

Annual Report of Mossy Foot UK for year ending 12 August 2017

Administration

Mossy Foot UK achieved registration with the Charity Commission on 29 May 2009 under number 1129888. Its first full accounting year after that registration ended on August 2009 and that was its second year of operation as it was given charitable status by HMRC in October 2008 backdated to the date of its Trust Deed (13 August 2008).

This is Mossy Foot UK's ninth year of operation. The Trustees of Mossy Foot UK are Dr Lucinda Claire Fuller and Graeme David Akhurst. The offices of the Charity are at Beacon Hill House, Little Mongeham, Kent CT14 OHW. They were the trustees at inception and expect to remain as the only trustees for the foreseeable future. Only the existing Trustees as a body have power to appoint new trustees. Mossy Foot UK does not have any employees. The Trustees held 2 meetings during the course of the year.

Financial Report

Mossy Foot saw its receipts reduce this year from just under £12,500 last year to just over £11,900 continuing a declining trend. Mossy Foot UK has no reserves policy and is not in deficit. Its own website hosting and administration requires it to keep a small amount in hand (it has no other committed payments). This year Mossy Foot continued its donations to APIDO (Action on Podoconiosis and Integrated Development Organization) formally known as "Action on Podoconiosis" ("APA") www.actiononpodo.com, which gained administrative approval at the beginning to 2012. Mossy Foot UK made grants of £20,000 to it during the year which APA uses for general purposes (paying the staff who run its clinics and running training programmes in shoemaking and training on income generation). Further grants are expected to be made to APIDO in the future. None of Mossy Foot UK's funds are restricted and it holds no funds as custodian trustee. No payments were made to the Trustees. The amount in the account at the end of the year was £5,263.

Objects, Activities and Public Benefit Statement

The objects of Mossy Foot UK are to relieve the condition of podoconiosis ("Mossy Foot") in sufferers in Ethiopia and to provide care and rehabilitation for such persons. It is also to promote the physical and mental health of Mossy Foot sufferers in Ethiopia through the provision of financial assistance, support, education and practical advice.

As mentioned above, Mossy Foot has, during the course of the year, remitted funds to APA. Professor Paul Matts, inspired to support Mossy Foot after hearing about it from Dr Fuller at a scientific talk, continues to visit and provide external governance support for APA. APA has taken steps towards increasing and diversifying sources of income in 2017. This has led to a significant growth in the areas reached by APA and an increase in the number of Podoconiosis patients receiving care. The original model developed with the funds from Mossy Foot UK continues to be expanded across additional Ethiopian regions. New clinics are set up within existing Ministry of Health (MOH) facilities and as the National Master Plan for Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) management now incorporates podoconiosis care, the MOH takes over the services as the local staff develop capacity and skill.

Dr Fuller continues as Chair of the International Foundation for Dermatology ("IFD") and is also on the board of the International League of Dermatological Societies ("ILDS"). She continues to use this position to keep Podoconiosis on the agenda of the global health dermatology. She is now a member of a WHO initiative known as the "Integrated Skin Care Group of the Neglected Tropical Diseases Control Unit" and is co-author of a training guide to assist field workers to recognize and diagnose neglected tropical diseases (including podoconiosis). She is also an

advisor for a skin disease app being produced by the Netherlands Leprosy Relief agency to facilitate diagnosis and management of common skin problems by basically educated health workers which again will include Podoconiosis diagnosis and simple management.

In addition Dr Fuller has used her IFD/ILDS role and membership of the Footwork International (www.podo.org) steering group to work with the World Health Organisation (WHO). Although they were not successful in gaining the addition of Podoconiosis to the WHO Neglected tropical disease list, they have been given a strategy to reapply. Success in achievement of this classification is vital to increasing influence with the larger global research funding bodies and enhance the chance of securing podo research funding to address some of the continuing unknowns of this disorder.

Mossy Foot UK continues to update its website (www.mossyfootuk.com) increasing its educational contents and thereby raising awareness of persons to the condition.

The public benefit of these actions is (a) to improve the situation of Mossy Foot sufferers both financially and medically enabling reintegration into their communities with no dependence on begging and (b) to increase awareness of Mossy Foot amongst both the Ethiopian and non-Ethiopian populations thereby helping to reduce the stigma attached to the condition.

The trustees therefore confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers.

Dr Claire Fuller

24-9-2017

Mr Graeme Akhurst

24-9-2017