

Charity Registration no. 1164594

**FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG (JSS) IN UK**  
**TRUSTEES'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2017**

## **FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG IN UK (FOJSS IN UK)**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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Board of Trustees	Kislay K Thakur (Chair) Raman Kataria Sanjay Gupta (Secretary) Shitij Kapur (upto 1.10.16) (Treasurer) Sunil Grover (from 2.10.16) (Treasurer) Sumit Goyal Sanjay Sinha Ajay Sharma Devesh Misra
Charity number	1164594 (England)
Principal address	Randalls, Node Park, Hitchin Road, Codicote, Herts, SG4 8TH
Accountants	Number Crunching Ltd, Unit 5, Fen End, Stotfold, Herts, SG5 4BA
Bankers	HSBC, 1 Market Place, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 1DR

## **FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG IN UK (FOJSS IN UK)**

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

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#### **Type of Governing document**

Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) whose only voting members are its charity trustees (Foundation Model Constitution). The constitution was adopted on October 15, 2015.

#### **How the Charity is constituted**

A group of 8 Charity Board Trustees who are supported by around 50 Friends of Jan Swasthya Sahyog in UK (FOJSS in UK). Our charity was entered on the English Register of Charities on 27 November 2015.

#### **Trustee Selection Methods**

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by advertising at the 'FOJSS in UK' charity meetings which are held regularly. The appointees are from the Friends of JSS in UK, most of whom are NHS doctors and are passionate about our charity work and possess relevant interest and experience. All the Trustees are Consultant physicians or Surgeons and have undergone Criminal records Bureau check before appointment and at regular intervals in line with then statutory requirements. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits from the charity. They have read and accept the Trustee guidelines issued by the charity commission.

#### **Organisational Structure and decision making**

Day to day issues concerning our charity is managed by a small working group of Charity Secretary, Treasurer and the Chair. Any such decisions are further ratified in the FOJSS UK Trustee board meetings. Major policy decisions are made by consensus at the Trustee board meetings which are held regularly. Correspondence between Trustees is by phone and e-mails.

#### **Risk management**

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that systems are in place to mitigate those risks. The risks are re-assessed regularly and when circumstances dictate.

*Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS) JSS (translated as people's health cooperative) is a unique charitable NGO running a comprehensive rural health programme in parts of impoverished central India. The movement was started more than 16 years ago by a group of like-minded doctors to improve the health care of rural India. The organisation has been recognised nationally and overseas for its sterling work in the field of low cost health care. Friends of JSS in UK is a group of 3 such friendly but independent associations (Friends of JSS USA and Friends of JSS Germany) who support JSS.*

## **FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG IN UK (FOJSS IN UK)**

### **Objectives and Activities**

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- To promote, facilitate and support exchange of health care professionals between JSS and FOJSS in UK for providing various health related services including training and research.
- To support JSS in acquiring various health-related technologies, skills and equipment.
- To raise funds for JSS for its various health related activities including provision and development of health related services, training and research and welfare of its staff.
- To support health programmes and organisations providing healthcare and development programmes to less privileged parts of India.

## **FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG IN UK (FOJSS IN UK)**

### **Achievements and performance for the year ending 5 April 2017**

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#### **Fund Raising events**

During this period various fund raising events were organised by the Friends of JSS to support the various health related projects at the JSS hospital in Bilaspur.

A cycle run was organised from London to Brighton in August 2016 to raise awareness and funds for our charity. Prior to this many friends and volunteers undertook weekly practice sessions at Hitchin and a rehearsal run week before the final event. Around 15 cyclists took part in the final run which was rather challenging given the adverse weather conditions on the day. FOJSS trustees and volunteers facilitated the various arrangements.

A charity Diwali Mela was organised by in Nov 2016. The event was hosted with the help of trustees, friends and volunteers at the Woodside Hall in Hitchin. This musical evening was attended by almost 200 local friends and family members. A professional band with Bollywood singers and a variety of dance shows kept the evening alive. The food was excellent and event proved to be extremely popular with demands for this to be made an annual event. All the details of these events are available on Fojss calender on our website.

#### **Education and Training**

In Feb 2017 a group of FOJSS UK Anaesthetists and Surgeons visited JSS base hospital in Ganiyari, Bilaspur, India. The group organised a week long teaching course in ICU & Regional anaesthesia which was well attended. The event required months of planning and coordination with the host organisation in India.

The purpose of this visit was manifold –

- a. to be involved and contribute in direct patient care,
- b. for teaching and training and skill improvement of medial and paramedical staff,
- c. to contribute towards quality and process improvement,
- d. to plan for new service development and finally to foster a sense of inclusiveness for individuals who were involved in supporting the organization here in UK and build up a chain reaction of involving more people.

The event proved to be very successful and training work was carried out with dedication and hard work from all those involved. Details of the visit, participants and teaching programme can we accessed on our website [www.fojss.org.uk](http://www.fojss.org.uk) under the heading Fojss calender.

## **FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG IN UK (FOJSS IN UK)**

### **Achievements and performance for the year ending 5 April 2017 (continued)**

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#### **Promoting health care volunteering at JSS**

A group of trustees and volunteers attended the Annual scientific meeting and cultural programme of the British Association of Indian Anaesthetists (BAOIA). The meeting was held at The Leeds Armouries convention centre on 30th of September 2016. The meeting was well attended by over 150 anaesthetic consultant delegates from all over the United Kingdom.

FOJSS was well represented at a stall at the conference exhibition hall and manned by our volunteers. Posters from JSS hospital in Bilaspur and audio visual aids were used to promote volunteering for JSS. Our appeal for support was received very well by the conference delegates and many firm commitments were obtained. These included personal donations and a strong desire to work at the JSS base hospital in Ganiyari, Bilaspur by more than 20 anaesthetists.

Trained anaesthetists are rare in rural India and with this objective our presence at BAOIA was very important. Overall the interest and attendance at FOJSS stall was very good and we plan to continue our representation at future BAOIA events.

FOJSS in UK is grateful to BAOIA for supporting us and providing with a complimentary exhibition stall. The two organisations have a great synergy and we will continue to work with BAOIA in fostering closer links and achieving their preferred charity status.

#### **Other health related voluntary programmes/activities**

Currently FOJSS in UK is supporting an ongoing training program and essential equipment purchase for Intensive care unit (ICU project) at the JSS base Hospital, Bilaspur, India. The support includes a direct financial grant to support the salary of Medical and Nursing training personnel employed by the JSS hospital in Bilaspur, India.

In June 2016 a FOJSS volunteering neurologist from UK visited JSS Bilaspur and helped in setting up a rural community based programme for treating epilepsy. A tablet based mobile App was launched with the help of multi-purpose village health workers.

Many other FOJSS UK Surgeons, Anaesthetists and medical trainees visited the JSS base hospital in Bilaspur, India during the course of the year and undertook voluntary healthcare activities including direct delivery of health care. (refer our website [www.fojss.org.uk](http://www.fojss.org.uk)).

#### **Lancet commission & Global health Initiative**

In January 2016, one of the founding members of JSS, Bilaspur, India participated in our Trustee Board meeting in UK which was also attended by 30 Friends of JSS in UK. The event was organised to foster close coordination between the two organisations with similar objectives. As a commissioner to Lancet Commission to 'quantify the NICD load for the poor' he delivered a very informative lecture on this global health initiative.

## **FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG IN UK (FOJSS IN UK)**

### **Trustee report for the year ended 5 April 2017**

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#### **Grant making policies**

The charity's grant making policy in accordance with its constitution to support the work of its local partner JSS. Grant making decisions are made by FOJSS in UK Trustee board on the merits of the individual projects submitted by the JSS.

#### **Fundraising performance**

The charity's fund raising activities are mainly seeking funds for various JSS projects from private sources via on line appeals and various fund raising events organised by the charity.

#### **Investment Performance**

Currently charity has no Investments.

#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees have reviewed the aims of the charity as stated in the Objects, and are satisfied that they meet the requirements for public benefit as defined by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that public benefit is an integral part of its activities. The charity supports a wide range of projects within its stated aims. Each project is assessed by the Trustees to ensure they meet the public benefit criteria. The Trustees are confident that all the projects presently being supported are of public benefit in accordance to the requirements of the Charity Commission.

#### **Reserves Policy**

It is the Trustees policy to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves to enable the charity to meet its obligations.

#### **Details of any funds in deficit and how this will be rectified**

There are no funds in deficit. The charity has over £10,000 in reserves of unallocated funds to cover any future deficits.

#### **Principal funding sources**

Private donations

#### **Expenditure and key objectives**

The trustees are satisfied that the expenditure of the last financial year were appropriate to the support for key objectives given above.

#### **Plans for the future**

The charity will continue to work to raise funds for all the activities appropriate to its objectives. We will continue to support ongoing healthcare projects of JSS Bilaspur. We will also continue to promote work done by JSS here in the UK to increase its awareness especially among the local medical community.

**FRIENDS OF JAN SWASTHYA SAHYOG IN UK (FOJSS IN UK)**

**Trustee report for the year ended 5 April 2017**

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On behalf of the board of trustees



Dr K Thakur (Trustee-Chair)  
Dated 1.2.18



Dr S.Gupta (Trustee-Secretary)  
Dated 1.2.18