

Friends of Jan Swasthya Sahyog* (JSS) in UK (FOJSS in UK)

Governing document

Aims and objectives

- 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.

The proposed charity will be registered in UK, guided by a Trustee board and run by a fully functional executive.

Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS)*

Jan Swasthya Sahyog (People's health support group) is a voluntary, non-profit registered society founded by a group of health professionals committed to developing a low-cost effective health program that provides both preventive and curative services in the tribal and rural areas of Bilaspur district of Chattisgarh in central India (www.jssbilaspur.org).

Jan Swasthya Sahyog is also supported by friends of JSS in USA (<http://fojss.org>) and another sister NGO in Germany, Hospital Fur Indien (www.hospitalfuerindien.de).

The FOJSS in UK Trustee Board

It is planned to have a FOJSS in UK trustee Board with minimum of 5 (or more) odd members. The board will be constituted as follows:

Trustee board member and Chair
Trustee board member and Secretary
Trustee board member and Treasurer
Trustee board member and Special Advisor
Trustee board member from and representing JSS

For a close team working board will also have a representation from each of the 4 executive committees making a total strength of 9 trustees. In addition the board may from time to time seek opinion from various independent experts. Any such opinion will be purely advisory in nature.

The FOJSS in UK board will be the sole guiding force, enabling the organisation achieve its objectives. The board will undertake planning and will also oversee, authorise and approve various activities undertaken by its executive. All board decisions will be made by a simple majority.

The board will have no jurisdiction over the aims and objectives of the FOJSS in UK. However board reserves the right to change various rules and regulations related to the appointment and functioning of its executive as per the needs of the organisation.

The board members will be invited to join for a period of 3 years on a voluntary basis. The board is expected to meet at least 2-3 times each year with a minimum quorum of two third.

The dates of the meeting will be set in advance and circulated by the member secretary, who will also maintain the minutes of all official proceedings. All minutes will be confirmed in the following board meeting. Any previous interim or urgent decisions taken must be approved in the next board meeting.

The treasurer will submit the accounts at the end of each financial year for the necessary board approval.

To minimise the 'cost of aid' no expenses will be provided for any of the board/executive meetings. Only exception to this would be once a year travel expenses for the parent JSS representative, should he/she decide to come to UK to attend the board meeting.

Members may also participate in the meetings using online access.

The FOJSS in UK executive

The executive will include multiple small teams looking after various functions of the organisation. Each committee will have a minimum of two voluntary executives working closely and providing suitable cross cover. The committees may liaise and seek advice from a named individual in the parent JSS for effective co-ordination. The members will be nominated by the board for a period of 2 years.

The committees would include:

Manpower exchange committee:

Health professional exchange-

The committee will actively encourage, facilitate and support UK doctors, nurses and health professionals who would like to undertake voluntary work/sabbaticals for JSS in Bilaspur, India for its various health programmes.

The committee will help create a network of UK health care professionals to provide expert medical advice directly or through e-clinics, telemedicine etc. as per the needs of JSS.

Committee would also facilitate for JSS doctors to come for short and relevant training or work experience in UK (e.g. public health diploma etc.) Any such exchange would be of a limited duration with set objectives and prior approval by the board.

Volunteering and work experience- To promote and facilitate volunteers including A level students, gap year students and medical students from UK who would wish to work for JSS at Bilaspur in India towards its various health and social programmes.

Technology, skills and equipment support committee

The committee is expected to liaise with JSS to identify its various skills and technology needs, identify suitable providers in UK and facilitate its transfer.

The committee will also facilitate transfer or purchase of relevant medical equipment (used or new) funded by the FOJSS in UK.

The committee may also be asked to facilitate JSS access to any e-learning resources deemed useful by JSS in its training activities.

Fund raising committee

The committee will encourage and facilitate individual donations to JSS/FOJSS in UK.

Organise fund raising events and charity dinners in support of JSS/FOJSS in UK.

Identify various philanthropic organisations supporting these interests in UK and facilitating their contributions to JSS/FOJSS in UK.

Subject to the needs and requirements of JSS, the FOJSS in UK board may from time to time set realistic targets for fund raising for the committee.

The board may also ask the committee to raise funds to support various JSS health care providers for their unexpected financial needs (e.g. tertiary health care, higher education of their children etc.)

Public relation (PR) committee

Web master (developing and maintaining FOGSS in UK website)

Social media controller (e.g. Face book page for FOJSS in UK)

Fostering a close liaison between various JSS related organisations.
