

The Companies Act 2006
Company Limited by Shares

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

DOWNS SYNDROME DIAMOND FOUNDATION LIMITED
(Adopted by Special Resolution on 8 April 2024)

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1. NAME

The name of the company is DOWNS SYNDROME DIAMOND FOUNDATION LIMITED (the **Charity**), or such name as shall be stated in any certificate of incorporation on change of name for the Charity issued by Companies House from time to time.

2. REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office of the Charity is to be in England and Wales.

3. OBJECTS

3.1 The object of the Charity is, for the public benefit:

3.1.1 to promote and protect the physical and mental health of individuals with Down's Syndrome and their families and carers,

3.1.2 to advance education in health and social care of individuals with Down's Syndrome, and

3.1.3 to promote social inclusion and relieve the needs of individuals who are socially excluded on account of them having Down's Syndrome or their families and carers, and assist them to integrate into society.

3.2 This Article 3 may be amended by special resolution but only with the prior written consent of the Commission.

4. POWERS

The Charity has the following powers, which may be exercised only in promoting the Objects:

4.1 to make grants or loans of money to individuals and organisations;

4.2 to provide advice or information;

4.3 to carry out campaigning and advocacy, provided that the Trustees are satisfied that any proposed campaigning and advocacy will further the Objects to an extent justified by the resources committed and that such activity is not the dominant means by which the Charity promotes the Objects;

4.4 to carry out research and to publish and distribute the useful results;

4.5 to provide, publish or distribute information;

4.6 to advertise in such manner as may be thought expedient;

4.7 to co-operate with other bodies and to exchange information and advice with them;

4.8 to support, administer or set up other charities or to establish charitable trusts for any particular purposes of the Charity and to act as trustee of any charity or special charitable trust whether established by the Charity or otherwise and generally to undertake and execute any charitable trust which may lawfully be undertaken by the Charity and may be conducive to its Objects;

- 4.9 to accept gifts and to raise funds (including by issuing debt instruments but not by means of Taxable Trading) and to carry on trade in the course of carrying out the Objects and in its discretion to disclaim any particular contribution;
- 4.10 to receive and administer bequests and donations;
- 4.11 to borrow money (including for the purposes of investment) and give security for loans or other obligations (but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act) including entering into any related derivative arrangement, but only where the derivative arrangement is:
 - 4.11.1 ancillary to the transaction;
 - 4.11.2 an integral part of managing the Charity's debt entered into in order to manage risk association with the transaction; and
 - 4.11.3 not a purely speculative transaction;
- 4.12 to acquire or hire property of any kind, and to alter and maintain any such property as may be required from time to time;
- 4.13 to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of property of any kind (but only in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the Charities Act);
- 4.14 to make grants or loans of money and to give guarantees provided that where any payment is made to the treasurer or other proper official of a charity the receipt of such treasurer or official shall be a complete discharge to the Trustees;
- 4.15 to set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure but only in accordance with a written policy about reserves;
- 4.16 to deposit or invest in funds in any manner (but to invest only after obtaining such advice from a Financial Expert as the Trustees consider necessary and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification) provided that the Charity shall have power to retain any investments donated to it;
- 4.17 to delegate the management of investments to a Financial Expert, but only on terms that:
 - 4.17.1 the investment policy is set down in writing for the Financial Expert by the Trustees;
 - 4.17.2 timely reports of all transactions are provided to the Trustees;
 - 4.17.3 the performance of the investments is reviewed regularly with the Trustees;
 - 4.17.4 the Trustees are entitled to cancel the delegation arrangement at any time;
 - 4.17.5 the investment policy and the delegation arrangement are reviewed at least once a year;
 - 4.17.6 all payments due to the Financial Expert are on a scale or at a level which is agreed in advance and are notified promptly to the Trustees on receipt; and

- 4.17.7 the Financial Expert must not do anything outside the powers of the Trustees;
- 4.18 to arrange for investments or other property of the Charity to be held in the name of a nominee company acting under the direction of the Trustees or controlled by a Financial Expert acting under their instructions and to pay any reasonable fee required;
- 4.19 to deposit documents and physical assets with a company registered or having a place of business in England or Wales as custodian, and to pay any reasonable fee required;
- 4.20 to insure the property of the Charity against any foreseeable risk and take out other insurance policies to protect the Charity when required;
- 4.21 to provide indemnity insurance for the Trustees in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act;
- 4.22 subject to Article 5 to employ paid or unpaid agents staff or advisers;
- 4.23 to enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies;
- 4.24 to establish, hold shares in, or acquire subsidiary companies, other companies or entities and to acquire, merge with or enter into any partnership or joint venture arrangement with any other charity for any of the Objects; and
- 4.25 to do anything else within the law which promotes, helps to promote or is conducive or incidental to the promotion of the Objects.
- 5. BENEFITS AND CONFLICTS FOR MEMBERS TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**
- 5.1 The property and funds of the Charity must be used only for promoting the Objects and do not belong to the Members or the Trustees.
- 5.2 Members who are not Trustees or Connected Persons may be employed by or enter into contracts with the Charity and receive reasonable payment for goods or services supplied.
- 5.3 No part of the income and property of the Charity may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise by way of profit to the Members. This shall not prevent any payments in good faith by the Charity under Articles 5.2 and 5.4.
- 5.4 Subject to compliance with Article 5.7, Members, Trustees and Connected Persons:
- 5.4.1 may be paid interest at a reasonable rate on money lent to the Charity;
- 5.4.2 may be paid a reasonable rent or hiring fee for property let or hired to the Charity;
- 5.4.3 who are beneficiaries may receive charitable benefits in that capacity on the same terms as any other members of the beneficial class; and
- 5.4.4 may take part in the normal trading and fundraising activities of the Charity on the same terms as members of the public.

- 5.5 A Trustee must not receive any payment of money or other material benefit (whether directly or indirectly) from the Charity except:
- 5.5.1 as mentioned in Articles 4.21, 5.4 or 5.6;
 - 5.5.2 reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including hotel and travel costs) actually incurred in running the Charity;
 - 5.5.3 pursuant to Article 18 in respect of any liabilities properly incurred an indemnity in running the Charity (including the costs of a successful defence to criminal proceedings);
 - 5.5.4 payment to any company in which a Trustee or a Connected Person has no more than a one per cent shareholding; or
 - 5.5.5 in exceptional cases, other payments or benefits but only with:
 - (a) the written consent of the Commission in advance where required under the Charities Act; and
 - (b) the approval or affirmation of the Members where required under the Act.
- 5.6 No Trustee, or Connected Person, may be employed by the Charity except in accordance with Article 5.5.5, but any Trustee or Connected Person may enter into a contract with the Charity as permitted by the Charities Act to supply goods or services to the Charity in return for a payment or other material benefit but only if:
- 5.6.1 the contract is in writing and states the maximum to be paid by the Charity;
 - 5.6.2 the goods or services are actually required by the Charity, and the Trustees decide that it is in the best interests of the Charity to enter into such a contract;
 - 5.6.3 the nature and level of the remuneration is no more than is reasonable in relation to the value of the goods or services;
 - 5.6.4 no more than a minority of the Trustees are subject to such a contract in any financial year; and
 - 5.6.5 the Trustee has complied with the procedure set out in Article 5.7.
- 5.7 Subject to Article 5.8, any Trustee who becomes a Conflicted Trustee in relation to any matter must:
- 5.7.1 declare the nature and extent of his or her interest at or before discussion begins on the matter;
 - 5.7.2 withdraw from the meeting for that item after providing any information requested by the Trustees;
 - 5.7.3 not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting; and
 - 5.7.4 be absent during the vote and have no vote on the matter.

5.8 When any Trustee is a Conflicted Trustee, the Trustees who are not Conflicted Trustees, if they form a quorum and are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the Charity to do so, may by resolution passed in the absence of the Conflicted Trustee authorise the Conflicted Trustee, notwithstanding any conflict of interest or duty which has arisen or may arise for the Conflicted Trustee:

5.8.1 to continue to participate in discussions leading to the making of a decision and to vote, except where a Conflicted Trustee or a Connected Person is to receive any payment or material benefit; or

5.8.2 to disclose information confidential to the Charity to a third party; or

5.8.3 to take any other action not otherwise authorised, or to refrain from taking any step required to remove the conflict which, in either case, does not involve the receipt by the Conflicted Trustee or a Connected Person of any payment or material benefit.

5.9 A Conflicted Trustee who obtains (other than through his or her position as Trustee) information that is confidential to a third party, shall not be in breach of his or her duties to the Charity if he or she declares the conflict in accordance with Article 5.7 and then withholds such confidential information from the Charity.

5.10 For any transaction or arrangement authorised under Articles 5.4, 5.5 or 5.6 the Trustee's duty under the Act to avoid a conflict of interest with the Charity shall be disapplied provided the relevant provisions of Article 5.7 have been followed.

5.11 This Article 5 may be amended by special resolution provided that where the result would be to authorise a benefit to a Trustee, Member or Connected Person which was not previously authorised under the Articles, it may only be amended with the prior written consent of the Commission.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 The Charity must maintain a register of the names and addresses of Members.

6.2 The Members of the Charity shall be the shareholders.

7. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The liability of the Members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them.

8. SHARES

8.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, any share may be issued with such rights or restrictions as the Charity may by ordinary resolution determine.

8.2 Save to the extent authorised from time to time by an ordinary resolution of the Members, the Trustees shall not exercise any power to allot shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, any shares in the Charity.

8.3 The Charity shall not declare any dividends or make any other distributions on the shares or otherwise except as expressly permitted by these Articles.

- 8.4 No alteration shall be made to any of the Articles relating to the rights attaching to the shares save with the prior written consent of the Commission.

9. SHARE TRANSFERS

- 9.1 Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the Trustees, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor.
- 9.2 No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- 9.3 The Charity may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.
- 9.4 The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.
- 9.5 The Trustees may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.

10. GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

10.1 Attendance

- 10.1.1 Members are entitled to attend general meetings.
- 10.1.2 A Trustee or Secretary shall, notwithstanding that he or she is not a Member, be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting.
- 10.1.3 Nothing in these Articles is to be taken to preclude the holding and conducting of a general meeting by such suitable Electronic Means as the Trustees may decide which provide for all Members who are not present together at the same place to be able to communicate with all the other participants simultaneously, to speak and to vote during the general meeting.

10.2 Notice

- 10.2.1 A general meeting may be called at any time by the Trustees and must be called on a request from at least five percent of the Members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Charity if the request is issued in accordance with the Act.
- 10.2.2 Subject to Article 10.2.3, general meetings are called on at least fourteen Clear Days' notice (unless the Act requires a longer notice period) specifying:
- (a) the time, date and place of the meeting;
 - (b) the general nature of the business to be transacted;
 - (c) the terms of any proposed special resolution; and
 - (d) notifying Members of their right to appoint a proxy under section 324 of the Act and Article 10.7.

- 10.2.3 A general meeting may be called by shorter notice if ninety per cent of the Members entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted agree.
- 10.2.4 Notice of general meetings should be given to every Member and Trustee, and to the Charity's auditors.
- 10.2.5 The proceedings at a general meeting shall not be invalidated because a person who was entitled to receive notice of the meeting did not receive it because of an accidental omission by the Charity.

10.3 Quorum

- 10.3.1 No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. There is a quorum at a general meeting if the number of Members present in person or by proxy is at least two or fifty percent of the total Membership, whichever is the greater.
- 10.3.2 If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Trustees may determine.

10.4 Chair of the Meeting

- 10.4.1 The Chair or (if the Chair is unable or unwilling to do so) some other Trustee elected by the board of Trustees presides at a general meeting.
- 10.4.2 If no Trustee is willing to act as chairperson, or if no Trustee is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be chairperson.

10.5 Adjournment

The chairperson may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, at least seven Clear Days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. If the meeting is adjourned for less than fourteen days it shall not be necessary to give any such notice.

10.6 Voting General

- 10.6.1 Except where otherwise provided by the Articles or the Act, every issue is decided by an ordinary resolution.
- 10.6.2 Votes may be given either personally or by proxy in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.7.
- 10.6.3 Every Member who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote, unless the proxy is a Member in their own right entitled to vote in which

case they shall be entitled to a vote in their own right and a vote as a proxy.

10.6.4 A Member in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental incapacity may vote by his or her deputy, registered attorney, curator bonis or other person authorised in that behalf appointed by that court, and any such deputy, registered attorney, curator bonis or other person may vote by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the Charity's registered office, or at such other place as is specified in accordance with these Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy, not less than forty eight hours (excluding public holidays and weekends) before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable.

10.6.5 No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chair whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

10.7 Proxy Voting

10.7.1 The appointment of a proxy shall be executed by or on behalf of the appointor and shall be in a form approved by the Trustees which shall without limitation:

- (a) state the name and address of the Member appointing the proxy;
- (b) identify the person appointed to be that Member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
- (c) be executed by or on behalf of the Member appointing the proxy; and
- (d) be delivered to the Charity in accordance with these Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which the proxy relates.

10.7.2 The appointment of a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Trustees may:

- (a) in the case of an instrument in Hard Copy Form be deposited at the Charity's registered office or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Charity in relation to the meeting not less than forty eight hours (excluding public holidays and weekends) before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or

(b) in the case of an appointment contained in an Electronic Form, where an address has been specified for the purpose of receiving information by Electronic Means:

- (i) in the notice convening the meeting, or
- (ii) in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Charity in relation to the meeting, or
- (iii) in any invitation which is sent by Electronic Means to appoint a proxy issued by the Charity in relation to the meeting,

be received at such address not less than forty-eight hours (excluding public holidays and weekends) before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote,

and an appointment of proxy which is not deposited, delivered or received in a manner so permitted shall be invalid.

10.7.3 An appointment of a proxy may be revoked by delivering to the Charity a notice given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given. A notice revoking the appointment of a proxy only takes effect if it is received by the Charity at its registered office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited or, where the appointment of the proxy was sent by Electronic Means, at the address at which such appointment was duly received before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote to which it relates is given.

10.7.4 A vote given by proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting unless notice of the determination was effective in accordance with Article 10.7.3.

10.8 Written Resolutions

Subject to the provisions of the Act:

10.8.1 A written resolution is passed as an ordinary resolution if it is agreed to by Members representing a simple majority of the total voting rights of Eligible Members.

10.8.2 A written resolution is passed as a special resolution if it is agreed to by Members representing not less than seventy five percent of the total voting rights of Eligible Members; and states that it is a special resolution.

10.8.3 A Members' resolution under the Act removing a Trustee or an auditor before the expiration of his or her term of office may not be passed by a written resolution.

10.8.4 A copy of the written resolution must be sent to every Eligible Member together with a statement informing them of the date by which the resolution must be passed if it is not to lapse, and how to indicate their agreement to the resolution.

10.8.5 A Member indicates his or her agreement to a written resolution when the Charity receives from the Member an authenticated document identifying the written resolution and indicating his or her agreement to it:

- (a) by the Member's signature if the document is in Hard Copy Form; or
- (b) by the Member's signature, or confirmation of the Member's identity in a manner specified by the Charity, accompanied by a statement of the Member's identity which the Charity has no reason to doubt, if the document is in Electronic Form.

10.8.6 A written resolution lapses if the required number of agreements has not been obtained by twenty -eight days beginning with the Circulation Date of the resolution.

11. THE TRUSTEES

11.1 The Trustees as Charity Trustees have control of the Charity and its property and funds.

11.2 Any person who is willing to act as a Trustee, and who would not be disqualified from acting under the provisions of Article 11.6, may be appointed to be a Trustee by a decision of the Members.

11.3 The minimum number of Trustees shall be three, but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) there shall be no maximum number of Trustees that may be appointed.

11.4 Every Trustee must sign a declaration of willingness to act as a Charity Trustee of the Charity before he or she is eligible to act as a Trustee and/or vote at any meeting of the Trustees.

11.5 Except in relation to Founder Trustees (whose term may continue until resignation or removal), Trustees shall be appointed for a term determined by the Trustees on appointment.

11.6 A Trustee's term of office automatically terminates if:

11.6.1 he or she dies;

11.6.2 he or she is disqualified under the Charities Act from acting as a Charity Trustee;

11.6.3 a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Charity stating that he or she has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a Trustee and may remain so for three months;

11.6.4 he or she is absent without permission of the Trustees from three consecutive meetings and a majority of the other Trustees resolve that he or she be removed;

11.6.5 he or she resigns by written notice to the Trustees (but only if at least two Trustees will remain in office);

- 11.6.6 he or she is removed by the Members pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006; or
- 11.6.7 he or she is removed by resolution passed by the Trustees present and voting at a Trustees' meeting after the meeting has invited the views of the Trustee concerned and considered the matter in the light of any such views, but this Article shall not apply to the Founder Trustees.
- 11.7 The Trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or (subject to Article 11.3) as an additional Trustee, but a co-opted Trustee holds office only for one year.
- 11.8 A Trustee may not appoint an alternate Trustee or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of the Trustees.
- 11.9 A technical defect in the appointment of a Trustee of which the Trustees are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.
- 12. PROCEEDINGS OF TRUSTEES**
- 12.1 The Trustees must hold at least two meetings each year.
- 12.2 The Chair may at any time, and two Trustees jointly may at any time, call a meeting of the Trustees.
- 12.3 Notice of every meeting shall be sent to each Trustee (other than those for the time being not in the United Kingdom), specifying the place, day and hour of the meeting and the business to be discussed.
- 12.4 A quorum at a meeting of the Trustees is three, or one-third of the total number of Trustees, whichever is greater provided always that, in circumstances where the number of Trustees who are not Conflicted Trustees is less than three, then the quorum shall be reduced to a number equivalent to the number of Trustees that are not Conflicted Trustees.
- 12.5 A meeting of the Trustees may be held either in person or by suitable Electronic Means agreed by the Trustees in which all participants may communicate with all the other participants simultaneously.
- 12.6 The Chair or (if the Chair is unable or unwilling to do so) some other Trustee chosen by the Trustees present presides at each meeting.
- 12.7 Every issue may be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting but a resolution in writing agreed by- a simple majority of the Trustees (other than any Conflicted Trustee who has not been authorised to vote under Article 5.8) is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting provided that:
 - 12.7.1 a copy of the resolution is sent to or submitted to all the Trustees eligible to vote; and
 - 12.7.2 a simple majority of the Trustees have signified their agreement to the resolution in an authenticated document or documents which are received at the Charity's registered office within the period of 28 days beginning with the circulation date.

For this purpose the resolution may be contained in more than one document and will be treated as passed on the date of the last signature.

- 12.8 Except for the chairperson of the meeting, who has a second or casting vote, every Trustee has one vote on each issue.
- 12.9 A Trustee must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Charity or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Charity which has not previously been declared; and a Trustee must comply with the requirements of Article 5.
- 12.10 A procedural defect of which the Trustees are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

13. POWERS OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees have the following powers in the administration of the Charity in their capacity as Trustees:

- 13.1 to appoint (and remove) a Chair, Secretary, treasurer and other honorary officers from among their number on such terms as they shall think fit;
- 13.2 to invite observers to attend meetings of the Trustees, and to pay their reasonable expenses out of the Charity's funds. For the avoidance of doubt, such observers are not Trustees and shall not count towards the quorum for a meeting, shall not have any power to vote on a matter and shall leave the meeting when the Trustees vote on a matter;
- 13.3 to delegate any of their functions to committees consisting of two or more individuals appointed by them (but at least one member of every committee must be a Trustee and all proceedings of committees must be reported promptly to the Trustees). The Trustees may:
 - 13.3.1 impose conditions when delegating, including the conditions that:
 - (a) the relevant powers are to be exercised exclusively by the committee to whom they delegate;
 - (b) no expenditure may be incurred on behalf of the Charity except in accordance with a budget previously agreed with the Trustees;
 - 13.3.2 revoke or alter a delegation;
- 13.4 to delegate the day to day management of the affairs of the Charity in accordance with the directions of the Trustees to any person, by such means, to such an extent, in relation to such matters and on such terms and conditions (including the payment of a salary) as they think fit;
- 13.5 to establish procedures to assist the resolution of disputes within the Charity; and
- 13.6 to exercise any powers of the Charity which are not reserved to the Members.

14. RULES

- 14.1 The Trustees may from time to time make, repeal or alter such rules as they think fit as to the management of the Charity and its affairs.

14.2 Subject to Article 14.3, the rules shall be binding on the Members of the Charity. No rule shall be inconsistent with the Act, the Charities Act, the Articles or any rule of law.

14.3 The Members have the power to alter, add or repeal the rules.

15. RECORDS & ACCOUNTS

15.1 The Trustees must comply with the requirements of the Act and of the Charities Act as to keeping financial records, the audit or independent examination of accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Registrar of Companies and the Commission of:

15.1.1 annual reports;

15.1.2 annual returns; and

15.1.3 annual statements of account.

15.2 The Trustees must keep records of:

15.2.1 all proceedings at general meetings;

15.2.2 all proceedings at meetings of the Trustees;

15.2.3 all reports of committees; and

15.2.4 all professional advice obtained.

15.3 Accounting records relating to the Charity must be made available for inspection by any Trustee at any reasonable time during normal office hours and may be made available for inspection by Members who are not Trustees if the Trustees so decide.

15.4 A copy of the Charity's latest available statement of account must be supplied on request to any Trustee or Member, or to any other person who makes a written request and pays the Charity's reasonable costs, within two months.

16. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

(In this Article "Document" includes without limitation a notice, proxy form, share certificate or other information, except where expressly excluded.)

16.1 Any Document to be given to or by any person pursuant to these Articles must be in writing and sent or supplied in Hard Copy Form or Electronic Form, or (in the case of communications by the Charity) by making it available on a website, to an address for the time being notified for that purpose to the person giving the Document.

16.2 A Document may only be given in Electronic Form where the recipient has agreed (specifically or generally) that the document or information may be sent in that form, and this agreement has not been revoked.

16.3 A Document may only be given by being made available on a website if the recipient has agreed (specifically or generally) that the document or information may be sent in that form, or if the recipient is deemed to have agreed in accordance with the Act.

16.4 The Charity may deliver a Document to the Member:

- 16.4.1 by delivering it by hand to the postal address recorded for the Members on the register;
- 16.4.2 by sending it by post or other delivery service in an envelope (with postage or delivery paid) to the postal address recorded for the Members on the register;
- 16.4.3 by fax (except a share certificate) to a fax number notified by the Members in writing;
- 16.4.4 by electronic mail (except a share certificate) to an address notified by the Members in writing; or
- 16.4.5 by a website (except a share certificate) the address of which shall be notified to the Members in writing.

This Article does not affect any provision in any relevant legislation or these Articles requiring notices or documents to be delivered in a particular way.

16.5 If a Document is delivered by hand, it is treated as being delivered at the time it is handed to or left for

16.6 If a Document is sent by post or other delivery service not referred to below, it is treated as being delivered:

- 16.6.1 forty eight hours after it was posted, if first class post was used; or
- 16.6.2 seventy two hours after it was posted or given to delivery agents, if first class post was not used;

provided it can be proved conclusively that a Document was delivered by post or other delivery service by showing that the envelope containing the Document was:

- 16.6.3 properly addressed; and
- 16.6.4 put into the post system or given to delivery agents with postage or delivery paid.

16.7 If a Document (other than a share certificate) is sent by fax, it is treated as being delivered at the time it was sent.

16.8 If a Document (other than a share certificate) is sent by electronic mail, it is treated as being delivered at the time it was sent.

16.9 If a Document (other than a share certificate) is sent by a website (in the case of communications by the Charity), it is treated as being delivered when the material was first made available on the website, or if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material was available on the website.

16.10 A technical defect in the giving of notice of which the Trustees are unaware at the time does not invalidate decisions taken at a meeting.

16.11 A Member present in person or by proxy at any general meeting of the Charity shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting, and where necessary of the purpose for which it was called.

16.12 A Member who does not register an address with the Charity or who registers only a postal address that is not within the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to receive any notice from the Charity.

17. EXCLUSION OF MODEL ARTICLES

Any model articles for a company limited by shares that may exist (including those constituting Schedule 1 to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008) are hereby expressly excluded.

18. INDEMNITY

18.1 The Charity shall indemnify every Trustee against any liability incurred in successfully defending legal proceedings in that capacity, or in connection with any application in which relief is granted by the Court from liability for negligence, default, or breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Charity.

18.2 In this Article a "Trustee" means any Trustee or former Trustee of the Charity.

18.3 The Charity may indemnify an auditor against any liability incurred by him or her:

18.3.1 in defending proceedings (whether civil or criminal) in which judgement is given in his or her favour or he or she is acquitted; or

18.3.2 in connection with an application under section 1157 of the Act (power of Court to grant relief in case of honest and reasonable conduct) in which relief is granted to him or her or it by the Court.

19. DISSOLUTION

19.1 If the Charity is dissolved the assets (if any) remaining after provision has been made for all its liabilities shall be applied in one or more of the following ways as the Members may decide:

19.1.1 by transfer to one or more other bodies established for exclusively charitable purposes within, the same as or similar to the Objects;

19.1.2 directly for the Objects or for charitable purposes which are within or similar to the Objects; or

19.1.3 in such other manner consistent with charitable status as the Commission approves in writing in advance.

19.2 A final report and statement of account must be sent to the Commission.

19.3 This Article may not be amended without the prior written consent of the Commission.

20. INTERPRETATION

20.1 References to an act of parliament are references to that act as amended or re-enacted from time to time and to any subordinate legislation made under it.

20.2 In these Articles expressions not otherwise defined which are defined in the Act have the same meaning.

20.3 In these Articles words importing one gender shall include all genders, and the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

20.4 In these Articles:

Act means the Companies Acts as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006, in so far as they apply to the Charity.

Address means a postal address or, for the purposes of electronic communication, a fax number, an e-mail or postal address or a telephone number for receiving text messages in each case registered with the Charity.

These Articles means these articles of association.

Chair means the Trustee appointed by the Trustees to act as Chair under Article 13.1.

The Charities Act means the Charities Act 2011.

Charity Trustee has the meaning prescribed by section 177 of the Charities Act.

Circulation Date has the meaning prescribed by section 290 of the Act.

Clear Day in relation to the period of notice means a period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.

The Commission means the Charity Commission for England and Wales or any body which replaces it.

Conflicted Trustee means a Trustee in respect of whom a conflict of interest arises or may reasonably arise because the Conflicted Trustee or a Connected Person stands to receive a benefit from the Charity, or has some separate interest or duty in a matter to be decided, or in relation to information which is confidential to the Charity.

Connected Person means, in relation to a Trustee, a person connected with a director within the meaning of the Act or a person connected with a Charity Trustee or a trustee for a charity within the meaning of the Charities Act.

Document includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form.

Electronic Form and Electronic Means have the meanings respectively prescribed to them in the Act.

Executed includes any mode of execution.

Financial Expert means an individual, company or firm who is authorised to give investment advice under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

Founder Trustee means Martin Thomas and Jeremy Barnes who founded the Charity and "Founder Trustee" shall mean any one of them.

Firm includes Limited Liability Partnership.

Hard Copy Form has the meaning prescribed by the Companies Act 2006.

indemnity insurance means insurance against personal liability incurred by any Trustee for an act or omission which is or is alleged to be a breach of trust or breach of duty, unless the act or omission amounts to a criminal offence or the Trustee concerned knew that, or was reckless whether, the act or omission was a breach of trust or breach of duty.

Material benefit means a benefit, direct or indirect, which may not be financial but has monetary value.

Member and Membership refers to company membership of the Charity.

Month means calendar month.

Objects "Objects" means the Objects of the Charity as defined in Article 3.

Secretary means any person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Charity;

Taxable Trading means carrying on a trade or business in such manner or on such a scale that some or all of the profits are subject to corporation tax;

Trustee means a director of the Charity and "Trustees" means the directors;

Written or in writing means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied, without limitation by, Hard Copy Form, Electronic Means or otherwise.

Year means calendar year.

In accordance with
Section 24 of the
Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of compliance where amendment of articles restricted



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You may use this form to state that the restrictions to change articles have been observed.

☒ **What this form is NOT for**

You cannot use this form for notifying a change of articles that are not restricted.

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1 Company details

Company number 0 3 0 2 6 2 9 5

Company name in full DOWNS SYNDROME DIAMOND FOUNDATION
LIMITED

Filling in this form

Please complete in typescript or in bold black capitals.

All fields are mandatory unless specified or indicated by *

2 Statement of compliance ¹

The above company certifies that the amendment has been made in accordance with the company's articles and, where relevant, any applicable order of a court or other authority.

Please note:

This form must accompany the document making or evidencing the amendment.

3 Signature

I am signing this form on behalf of the company.

Signature

Signature

☒ DocuSigned by:
Martin Thomas
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☒

This form may be signed by:
Director ², Secretary, Person authorised ³, Liquidator, Administrator,
Administrative receiver, Receiver, Receiver manager, Charity Commission receiver
and manager, CIC manager, Judicial factor.

² Societas Europaea

If the form is being filed on behalf of a Societas Europaea (SE) please delete 'director' and insert details of which organ of the SE the person signing has membership.

³ Person authorised

Under either section 270 or 274 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**Presenter information**

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name JFH/TCS

Company name Farrer & Co

Address 66 Lincoln's Inn Fields

Post town London

County/Region

Postcode W C 2 A 3 L H

Country

DX

Telephone 020 3375 7000

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Please make sure you have remembered the following:

- ☐ The company name and number match the information held on the public Register.
- ☐ You are also sending with this form the document making or evidencing the amendment.
- ☐ You have signed the form.

**Important information**

Please note that all information on this form will appear on the public record.

**Where to send**

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The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.
DX 33050 Cardiff.

For companies registered in Scotland:

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Fourth floor, Edinburgh Quay 2,
139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH3 9FF.
DX ED235 Edinburgh 1
or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2 (Legal Post).

For companies registered in Northern Ireland:

The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Second Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street,
Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 8BG.
DX 481 N.R. Belfast 1.

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