

INTERPLAST UK

Registered Charity No 328688

Chairman's Report 2016

Objectives: The stated objectives of the charity remain unchanged.

Annual Report: This has been prepared by the Secretary in the format suggested by the Charity Commission, providing clarity and brevity.

Annual Return to the Charity Commission: The Return has been completed for consideration at this meeting and, when approved, will be filed online.

Activities in the last 12 months: As outlined in the Report, the charity supported three camps in Pakistan (Kashmir), India, and Uganda. In excess of 200 surgical procedures were carried out and training given to local medical staff, whose cooperation is an important element in the success of the camps.

Finances: The details are provided in the Financial Report. The Trustees are concerned that there is a considerable shortfall in income required to meet the costs of the camps. As a consequence, the reserves are being depleted at an unsatisfactory rate. The trustees will have to initiate or encourage fund raising activities if the objectives of the charity are not to become constrained by a lack of funds.

Volunteers: After some discussion and as agreed at our meeting on 13 May 2016, our secretary has drafted a document to inform applicants on the requirements to become a potential volunteer and the further requirements to take part in a camp, including an expectation that he or she will donate or raise funds, preferably Gift Aided, to defray in part the costs of travel.

Safeguarding: It is a requirement of the trustees that we have a safeguarding policy in place. The Secretary, who has knowledge and experience in this field, has accepted the additional role to manage this process. It is anticipated that professional participants in camps will already have DBS clearance but we need confirmation of this. Lay volunteers will need DBS clearance.

Interplast UK website: This has taken on a new lease of life thanks to the hard work of our Secretary's son Paul Fletcher. It acts as a significant publicity tool and we are all requested to access it and to spread knowledge of its existence as far and wide as possible.

The longer term: Consideration is required to develop a long term policy in sustaining the work of the charity.

Thanks: I wish to express on behalf of the Trustees our thanks to our Chief Executive, Mr Charles Viva for his outstanding work, both organising the camps and his work in the field; also thanks to all the professionals and volunteers who

participate in the camps. Thanks also for the tireless input of our Secretary, Lynn Fletcher, and to Guan Lim for working with Lynn to keep our finances in order.

Chair: Philip Robinson 8 July 2016