

Annual Return 2015 (Online)



BETTER LIVES FOUNDATION

Charity number: 1122290

Submitted on 19 January 2016

Some of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. These fields are marked - **P**

This form shows the information you have entered through the Annual Return 2015 Online.

The Annual Return was submitted online by MRS Devi Patel on 19 January 2016. You do not need to send us a signed copy.

PART A - Charity information

A1 - Financial period

This Annual Return should be completed for financial periods ending on or after 1st January 2015.

Financial period start - P :	01 April 2014
Financial period end - P :	31 March 2015
Next financial period end:	31 March 2016

A2 - Income and expenditure

This shows your charity's income and expenditure for the financial period shown at A1. Please note these figures are rounded to the nearest pound.

Income - P :	£94,037
Spending - P :	£87,200

A3 - Charity contact

The contact details for your charity are printed below.

Your current contact is an: Individual

Title:	MRS
Personal names:	DEVIYANI RAJESH
Family name:	PATEL
Suffix:	
Display name - P :	MRS DEVI PATEL
Date of birth:	04 January 1960
Telephone - P :	0203 239 1201
Mobile:	07958711846
Your contact details as shown on the Register of Charities are - P :	MRS DEVI PATEL Jetta House Suite J003 15-16 Westfield Lane HARROW Middlesex HA3 9ED

A4 - Email for Charity Commission use

This is an address that will only be used by the Commission for contacting the charity, for example when issuing a password for our online services or for mailing reminders.

Your current private email address: devi@betterlivesfoundation.org

A5 - Email for public display

This is a public address that will be displayed on the Register of Charities.

Your current public email address - **P**: info@betterlivesfoundation.org

A6 - Charity website

If the charity has its own website and we hold the address, a hyperlink will be available for the public to access the site from the charity's entry on the Register of Charities.

Your current charity website - **P**: www.betterlivesfoundation.org

A7 - Corporate trustee

Your charity has no corporate trustees.

A8/A9 - Current and new individual trustees

Printed below is the list of current trustees who are individuals that we hold for your charity.

Please note, the addresses given should be the trustees' home address rather than a work or the charity address. Please ensure that we have a complete set of details for each trustee. Trustees without a complete set of details may not be recorded on our Register of Charities.

We only publish trustee names on the Register. Other personal details are not made publicly available.

Trustee 1

Title:	MRS
Personal names:	DEVIYANI RAJESH
Family name:	PATEL
Suffix:	
Display name - P :	MRS DEVI PATEL
Date of birth:	04 January 1960
Address:	Jetta House Suite J003 15-16 Westfield Road HARROW Middlesex
Post code:	HA3 9ED
Telephone:	02084051563
Email:	devi@betterlivesfoundation.org
Date of Appointment	12 November 2008
Chair of the charity - P :	NO

Trustee 2

Title:	MR
Personal names:	KIRAN
Family name:	PATEL
Suffix:	
Display name - P :	MR KIRAN PATEL
Date of birth:	13 May 1956
Address:	16 Littleton Road HARROW Middlesex
Post code:	HA1 3SU
Telephone:	0208 423 6004
Email:	kiran@betterlivesfoundation.org
Date of Appointment	12 February 2014
Chair of the charity - P :	NO

Trustee 3

Title: DR
Personal names: Michael
Family name: Rafferty
Suffix:
Display name - **P**: DR Michael Rafferty
Date of birth: 24 November 1983
Address: Jetta House
Suite J003
15-16 Westfield Lane
HARROW
Middlesex
Post code: HA3 9ED
Telephone: 02032391201
Email: mike@betterlivesfoundation.org
Date of Appointment: 04 January 2015
Chair of the charity - **P**: NO

A10 - Linked charities

There are no active linked (subsidiary or constituent) charities associated with this charity.

A11 - Area of operation in England and Wales

Your charity has not specified any areas of operation in England or Wales.

A12 - Area of operation outside England and Wales

Shown below are the areas outside England and Wales that we currently hold for your charity, and income spent in each - **P**.

	Country	Amount spent (£)
1	INDIA	27,179
2	SIERRA LEONE	52,278

A13 - Charity classification

Printed below are the details we currently hold for your charity.

WHAT your charity sets out to do - **P**:

	GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES
	EDUCATION/TRAINING
	THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH OR SAVING OF LIVES

	DISABILITY
✓	THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY
	OVERSEAS AID/FAMINE RELIEF
	ACCOMMODATION/HOUSING
	RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES
	ARTS/CULTURE/HERITAGE/SCIENCE
	AMATEUR SPORT
	ANIMALS
	ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION/HERITAGE
	ECONOMIC/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/EMPLOYMENT
	ARMED FORCES/EMERGENCY SERVICE EFFICIENCY
	HUMAN RIGHTS/RELIGIOUS OR RACIAL HARMONY/EQUALITY OR DIVERSITY
	RECREATION
	OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES

WHO your charity helps - **P**:

✓	CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE
✓	ELDERLY/OLD PEOPLE
✓	PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
✓	PEOPLE OF A PARTICULAR ETHNIC OR RACIAL ORIGIN
✓	OTHER CHARITIES OR VOLUNTARY BODIES
	OTHER DEFINED GROUPS
✓	THE GENERAL PUBLIC/MANKIND

HOW your charity operates - **P**:

	MAKES GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS
	MAKES GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS
	PROVIDES OTHER FINANCE
✓	PROVIDES HUMAN RESOURCES
	PROVIDES BUILDINGS/FACILITIES/OPEN SPACE
✓	PROVIDES SERVICES
✓	PROVIDES ADVOCACY/ADVICE/INFORMATION
	SPONSORS OR UNDERTAKES RESEARCH
	ACTS AS AN UMBRELLA OR RESOURCE BODY
✓	OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

A14 - Charity activities

Your charity has given us the following brief description of its current activities - **P**.

BLF brings over 30 years experience of like minded people working to improve health and education conditions in remote areas. Our aim is to provide and improve, Quality Medical Care to the needy. Sponsoring Education leading to long term healthcare independence, self sufficiency and self-supportive structure. Raise standards of sanitation, hygiene and access to clean water.

A15 - UK volunteers

Your charity has told us that it had 65 UK volunteers during the financial period.

A16 - Company number

No company number is held for your charity.

A17 - Charity's main bank/building society account

Below are the current details we hold about your main bank or building society account. Account details are not available to the public. For security purposes we have not printed the full account number.

Bank name:	HSBC BANK PLC
Sort code:	40-42-13
Account number:	****7886
Account name:	Better Lives Foundation

A18 - Gift Aid

Your charity was recognised by HMRC for Gift Aid for the financial period of this Annual Return

A19 - Land and buildings

Your charity does not own or use land or buildings.

A20 - Fund Raising

Your charity raises funds from the public
Your charity does not work with a commercial participator

A21 - Trading

The charity does not have a trading subsidiary

A22 - Trustee payments

The charity does not pay one or more of its trustees for acting as a trustee of the charity

A23 - Policies

The charity has the following written policies :-

Complaints Handling - Yes
Conflict of Interest - No
Investment - No
Risk Management - Yes
Volunteer Management - Yes
Vulnerable Beneficiaries- No
Paying Staff - No

A24 - Grant Making

Grant making is not the main way your charity carries out its purposes

A25 - Other Regulators

The charity has no other regulators

A26 - Financial Controls

Financial Controls have been reviewed during the reporting year

A27 - Government funding

Contracts from central or local government to deliver services: £0
Grants from central or local government: £0

REPORTING SERIOUS INCIDENTS

As soon as possible, you should report to the Commission any incidents that cause a significant loss of funds or pose serious risks to a charity's beneficiaries, resources or reputation.

If any serious incident, including any of those listed below, have occurred since your last return, you should notify us immediately if you have not already done so.

Please read the Guidance Notes first to help you decide how to respond. Then either email rsi@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk or call 03000 66 9197 to inform us.

SERIOUS INCIDENTS

- Fraud, theft or significant loss of funds or other property.
- Significant sums of money or other property donated to the charity from an unknown or unverified source.
- The charity (including any individual staff, trustees or volunteers) has any known or alleged link to a proscribed(banned) organisation or to terrorist or other unlawful activity.
- A person disqualified from acting as a trustee has been or is currently acting as a trustee of the charity.
- The charity does not have a policy for safeguarding its vulnerable beneficiaries (e.g. children and young people, people with disabilities and the elderly/old people).
- The charity has no vetting procedure to ensure that a trustee or member of staff is eligible to act in the position he or she is being appointed to.
- Suspicions, allegations or incidents of abuse or mistreatment of beneficiaries.
- The charity has been subject to a criminal investigation, or an investigation by another regulator or agency; or sanctions have been imposed or concerns raised by another regulator or agency (e.g. the Health and Safety Executive, Ofsted).

When you report a serious incident we will generally ask you for further details. You may not have all of these but please be prepared to provide as much relevant information as possible about the incident. We are concerned about criminal or unlawful activity, or very serious incidents about a charity that may pose a risk to its funds, property, beneficiaries or reputation.

LEGAL OBLIGATION

As part of the charity's Annual Return, trustees must confirm that there are no serious incidents or other matters which they should have brought to the attention of the Commission and have not done so already. Failure to do so will be regarded as a breach of legal requirements.

Data protection

Any information you give us will be held securely and in accordance with the rules on data protection. We will treat personal details as private and confidential and safeguard them. We will not disclose them to anyone unconnected with the Charity Commission unless you have consented to its release, or in the circumstances that are set out in the Guidance Notes

ADVICE FOR THE TRUSTEES AND MANAGERS OF BETTER LIVES FOUNDATION

The following guidance may be useful for your trustees. To view these publications, please visit our website at www.charitycommission.gov.uk/publications.

Trusteeship

[CC3 The essential trustee](#)

What's required of a charity trustee, including your responsibilities to your charity.

[CC30 Finding new trustees](#)

The recruitment, appointment and induction process for new charity trustees and how to set a framework for recruitment.

[Conflicts of interest: a guide for charity trustees \(CC29\)](#)

Find out the legal and regulatory requirements relating to conflicts of interest and how trustees can identify and manage them.

Accountancy

[CC15b - Charity reporting and accounting: the essentials](#)

What trustees need to do when preparing trustees' annual reports, accounts and annual returns.

[CC14 Charities and investment matters: a guide for trustees](#)

Find out how trustees can make the right decisions about investing charity funds.

[CC16 Receipts & payments accounts pack](#)

Templates to help eligible non-company charities prepare their trustees' annual report and receipts and payments accounts.

Fundraising

[Gift Aid: what donations charities and CASCs can claim on](#)

The types of fundraising donations that charities and community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) can claim Gift Aid on and the exceptions.

Working with Children and Vulnerable Adults

[Charities: how to protect vulnerable groups including children](#)

How to get checks and assessments on volunteers, employees and trustees if your charity works with vulnerable groups.

Declaration

Your Annual Return was submitted online by MRS Devi Patel on 19 January 2016, telephone number 07958711846.

MRS Devi Patel certified online that:

- the information provided was correct
- it had been or would be brought to the attention of all the trustees
- that the trustees were satisfied that there are no serious incidents or other matters which they should have brought to the attention of the Commission and had not done so already.

Those who give answers that they know are untrue or misleading may be committing an offence.