,453
Gift Aid	8,851	3,749
	205,406	136,261

The number of general donations, covenants and bequests we have received during the year has continued to grow and we are immensely grateful to all of those who have organised a fundraising event for the charity.

	Year to 31.1.15	Year to 31.1.14
<b>4) Costs of generating funds</b>		
Fundraising assistance	492	476
	492	476
<b>5) Grants awarded</b>		
Research fellowships	2,669	420
Awareness research	1,349	-
	4,018	420
<b>6) Staff costs</b>		
Salary	38,665	31,805
Employers National Insurance	1,479	3,333
	40,144	35,138

The average number employed during the year was 2 (2014: 1). There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Salary costs this year have been allocated equally between support and governance costs.

<b>7) Fixed Assets</b>		
	<u>Computer Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cost</u>		
At 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2014	-	-
Additions	1,800	1,800
	£1,800	£1,800
<u>Depreciation</u>		
At 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2014	-	-
Charge for year	900	900
	£900	£900
Net Book Value 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2015	£900	£900

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8)	<b>Governance costs</b>				
	Salary costs (note 6)	20,072	17,569		
	Insurance	1,107	1,155		
	Audit fees	3,000	2,880		
	Payroll costs	624	624		
	Legal Fees	477	-		
	Sundry	288	82		
		25,568	22,310		
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9)	<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
	<b>At 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
	<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
	Research	-	390	-	390
	Awareness Campaign	-	19,700	(19,500)	200
	<b>Total restricted funds</b>	-	20,090	(19,500)	590
	<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
	Designated Fund for Research	4,701	-	(4,018)	(683)
	Awareness Campaign	12,813	-	(12,813)	-
	General Funds	166,186	185,368	(102,834)	683
	<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	183,700	185,368	(119,665)	249,403
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**Purpose of Restricted Funds**

Research – Donations totalling £390 were received towards the Thrombosis UK Research Fund at the donor's request.

Awareness Campaign – We have received a number of grants towards the funding of our campaign to raise awareness of issues around thrombosis care and treatment, including National Thrombosis Week. The funds expended in the year went towards National Thrombosis Week related costs.

Donations totalling £200 were received towards the awareness campaign in Scotland at the donor's request.

**Purpose of Designated Funds**

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.

Awareness Campaign – Donations are now being received to enable the charity to widen the public and health professional's awareness of thrombosis and the related issues.

Research – Grants are awarded to part fund research projects fitting the criteria set and reviewed by the Charity's Medical Director.



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	2015	2014
<b>10) Debtors</b>		
Taxation recoverable	3,460	3,255
Sundry debtors and prepayments	12,635	8,270
	<u>16,095</u>	<u>11,525</u>
<b>11) Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Other taxes	1,290	1,632
Other creditors	-	13
Accruals	3,075	3,504
	<u>4,365</u>	<u>5,149</u>
<b>12) Capital Commitments</b>		
There are no outstanding commitments as at 31 January 2015.		
<b>13) Contingent Liabilities</b>		
There are no contingent liabilities to report.		
<b>14) Post Balance Sheet Events</b>		
On 25 April 2015 the charity changed its legal name from Lifeblood: The Thrombosis Charity to Thrombosis UK. There are no other post balance sheet events to report.		
<b>15) Trustee Remuneration</b>		
The Trustees have not received any remuneration for their work as Trustees. Expenses totalling £481 (2014: £475) have been reimbursed to three Trustees (2014: two), and these are in respect of travel, accommodation and postage whilst promoting Thrombosis UK.		
Towards the end of last year Trustee Indemnity insurance was renewed for £1,209 to protect the charity from any loss arising from the possible neglect or defaults of its Trustees; an amount of £1,107 (2014: £1,155) is applicable to this year.		
<b>16) Related Party Transactions</b>		
The insurance arrangements referred to in note 8, were transacted with Baker Tilly Insurance Services Limited, a company with which Mr Simon Hart, a Trustee, has indirect associations. The transaction was conducted under normal commercial terms and dealt with on an arms length basis.		
<b>17) Taxation Status</b>		
The company being a registered charity (No.1090540) is not liable to Income and Corporation Taxes on its charitable activities.		