# HIV I-Base (A company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

Charity No: 1081905 Company No: 03962064

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# Legal and administrative information

# Year ended 31 March 2014

#### Status

HIV i-Base is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 28th March 2000 and registered as a charity on 8th August 2000.

## **Directors and trustees**

The directors of the charitable company ("the charity") are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

M D Breedon K J Spurgin H Mhereza-Byarugaba

# Registered office

57 Great Suffolk Street London SE1 0BB

## **Auditors**

Wilkins Kennedy LLP Bridge House London Bridge London SE1 9QR

# Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc PO Box 83 Tavistock House Tavistock Square London WC1H 9JA

# Report of the trustees

## Year ended 31 March 2014

The trustees present their report together with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2014.

Legal and administrative information, set out on page one, forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting By Charities.

# Objects and activities of the charity

The objects of the charity are the protection and preservation of public health and for the relief of sickness by disseminating to general practitioners and other health care professionals, the results of research and other information concerned with the causes, the transmission and the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and related conditions so as to improve the treatment of patients and prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS and related conditions; by providing information, advice and other assistance to those with HIV or AIDS or related conditions and to their families and carers and to benefit individuals, both nationally and internationally; through dissemination of up-to-date medical and social information related to the treatment of HIV/AIDS and other related health issues.

## The charity does the following to achieve these objects:

- HIV Treatment Bulletin, a two monthly publication and technical review of the latest medical research aimed at doctors and other healthcare professionals and distributed through our postal mailing list, electronically and through clinics.
- An additional, related technical publication, HTB South, distributed quarterly with the South African Clinicians Society.
- A range of non-technical treatment guides, being easy to understand treatment information publications for people living with HIV. Distribution as HTB and to other community organisations.
- UK CAB community education training for HIV positive people and their advocates.
- A treatment information service by email, post and telephone and online.
- A website broadening access to our publications, archives and publicising our activities.
- Training courses to encourage a network of community advocates within local communities around the UK.
- Training courses for South African advocates and occasional training for health workers.
- Advocacy work including policy and technical input to guidelines, clinical trials and drug development.

In addition we have links with similar organisations working outside the UK, particularly in South Africa, USA, Europe and Eastern Europe on joint material and project development, training, education and support.

For example, we work with AFROCAB to develop a similar community network to UKCAB across several African countries and with the Treatment Action Group (TAG) in New York on the Pipeline Report.

We also serve on community advisory boards, guideline writing groups and steering committees with the objective that the needs of HIV positive people are represented in planning research, clinical trials, treatment policy and programming.

## Report of the trustees

## Year ended 31 March 2014

## Constitution

The company is limited by guarantee, and as such has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of a winding up of the company is limited to £10. The company's governing documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### Organisation

The trustees who have served during the year are set out on page one. The board of trustees and directors appoint the trustees. At each annual general meeting one third of the trustees retire by rotation and may be reappointed.

# Financial Review and Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level, which equates to approximately three months total expenditure. At the year-end the free reserves had not reached this target level and the trustees continue to make efforts to raise additional unrestricted funds. The Trustees are pleased to report that during the year to 31 March 2014 another successful grant application was made to The Monument Trust for support for our publications in the UK, our work in Southern Africa, the treatment information service, the UK CAB and other projects as well as some core costs. This grant of £275,000 for the year to 31 March 2015 was approved. This level of support from Monument over the past four years gives us better financial security than in previous years. We are optimistic that The Monument Trust will continue to provide funding in future years.

Monies from other sources - particularly from the pharmaceutical industry - have continued to diminish due to the current financial climate and changes in regulations in the industry. We continue to raise funds through our involvement in research projects, small grants, private donations and other fundraising initiatives.

Net resources expended deficit for the year amounted to £75 compared to net surplus of £28,919 in the prior year.

## Review of activities and future developments

HIV i-Base is a treatment activist group, HIV positive led and committed to providing timely HIV treatment information both to healthcare professionals and to HIV positive people and their advocates. HIV i-Base was formed in March 2000 and has continued to cover the most innovative and important medical advances in HIV/AIDS.

2014 was our fourteenth year as a charity.

# Report of the trustees

## Year ended 31 March 2014

#### **HIV i-Base Projects**

#### **Publications**

We have continued to produce HIV Treatment Bulletin (HTB) and our community publications.

During the period BHIVA decided to move from paper to electronic distribution of HTB to their members. We also distributed six editions of HTB to about 2800 postal subscribers and a further 1,800 email subscribers (who receive PDF copies).

Our six treatment guides, along with our adherence resources and publicity materials are sent out in response to orders received via post, email and the website. Publications sent out through these orders, and as supplements to HTB, have totalled more than 70,000 copies.

We continue to work with partner organisations to encourage translations of our treatment guides wherever possible.

Within the UK around 40% of orders came from within London, with 60% from areas outside London.

We also continue to produce our Southern Africa version of HTB, called HTB South, quarterly as part of our work in Southern Africa funded by The Monument Trust. HTB South is distributed as an insert with the Southern African Journal of HIV Medicine and electronically to over 15,000 members of the South African Clinicians Society. It is also available on their website.

For the fourth year we collaborated with the TAG on the annual Pipeline Report 2013 – which continues to be a highly influential publication.

We continue to expand our activities in South Africa, have conducted trainings to help build local capacity and are updating the In Our Lives series as a consolidated publication, HIV in Our Lives, for the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC).

All our materials continue to be provided copyright free and are free individually and in bulk within the UK. Subscriptions continue to increase both by post and electronically. All publications continue to be posted to our website both in html and PDF formats.

# Meetings, workshops and training

We continue the programme of inter-organisation treatment training workshops with many community groups around the UK as well as the UK-CAB, which holds four training meetings each year.

We continue to work with other community groups to provide treatment-training workshops.

We provide ongoing support for workshop participants and encourage people to the join the UK-CAB to maintain their knowledge and participation.

## Report of the trustees

## Year ended 31 March 2014

## The UKCAB

The quarterly meetings cover a broad range of subjects.

We have been fortunate enough, as in all our meetings, to have support from world class British and international experts who provide their time and expertise for some of these training workshops. The UKCAB was also given two complimentary places on the HIV Methodology and Statistics Course at Royal Free. The course covers basic introduction to statistical techniques and hypothesis testing.

Membership has continued to increase and by March 2014 included over 600 members.

UKCAB and i-Base had a stand at both the BHIVA conferences. The stand is available for member organisations to display materials and serves as a meeting place and to promote the UKCAB within the HIV community.

Attendance at the quarterly meetings is usually more than 30 participants.

We continue to produce detailed reports following each UK-CAB meeting.

# **UKCAB** Treatment Activism training course.

In October 2013 the UKCAB ran its first four-day Treatment Activism Residential Training Course. The purpose of the training was to improve the skills of the participants and sessions covered subjects from understanding science and planning treatment trials, virology and statistics to dealing with authority and public speaking.

Feedback from the course was positive and it is hoped that funding will allow it to become an annual event.

The UK-CAB is funded as one of the projects of HIV i-Base.

#### Information services

These services have continued to develop and respond to growing demand. We continue to be an expert referral service allowing people to get an informed second opinion on any treatment question. The webbased Q&A has continued to increase, with numbers of questions increasing every year.

We answered a monthly average of about 250 enquiries via email, the phoneline and online comments.

For example, more than 2,200 enquiries were answered by email and online between April 2013 and March 2014.

Although it can be difficult to collect feedback from an anonymous service we encourage anonymous feedback from clients through an online form which is highlighted on the website and in our email responses. Over the past year over 200 feedback forms were completed, with consistently positive responses.

## Report of the trustees

## Year ended 31 March 2014

## Community involvement in clinical research

Several staff are involved in the wider network of clinical research, including community representation on guidelines panels, trial steering committees and advisory boards. This area of activity has increased in recent years and includes involvement in a number of important international studies.

#### Website/IT

All i-Base publications continue to be simultaneously published on the website and our online Q&A answered over 2,000 questions this year, many of which remain online for others to read, creating a growing resource.

The website has fast access even with dial-up or unreliable access to the Internet and works well on mobile phones and tablet computers etc. We continue to post all our publications to the website simultaneously to print distribution.

We are also developing specialist websites, one for i-Base Editions and an online version of the Pipeline Report in collaboration with the TAG.

As well as maintaining the HIV i-Base website, we manage the UKCAB website including the email discussion lists and all notifications of meetings and reports are posted to it.

# Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# Auditors

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that Wilkins Kennedy LLP be re-appointed as auditors to the charity for the ensuing year.

By order of the trustees:

M D Breedon 23 December 2014

#### Independent auditor's report to the members

## Year ended 31 March 2014

We have audited the financial statements of HIV I-Base for the year ended 31 March 2014 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of 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 (APB'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 charitable company'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' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2014, 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); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

# Independent auditor's report to the members continued

# Year ended 31 March 2014

# 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.

John Howard (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Wilkins Kennedy LLP, Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor Bridge House London Bridge London SE1 9QR

Date 23 December 2014

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Statement of financial activities

# Year ended 31 March 2014

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Incoming resources		Funds £	Funds £	2014 £	2013 £
Incoming resources from generated		z.	£	£	E.
funds					
Voluntary income:					
Grants and donations	3	375,188	35,657	410,845	440,690
Investment income:					
Interest receivable		372		372	704
Total incoming resources		375,560	35,657	411,217	441,394
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Cost of generating voluntary income		9,706	-	9,706	9,973
Charitable expenditure	4				
Publications		140,801	-	140,801	157,617
Phone line and information officer		27,005	-	27,005	43,765
Website		13,974	-	13,974	17,086
UKCAB		50,311	-	50,311	37,207
Community outreach UK		4,203	-	4,203	4,923
Community outreach overseas Partnerships		44,667	-	44,667	26,506
External conferences		28,541 33,527	-	28,541	37,866
Management and administration		25,408	<b>.</b>	33,527 25,408	41,984 30,718
AFROCAB		20,400	28,058	28,058	- 30,710
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Governance costs	5	5,220		5,220	4,830
Total resources expended		383,363	28,058	411,421	412,475
Net income (expended) for the year		(7,803)	7,599	(204)	28,919
Fund balances brought forward		31,337	-	31,337	2,418
Fund balances carried forward at 31					
March 2014		23,534	7,599	31,133	£31,337

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

## **Balance Sheet**

# As at 31 March 2014

		201	14	20	13
Fired and to	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible fixed assets	8		7,558		10,420
Current assets					
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9	26,106 37,982		36,226 17,885	
		64,088		54,111	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(40,513)		(33,194)	
Net current assets		-	23,575		20,917
Net assets	11		31,133		£31,337
Funds					
Unrestricted funds Restricted funds			23,534 7,599		31,337
			31,133		£31,337

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

Approved by the Board on 23 December 2014 and signed on their behalf by:

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M D Breedon

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to the financial statements

## For the year ended 31 March 2014

# 1. Accounting policies

# a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005), issued in March 2005.

# b) Grants

Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable. Such income is only deferred when the donor specifies that the grant must only be used in future accounting periods. Grants received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds.

# c) Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities.

## d) Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives are recognised over the length of the lease.

# e) Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Office equipment

40% reducing balance basis

# f) Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

<u>Unrestricted general funds</u> - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

<u>Restricted funds</u> - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

# Notes to the financial statements

# For the year ended 31 March 2014

# 2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £10.

3.	Voluntary income	2014 £	2013 £
	Individual, charitable, corporate and international donations	410,845	440,690
4.	Total resources expended		
a)	Costs of generating voluntary income Staff costs Postage, stationery and sundries Rent, rates and insurance Travel and conference attendance Depreciation	8,047 491 931 111 126 9,706	7,559 770 983 487 174 <b>9,973</b>
b)	Publications Staff costs Communications Subscriptions Printing Editorial expenses Translations Travel and performance attendance Postage, stationery and sundries Computer costs Rent, rates and insurance Bank charges Depreciation	60,285 2,010 27,476 2,857 740 30,187 820 14,150 362 1,914	60,298 349 46,276 188 - 1,055 30,769 813 15,045 184 2,640

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Notes to the financial statements

4.	Total resources expended – continued	2014	2013
c)	Phone line and information officer	£	£
·	Staff costs	17,058	32,879
	Communications	1,037	771
	Computer costs	269	271
	Subscriptions	30	-
	Rent, rates and insurance	5,973	5,543
	Postage, stationery and sundries	1,904	3,295
	Editorial expenses	29	34
	Depreciation	705	972
		27,005	43,765
d)	Website		
	Staff costs	8,657	11,441
	Communications	224	346
	Editorial expenses	1,525	882
	Computer costs	1,531	1,935
	Rent, rates and insurance	1,369	1,465
	Postage, stationery and sundries	482	760
	Depreciation	186	257
		13,974	17,086
e)	UK CAB		
	Staff costs	22,559	21,403
	Communications	367	306
	Editorial expenses	-	-
	Computer costs	1,658	52
	Travel and conference attendance	18,685	10,255
	Rent, rates and insurance	2,793	2,969
	Postage, stationery and sundries	3,871	1,701
	Depreciation	378	<u>521</u>
		50,311	37,207
f)	Community outreach		<del></del>
	Staff costs	3,364	2,961
	Communications	64	124
	Computer costs	17	46
	Rent, rates and insurance	481	515
	Postage, stationery and sundries	177	346
	Travel and conference attendance	35	841
	Depreciation	65	90
		4,203	4,923

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4. Tot	al resources expended – continued	2014 £	2013 £
	nmunity outreach overseas	-	•
	f costs	25,081	15,944
	nmunications	343	668
	nputer costs	92	248
	it, rates and insurance	2,590	2,772
	tage, stationery and sundries vel and conference attendance	963 45.245	1,860
	reciation	15,2 <b>4</b> 5 353	4,528 486
		44,667	26,506
h) Bor	tnerships		
•	f costs	19,422	22,777
	nmunications	490	22,777 954
	nputer costs	131	354 354
	t, rates and insurance	3,724	3,959
	tage, stationery and sundries	2,151	2,658
	rel and conference attendance	2,119	6,469
	reciation	504	695
		28,541	37,866
i) Exte	ernal conferences		
,	f costs	6 105	10 602
	nmunications	6,195 392	10,693 326
	nputer costs	180	176
	scriptions	17	412
	t, rates and insurance		3,167
	tage, stationery and sundries	2,960 1,328	
	el and conference attendance	21,990	3,476 23,023
	k charges	21,990	23,023 155
	reciation	403	556
		33,527	41,984
	agement and administration	•	
	f costs	20,367	24,873
	nmunications	392	326
	nputer costs	105	147
	scriptions	17	-
	t, rates and insurance	2,979	3,147
	tage, stationery and sundries	1,034	1,639
	k charges	62	22
	ce equipment reciation	49 403	8 556
200			
		25,408	30,718

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Notes to the financial statements

4.	Total resources expended – continued	2014 £	2013 £
k)	AFROCAB Travel and conference attendance	28,058	-
		28,058	
5.	Governance costs		
	Audit and accountancy fees Other costs	5,220 -	4,830
		5,220	4,830
6.	Staff costs and remuneration		
	Gross wages and salaries Employer's national insurance costs Payroll costs	174,535 15,509 992	190,194 19,510 1,123
		191,036	210,827
	The average number of employees during the vices	Number	Number
	The average number of employees during the year Calculated on a full time equivalent basis, was:	7	8

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in the year (2013: none).

Trustees received no remuneration and were not reimbursed for any of their expenses in the year.

7.	Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	2014	2013
	,	£	£
	This is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation	5,038	6,946
	Auditors remuneration – audit services	5,220	4,830
	Operating lease rentals - property	33,600	33,600

# Notes to the financial statements

# For the year ended 31 March 2014

8.	Tangible fixed assets	Office equipment 2014 £	
	Cost		
	At 1 April 2013	48,496	
	Additions	2,326	
	Disposals	(1,239)	
	At 31 March 2014	49,583	
	Depreciation		
	At 1 April 2013	38,076	
	Charge for the year	5,038	
	Eliminated on disposal	(1,089)	
	At 31 March 2014	42,025	
	Net book value		
	At 31 March 2014	7,558	
	At 31 March 2013	10,420	
	7 K 0 1 Maron 2010	10,720	
9.	Debtors	2014	2013
•		£	£
	Grants repayable	4,604	13,602
	Prepayments and accrued income	18,818	18,819
	Other debtors	2,684	3,805
		26,106	36,226
10.	Craditores amounts falling due within and week		
IU.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	Amounts payable	20,199	11,610
	Taxation and social security	5,291	5,060
	Other creditors and accruals	15,023	16,524
		40,513	33,194

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Notes to the financial statements

11.	Analysis of net assets between funds	General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	Tangible fixed assets Current assets Current liabilities	7,558 56,489 (40,513)	7,599 -	7,558 64,088 (40,513)
		23,534	7,599	31,133

# 12. Lease commitments

The minimum annual rentals under operating leases are as follows:

Operating lease which expires between 2 to 5 years.

£33,600

