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Charity number: 20142681

**THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN IRELAND**  
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS**  
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<b>Trustees/ Directors</b>	Cormac Owens Pádraic Ó Giolláin Peter O'Brien Dr. Robert Johnston Robin McCormick Donal Hutchinson Alice Nugent Caroline Mary Feeney (appointed 23 May 2025) Nuala Imelda Reid (appointed 8 April 2024) Jennifer Anne Skeggs (appointed 8 April 2024) Caroline McGroary (appointed 8 April 2024) Rory Best (resigned 21 March 2025) Peter Shields (resigned 21 March 2025)
<b>Company registered number</b>	590462
<b>Charity registered number</b>	20142681
<b>Registered office</b>	Maynooth Business Campus Block B Maynooth Co. Kildare
<b>Company secretary</b>	Gerard Halpenny (resigned 11 November 2024) Jennifer Anne Skeggs (appointed 11 November 2024)
<b>Chairperson</b>	Peter O'Brien
<b>Independent auditor</b>	RBK Business Advisers Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm Termini 3 Arkle Road Sandyford Dublin 18
<b>Bankers</b>	Bank of Ireland Lower Baggot Street Dublin 2
<b>Solicitors</b>	A&L Goodbody LLP 42-46 Fountain St Belfast United Kingdom
<b>CEO</b>	Phil Alexander

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**CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT**  
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The chairman presents his statement for the year.

I am proud to present the 2024–25 Annual Report of The Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. This has been a landmark year for our organisation as we continued to deliver on our vision: that no child should face cancer alone.

Over the past year, we have expanded our Services Team significantly. We now have two Cancer Support Specialists based in hospital settings, five working in the community, and a dedicated Ireland Team Manager. By the end of this operating year, we were supporting 300 families across Ireland affected by childhood cancer.

Referrals to our services have continued to rise, and we have responded with steady service development and a strong focus on quality and innovation. The appointment of a team manager in Ireland reflects our commitment to sustainable growth and to meeting the evolving needs of the families we support.

We were honoured to welcome 65 families to Daisy Lodge in Newcastle, Co. Down, for therapeutic short breaks. These moments of respite are vital for families navigating the challenges of childhood cancer. Sadly, 16 children passed away this year. We continue to walk alongside their families, offering support as they face unimaginable grief.

Listening to children and young people remains central to our work. Their voices shape our services, and they are represented on our services committee, playing an active role in decision-making and advocacy. We believe young people are powerful agents of change and champions for their peers. Our Young Ambassadors spoke at several events across Ireland throughout the year.

This year also marked a major milestone in the development of our second therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge in Cong, Co. Mayo. We worked closely with Mayo County Council to update planning permissions and began the public procurement process to appoint a contractor. Full construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2025.

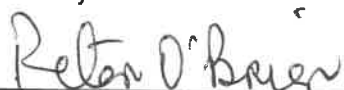
We are deeply grateful to our volunteers, community fundraisers, and corporate partners who have walked, run, cycled, and climbed in support of our mission. Your generosity fuels our work and ensures we can continue to be there for families when they need us most.

We remain committed to strong governance and strategic leadership. Our Board sub-committees have continued to meet regularly to drive forward our strategic goals. In January 2025, with the pro bono support of Deloitte, we began a strategic planning process to guide our vision through to 2035, exploring opportunities across both Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland continues to benefit from the support of our sister organisation, Cancer Fund for Children, which provides vital administrative and management expertise to help us deliver services on an all-island basis.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff team. Your passion, dedication, and care are evident in everything you do—and in the feedback we receive from the families you support. You are the heart of this organisation, and your work makes a profound difference every single day.

Thank you



**Peter O'Brien**

Chairperson

Date:

28-11-25

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Board of Trustees (who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) have the pleasure in presenting their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared based on the basis described in the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice which applies to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Purpose**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is established to provide practical, social and emotional support to children and young people affected by cancer, and their families.

#### **Objectives**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is dedicated to alleviating the challenges faced by children and families affected by childhood cancer, offering practical, social, and emotional support. Each week in Ireland, approximately seven children, teenagers, or young adults (aged 0-24) receive a cancer diagnosis. Cancer Fund for Children Ireland provides essential support to these young people and their families in hospitals, within their communities, and through respite breaks at our current facility in Co. Down. To further extend this care, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is planning to establish a second short break centre in Lisloughrey, near Cong in Co. Mayo. This new facility will feature high-quality private family suites designed to promote rest, relaxation, and recovery.

#### **Vision and Mission**

1. We connect children and their families with the right people, so they do not have to face cancer alone.
2. We empower children and their families to identify and develop the resources they need to cope with cancer.
3. We strengthen children and their families by creating space and time for them to be together.

We do this by delivering individual support in the hospital & community, facilitating group work & providing families with short breaks at Daisy Lodge.

#### **Values**

At Cancer Fund for Children, our values are the foundation of everything we do. They shape our vision and drive our mission, guiding our decisions, actions, and relationships. Our values define who we are, how we behave and how we collaborate with others.

**Powerful Connections:** Powerful connections are at the core of our organisation. We nurture impactful connections between the young people and families we support, with our communities and stakeholders, and across our all-island staff team.

**Bold Ambition:** Our vision drives us to go further, to reach more young people with greater impact. We embrace bold aspiration and turn ambition into action. By aiming high and pushing boundaries, we make extraordinary things possible.

**Courage:** We have the courage to lead and have difficult conversations. We embrace open communication and address sensitive topics, always with the intent of empowering those we support and those we work alongside.

**Compassion:** Compassion guides our work to create safe spaces, offer genuine care, and approach others with kindness. We aim to ensure every person we interact with feels seen, heard, and supported.

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**Integrity:** We build trust through honesty and openness, upholding the highest standards of transparency and accountability, and ensuring our actions reflect our words and beliefs.

**Collective Responsibility:** Each one of us plays a vital role in achieving our collective goals. We take personal ownership of our actions and support each other to ensure that as a team we reach our shared vision.

Our Priorities over the next five years:

- We will continue to offer support to children diagnosed with cancer (0-24 years old) alongside their families.
- We will continue to offer short breaks to families from Ireland in Daisy Lodge, Co. Down.
- We will develop a range of services that support children diagnosed with cancer (aged 0-24 years old) and their families in the hospital and community setting throughout Ireland.
- We will build a second Daisy Lodge in Co. Mayo and ensure it is supported with a sustainable fundraising programme.
- We will ensure the voices of children and young people are at the heart of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. Children have an important role to play in advocating for their peers and championing change across cancer services.

#### **Right Support, Right Time, Right Approach**

We believe in offering timely and tailored support to children impacted by cancer. We are flexible and informal in our approach, assessing the unique needs of every child and family we serve to ensure they are offered the right support at the right time.

#### **A New Strategy for 2026-2035**

In January 2025, with the pro bono support of Deloitte, we began a strategic planning process to guide our vision through to 2035, exploring opportunities across both Ireland and Northern Ireland. 2025 is the final year of our strategy and the Trustees alongside the Executive Leadership team will work to develop a new 10-year strategy.

#### **We Will Strengthen & Improve**

We identified several key areas to strengthen and improve to ensure Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is best placed to deliver on an ambitious growth strategy. These areas include: our people, resources, governance, and infrastructure.

#### **Key Strategic Priorities**

Key Strategic priorities center around **six pillars** with associated objectives. Each objective is monitored, and progress reported quarterly.

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<b>Cancer Fund for Children Strategic Pillars</b>					
<b>Pillar 1</b>	<b>Pillar 2</b>	<b>Pillar 3</b>	<b>Pillar 4</b>	<b>Pillar 5</b>	<b>Pillar 6</b>
<b>Services Development</b>	<b>Engagement</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Awareness</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>Governance</b>
We will ensure every child has access to Cancer Fund for Children's services.	We will listen to children and young people and ensure their voice is at the heart of our organisation.	We will develop a funding strategy that ensures the organisation is sustainable and responsive.	We will amplify the voices of children, young people and their families impacted by cancer across the island of Ireland.	We will cultivate a well-resourced, positive, and inclusive workplace environment that values and supports our staff and volunteers.	We will ensure that our organisational infrastructure and governance are fit for purpose and aligned with our evolving needs and aspirations.

**Services Development**

Our organisational vision of 'ensuring no child faces cancer alone' was commenced in operational terms in March 2022 with the launch of our hospital-based support in CHI at Crumlin. Since then, we have now increased our team to eight, with two hospital-based staff, five community-based Cancer Support Specialists and an Ireland Team Manager. At the end of this operating year, we are now supporting 300 families in ROI.

This year has seen a continued rise in referrals, steady development of services and a constant focus on service development, alongside the promotion of our work, raising awareness, building partnerships and ensuring connectedness across the charity.

**Hospital-Based Support**

Our cancer support service is delivered by our ward-based Cancer Support Specialist, focused on supporting families in the Haematology/Oncology unit at St. John's Ward, CHI at Crumlin, Dublin. The primary responsibility of this service is to be an integral part of the multi-disciplinary team, offering informal social and emotional support to families navigating cancer treatment. This includes direct support to parents, children, and young people, with additional planned group opportunities for peer connection when appropriate. The goal is to reduce feelings of isolation by fostering emotional resilience and enhancing connections within the cancer community. This year the service has continued to provide critical support and continued to work with a range of others to ensure stronger collaboration and ongoing effectiveness.

Our hospital-based Cancer Support Specialist has been critical in establishing the referral pathway for support in the community which offers parents informal opportunities to connect with others. They have also helped families avail of support from other charities, accommodation and transport.

We now have a Youth Support Worker in place at CHI at Crumlin, directly supporting young people aged 11+ who are in-patient or day visitors to the unit. This role is replicated across all hospitals in Northern Ireland, where we directly provide support to all adolescents and young adults. This year our Dublin-based Youth Support Worker has continued to develop close working relationships with the multidisciplinary team in Crumlin, with AYA colleagues, with colleagues in Northern Ireland and their own community-based team. They have developed a range of initiatives for young people, including an online book club, pizza evenings, games nights and an all-island young adult short break. The support offered has been a key support for young people during time in hospital.

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**Community-Based Support**

Over the past two years Cancer Fund for Children Ireland has taken significant steps to establish a community-based support team to provide services on a national level throughout Ireland. We now have a team of five Cancer Support Specialists who meet families at the point of diagnosis and offer ongoing support within their homes and communities across Ireland. Support extends to all family members; diagnosed children, siblings, and parents/caregivers, helping them understand the impact of cancer and develop strategies to cope better moving forward. These specialists aim to build meaningful, long-term relationships with families, offering direct, individualised assistance to help reduce isolation and increase family resilience.

The team work closely with hospital colleagues and our newly formed Connections team to ensure families are met at the most appropriate time, and are given consistent, flexible and impactful support. The team have also worked with a range of other charities to help ensure families are aware of all support open to them.

Support in the community takes place on an individual basis, when and where children, young people and parents most need it. It is young people and parent centred. It is intentional, informal, therapeutic support which provides young people and parents with a space where they can feel comfortable and develop trusting relationships with our team. The aim of informal therapeutic support is to help young people and parents better understand the emotional impact of cancer and develop ways to cope better going forward. This flexible approach helps us ensure that support is based on the needs, interest and learning style of the individual.

The team recognises the power and value of peer support and connection and despite being a very new service, we have sought to look at informal opportunities to bring children and young people together.

**Short Breaks at Daisy Lodge**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is working towards constructing a second Daisy Lodge, a 30,000 square foot short break centre in Cong, Co. Mayo, designed for children diagnosed with cancer and their families. The existing Daisy Lodge in Newcastle, Co. Down, operated by sister organisation, Cancer Fund for Children, is already offering therapeutic short breaks but is at full capacity. Cancer Fund for Children has also supported families from Ireland, hosting 65 families in 2024/25. Since 2014, the charity has supported over 4,500 families and the demand for these therapeutic services is rapidly growing. The new facility in Cong, Co. Mayo will allow Cancer Fund for Children Ireland to increase its capacity from supporting 1,800 to 4,000 children and parents annually, offering much-needed respite and tailored therapeutic short breaks for families dealing with a cancer diagnosis. Building of the second centre will commence in the summer of 2025.

Through all our work, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland undertakes key activities that focus on emotional and social support within hospitals, community-based outreach and individualised support across Ireland, as well as therapeutic short breaks for families affected by childhood cancer. These initiatives are aimed at reducing isolation, increasing resilience, and providing relief to families during an incredibly challenging time.

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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Services Development**

This year has been one of extending our reach, supporting more families, strengthening relationships with a range of referrers and improving our systems and processes.

Given the rise of referrals within the Leinster area, we took the decision to employ a second Cancer Support Specialist for this area, and in the summer of 2024, we also employed a dedicated Ireland team manager, who would directly line manage our community and hospital team, and also lead on overall service development.

Over the past three years we have been working alongside the Katie Nugent Fund at Children's Health Foundation and CHI at Crumlin to develop, establish and review services within the hospital setting. This year we have extended our support into the hospital and community.

Our specialist support for adolescents and young adults with cancer has been a significant focus, with our first Youth Support Worker, based at CHI at Crumlin now fully established. This staff member has worked on a number of initiatives across Ireland, both with NI colleagues and also with nursing and social work colleagues across the AYA service in Ireland. Their support has also extended into a number of adult hospitals in Dublin, during times where Crumlin patients were receiving some treatment there.

One of the unique aspects of our service is our holistic and wide-reaching support. Whether young people or parents require support at home, in the community, at hospital or through a stay at Daisy Lodge, Cancer Fund for Children and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland exists to meet this. Support is tailored to meet each family's individual needs.

As a Services Management Team we reviewed our support, our systems and processes to explore how we could better manage requests for support and ensure we were providing an equitable service to all families. This resulted in a restructure of our services team, with the introduction of an all-island Connections Team. They act as an information point for all enquiries, dealing with requests for support, and ensuring families are made aware of the services provided by Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. The Connections Team also ensure that families can access our services and receive information on services provided by other charities. This team ensure families receive ongoing contact and support which suits their changing needs.

As a relatively new charity in Ireland, we work hard to meet other organisations across the sector. We have established referrals pathways and working co-operations to ensure we are represented across the cancer health sector.

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is a member of the clinical lead group for children, adolescent and young adults (CAYA) within the National Cancer Control Programme.

Ensuring children and young people are at the heart of our organisation/service continues to be a firm commitment and we have developed our Youth Engagement Team to help us meet this objective.

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland's support meets children, young people and families 'where they are' with sensitivity, warmth, compassion and flexibility. Our support is focused on building connections, relationships, trust and rapport.

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland's staff team are our most valuable resource. Over the past three years we have been hugely fortunate to recruit a team who have brought an exceptional amount of compassion, commitment, hard work and creativity to their roles. They are adept at managing the high demand for our services. They manage the complex needs of young people and families with sensitivity and work together as a collective to deliver holistic support.

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**Support in the Community in Numbers:**

Type of activity	Description	Volume
1:1 session for children and young people	As described	456
Ward support sessions	Hospital based support for parents or young people	926
Referrals made to other agencies	Ongoing referrals to transport/accommodation support	140
Telephone contact with families	As described	396
Number of young people attending groups	As described	63
Parental/family session	As described	180

**Collaboration**

Having two staff based at CHI at Crumlin has ensured we have a robust and regulated Service Level Agreement in place, with clear operating and governance arrangements. At an operational and management level we enjoy and a close working relationship with key staff.

At an operational level, all members of our team have sought to develop respectful and cooperative relationships with other charities and shared care centres within their regions. Relationships have been established with Aobheann's Pink Tie, Hand in Hand, Make a Wish Foundation, Irish Cancer Society, Bumbleance, Childhood Cancer Ireland, Arc, LauraLynn, Oscar's Kids, life limiting teams, local hospices and many others.

**Family Feedback**

*"Thank you so much. We will never forget the way CSS has helped X. And for ourselves, we could switch off a little when CSS visited, knowing that X was safe and could talk to CSS about her worries, whilst learning tools to help her cope throughout her life. It also gave us time to set aside for our other child. We really appreciated that CSS came to our house rather than us organising time off school or work or childcare for our other girl to go to another appointment. Thank you very much."*

*What were the benefits for your child(ren) taking part in our individual support? "Having somebody specifically to talk to about all that was going on and to have such fun in the process."*

*"We appreciate your services which creates a positive impact on families like ours, and we cannot emphasize enough how much this support means, particularly for the kids."*

*"Because you're going through such a stressful physically and mentally draining time that you just need somebody that you feel is going to wrap their arms around you and your family and tell you it's going to be ok. And that's what you get with Cancer Fund for Children."*

**Supporting Families through Therapeutic Short Breaks – Daisy Lodge**

Cancer Fund for Children has been providing short breaks to families in Ireland since opening Daisy Lodge 11 years ago. Short break provision was initially limited. In more recent years we have extended short breaks to 65 families per year, with direct requests now coming from our operational team in the hospital and community.

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For every one family who benefits from a short break, there are six others we cannot accommodate. This is why we are building a second therapeutic centre in Cong, County Mayo. When opened, we will be able to provide a fully comprehensive service to all families in ROI, including specialist support for bereaved families.

Short breaks provide families with opportunities to reconnect with each other and with others in similar situations. Families highlight their gratitude and appreciation for the staff, the setting and the treatments provided.

Therapeutic short breaks have provided families with a vital opportunity to be together in a dedicated supportive space, providing an escape from the challenges of cancer or a space have difficult conversations and face their cancer experience head on.

#### **Feedback on Short Breaks**

*"The area Daisy Lodge is set is so beautiful it is wonderful just to wake up in nature. Everyone is so kind and welcoming from you enter until you leave. The break has been something that has been crucial for our family in trying to get back to having fun together and moving forward from what has been a hard year."*

*"The break away was lovely as we were able to spend some quality time together after a summer where treatment had ruined any opportunity to get away anywhere together. From we arrived we were showered with kindness. The complementary therapy was fabulous to try as neither of us had any experience and we would recommend them to anyone coming. The therapists were so knowledgeable, and we both felt so relaxed after. We felt we got so much out of the opportunity to stay as daisy lodge and be able to look forward as a family again. The arts and crafts were a big hit with our daughter, and I loved the family art piece that we can keep as a reminder of the lovely weekend."*

*"Daisy Lodge enabled us to have a much-needed short break where we spent time together doing therapeutic activities and strengthening our conversations with our children about terminal cancer. This was needed more than we realised, and we are sad to leave, returning to the pressures of work and normal routine as we know now how much our time together is precious. Thank you to the wonderful staff who are the bones behind such a wonderful facility."*

#### **Income Generation**

2024/25 was another year of incredible support from our valued supporters, partners and funders as we continue to increase our presence, profile and engagement across Ireland. Throughout the year our corporate partnerships and local community support, particularly in the West of Ireland, have ensured the continued expansion of our services to reach children, young people and their families in need of support, across every county in Ireland. We remain hugely grateful to our supporters, and new partnerships, for their commitment to help ensure that no child faces cancer alone. We also continued to work towards securing the necessary funds to build, equip and run the new Daisy Lodge therapeutic centre for children and their families in Cong, Co. Mayo. We remain hugely grateful to the local community in Cong, for their incredible support, commitment and fundraising to ensure the vision of Daisy Lodge becomes a reality for families across Ireland.

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### **Engaging Local Communities**

We are incredibly thankful to local communities for their continued support throughout the year. Local clubs, organisations and businesses showed their endless creativity and supported us through a variety of initiatives and events. There were golf classics, fun runs, coffee mornings, tea parties, pumpkin patches, tractor runs, Tesco Community Fund blue tokens, motorcycle meetups and even a Lego workshop. Lions Clubs in Ireland fundraised with raffles, midsummer walks and Christmas activities and were incredibly supportive of our events by providing volunteers. Over the Christmas period, we attended local markets selling Christmas Cards and merchandise and met with churchgoers in Belmullet and Westport who generously donated €1,400 through bucket collections.

Other highlights from the year include the incredible Climb for Fergal, organised by the Loftus Family from South Mayo in May 2024, which raised an incredible €24,020. Galway man Johnny Coyne and friends, Liam Cotter and Ryan Fallon took on the mammoth task of kayaking from Ireland to Istanbul in a world first, in over five and a half months. They raised over €18,000 along the way. In February 2025, a dedicated group of supporters from across the West of Ireland took on a Vintage Tractor Run from Mizen to Malin Head in their Massey Ferguson 135s and raised over €50,000 thanks to the generosity of all the local communities and the support of hundreds of people online.

We are grateful to schools and youth organisations that continue to support us annually with their own unique fundraising ideas and those who joined our Daisy Chain this year by incorporating fundraising into events such as non-uniform days and pyjama parties, transition year mini-business projects, Christmas carol services and Easter raffles. Family fundraisers continue to inspire us by giving back to Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. Service users young and old got involved by holding tea parties, climbing mountains and taking part in Cancer Fund for Children events like the Bog Run where family teams raised over €10,000.

During 2024-25, a key highlight of our events and campaigns portfolio was the Bog Run. Our team proudly hosted the second Bog Run in Lough Boora, County Offaly, in March, with over 250 adults and children taking part. Together, we raised more than €42,000 in support of our services. Another standout moment came in October, when our Dublin Marathon team of over 45 dedicated runners – representing Ireland, the UK, America, and Europe – took on this iconic race and raised an incredible €88,000. The ever-growing Team Daisy walked and ran the streets for The West of Ireland Mini Marathon, The VHI Women's Mini Marathon, The Mullingar Half Marathon and even the Tokyo Marathon. We remain deeply grateful to everyone who participated in these events.

### **Developing Individual Giving**

We are progressing towards developing an Individual Giving programme in Ireland. We are hugely grateful for the generosity of our individual supporters, whose support makes our mission possible.

Our efforts remain focused on strengthening supporter engagement and ensuring that every interaction is positive and meaningful. We continue to prioritise the effective use of data to inform our approach and to deepen relationships with supporters across Ireland.

One of our key commitments is to the ongoing refinement of our data management practices. Regular audits and reviews are conducted to ensure data accuracy, security, and compliance with best practice standards.

Above all, the donor experience remains at the heart of our work. Every improvement to our processes and every advancement in our data capabilities is guided by our commitment to ensuring that every supporter feels valued, informed, and truly connected to the impact their generosity makes.

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**Driving Impact through Partnerships**

It was a remarkably successful year for the Partnership and Philanthropy team with our annual Daisy Ball raising an incredible €317,500. We are grateful to our generous sponsors, guests, and committee members who made the event possible. Our Daisy Golf Classic at the K Club in June 2024 was another highlight, raising €42,844. We are grateful to all who supported the day and to our kind sponsors, the K-Club, BMW Ireland and Phoenix Towers. We were excited to have new partners DPD and Expleo host their own Golf Classic in July 2025 in support of our services raising €10,000 and €13,290 respectively.

We also held a successful Race Day at Leopardstown Racecourse in March 2025, which raised €33,300 and included a special Q&A with our charity ambassador Rachael Blackmore. Our partners continue to surpass expectations, Bank of Ireland's Let's Begin Together Fund raised €19,500, while Weir & Sons' Christmas fundraiser raised €15,500 and Ireland's Home Interiors & Living Awards raised €6,000 at an event in November. Microsoft staff €4,500 during their Give Back Week and chose Cancer Fund for Children Ireland as a partner in an IT pilot programme.

We were thrilled that Lumcloon Energy and Halston Environmental and Planning came on board as headline sponsors for our Bog Run again, investing €15,000 in sponsorship. On the 9th & 10th May, over 50 cyclists took off from Westmanstown, Co. Dublin on a two-day, 320km charity cycle to Clifden. They were supported by a dedicated crew of seven, including a bike mechanic, food van staff, first aid support and drivers. Together, the cyclists raised an incredible €25,000 for Cancer Fund for Children Ireland.

Our corporate partnerships continued to grow and diversify, and we were delighted to welcome many new partners including Titan HQ, Provident CRM, and CMS Distribution. Longstanding partners BMW Ireland and Liberty IT recommitted as charity partners for 2025, while Arachas Insurance committed to sponsoring 26 Mountains to Mayo. These ongoing partnerships ensure continuity and stability in our corporate support and sustained partnerships that have impact are a strategic focus of the P&P team across the island.

The 26 Mountains to Mayo challenge was launched in September 2024. In total, twenty-three business leaders were recruited from across Ireland and the United Kingdom. They had a shared vision and goal - to increase awareness of our organisation, connect us with new networks and raise €1million to support our services across Ireland.

**Funding Partners**

We are hugely grateful to the Ireland Funds for their continued support and for championing our organisation globally through their network. We are also grateful to our funding partners including The Late, Late Toy Show Appeal, the Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund, and to The Katie Nugent Fund. The Katie Nugent Fund continues to support our hospital and community services expansion across Ireland.

**Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co. Mayo - Capital Fundraising**

We were delighted to have the opportunity to establish the Chicago Friends of Daisy Lodge with the support of our International Ambassador Enda Kenny, the Ireland Funds and the Ireland Network Chicago. We remain hugely grateful for their support in enabling us to reach a new audience and connect with the Mayo Irish diaspora. We were delighted to have the opportunity to bring several of our donors and local community fundraisers to see the site for Daisy Lodge in Mayo. This included an incredibly special visit by some of our generous US donors, who have contributed hugely to the build of Daisy Lodge. We were also delighted to host Maudy Dooher in December, with Enda Kenny, to share more about this important project. The commitment of so many donors, funders and partners to build, equip and run Daisy Lodge in Cong continues to inspire and motivate us all. We were also grateful to receive commitment and pledges of an additional €1million to support the running costs of Daisy Lodge, once we open the doors in 2027. All funds are restricted and will only be used for the purpose agreed with our generous donors and funders.

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As part of the Immigration Investment Scheme Cancer Fund for Children received €3.2million that will go directly to support the building of our second therapeutic short break centre in Cong, Co. Mayo that, once built, will have a life changing impact for families across Ireland impacted by childhood cancer.

**Delivering Excellent Supporter Care**

We remain dedicated to upholding the highest standards of supporter care and adherence to our supporter charter, as well as ensuring full compliance with all fundraising legislation and guidance. Throughout 2024/2025, the number of complaints received by the Supporter Care Team remained exceptionally low (<10), and all were managed in accordance with our Complaints Policy. Every complaint was resolved efficiently and to the individual's satisfaction. To ensure our supporters have the best experience possible, we are committed to providing timely updates and transparent communication about how their contributions are making a difference.

**Looking Forward**

The external context in which we operate is ever changing with increased competition in raising funds, as well as economic fluctuations and global market and political volatility. We will continue to ensure our plans are agile and enable us to adapt and respond effectively to challenges, as well as respond quickly to new opportunities.

We look forward to developing and launching a new Funding Strategy in 2025/26, with a key focus on building sustainable income over the next five years, to ensure the security and growth of our services into the future. We hope to expand our reach and engagement to more regions outside of the West of Ireland. 2025/26 will be a hugely exciting year with the construction of Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co. Mayo, and we look forward to engaging our donors and bringing new donors on board, to be part of that journey.

In the coming year we will continue to ensure and strengthen compliance across our fundraising policies in Ireland and ensure that new team members have a clear understanding of them. Our supporters and volunteers are at the heart of all we do and so we will work to ensure they feel their value and are kept updated regularly on the impact of their generous donations and support. We remain committed to the Charities Institute Ireland Codes of Fundraising Practise and to achieving the Triple Lock Status.

**Communications and Awareness**

To support the launch of our new services model, 2024 was dedicated to raising awareness of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland and the support we provide to children, young people and their families impacted by cancer. Increasing brand visibility and engagement at both national and regional levels remained a priority throughout the year. In 2024, our earned media coverage achieved a total reach of 68 million, with 546 print articles, 679 online features, and 152 TV broadcasts.

Social media continued to provide a vital platform to tell our story, raise awareness, and build relationships with families, staff, volunteers, supporters and the wider public. During the year, we refined our strategy by adopting a platform-specific approach, tailoring content to audience needs. This allowed us to be more intentional with our messaging and expand our content pillars to include family stories, services, organisational news, events and campaigns, as well as cultural content. We also invested further in video, amplifying the voices of children and young people.

This refreshed strategy delivered strong growth across Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, while our TikTok channel continued to gain traction. Overall, we reached more than 515,000 people across platforms and sustained engagement rates above industry benchmarks. Following a period of declining engagement on X (formerly Twitter), we took the decision to step back from the platform and focus our efforts on LinkedIn.

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Our website also saw significant growth, with visits rising to over 132,000 in 2024 compared with 90,000 in 2023. Increasingly, people are coming to the site to learn about our services, explore our events, and discover ways to get involved.

**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**

September marks Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, an international campaign to raise awareness of childhood cancer and its impact. This year, our campaign centred on the Roscoe family's story, mum Christine, dad Sean, and brothers Gabriel, Caleb, and Saul, and their experience following Gabriel's cancer diagnosis in 2021. We invested in a mix of organic and paid social media activity, sharing powerful quotes and moments from the family's story. This approach enabled us to reach over 450,000 social media users.

We also used Childhood Cancer Awareness Month as an opportunity to announce Rachel Blackmore as an official charity ambassador. Together, this activity generated 20 pieces of media coverage across print, online, TV, and radio, reaching an estimated audience of 1.9 million people.

**Health Minister Visits Daisy Lodge Site**

In May, Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly visited the site of our second Daisy Lodge short break centre, set to be built on the shores of Lough Corrib in Cong, Co. Mayo. His visit marked an important milestone for the project, following the announcement of a €7.5 million contribution from the Irish Government towards its development, €5 million from the Department of Health and €2.5 million from the Shared Island Fund. Speaking about his visit the Minister said,

"Today we take an important step closer to ensuring every child diagnosed with cancer has access to therapeutic short breaks regardless of where they live. Partnering with Cancer Fund for Children on the funding of a second Daisy Lodge means we will establish a vital service based in the West of Ireland for children from across the island. It is vital for these children and their families to have an amazing experience, to relax and enjoy time together away from the surroundings of a hospital environment while still having the support they need. Our National Cancer Strategy recognises the essential role played by the voluntary and charity sector in providing cancer support services. Cancer Fund for Children already have strong links across the sector, including an existing dedicated centre in Co. Down and have formalised links with the National Children's Cancer Service in Crumlin, to ensure a dedicated referral pathway to services like their therapeutic short break centre."

**Celebrating 10 Years of Daisy Lodge with Rory McIlroy with the Late Late Show**

In September, golfing superstar and long-time friend of Cancer Fund for Children, Rory McIlroy, appeared on RTÉ's Late Late Show with Patrick Kielty. During his visit to Co. Down for the Amgen Irish Open, Rory and Patrick played the first hole of the Pro-Am together while discussing his ongoing support for Cancer Fund for Children, particularly Daisy Lodge, our therapeutic short break centre.

This year marked a special milestone as Daisy Lodge celebrated its 10th anniversary. Rory officially opened Daisy Lodge in 2014. In the ten years since, Cancer Fund for Children has provided over 4,000 short breaks, offering families the chance to spend precious time together in a safe, supportive environment, far removed from hospital wards and treatment regimes.

However, due to high demand and limited capacity, only one in seven families across the island of Ireland can currently access a short break. That is why we are developing a second Daisy Lodge in the beautiful surroundings of Cong, Co. Mayo. Rory's early support was instrumental in securing our site on the tranquil shores of Lough Corrib. Speaking about his support Rory said,

"For me, you look at these families that have been so unfortunate to have to deal with cancer. I visited Cancer

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Fund for Children, and I decided I wanted to help fund a new facility for them because I saw the work that the staff does, I saw how appreciative the families were that they had a place to go.

To be able to help in some small way to provide something for these families, it's incredibly fulfilling."

### **Young Ambassadors**

Our Communications Team works closely with our Services Team to ensure young people's voices and family stories are shared with empathy, honesty and compassion. Four families from across Ireland bravely shared their personal experiences, helping to highlight the impact of our services and strengthen public understanding of our work. A particular highlight was the creation of an explainer video voiced by a young person we support, Muireann. This informative and impactful video has had over 11,500 views on social media and has been used as an educational tool at many charity presentations. Our Young ambassadors Vanessa and Alex spoke impactfully and openly about their experience of cancer at events, including our annual Daisy Ball and Daisy Golf.

### **Internal Communications**

This year we completed and shared the results of a staff survey, which has been instrumental in shaping our internal communications strategy. The survey provided valuable insights into how we can better engage and support staff, and it has informed our plans moving forward. We recognise, however, that as our organisation continues to grow, more work is needed to strengthen and embed effective internal communications across all teams.

### **Looking Forward**

Our communications will continue to focus on building awareness of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. Sharing emotive family stories and championing the voices of young people with empathy and compassion are powerful ways to build engagement and support. We are committed to ensuring that teenagers and young adults are represented and seen in our communications, reflecting their unique experiences and perspectives.

We will review and adapt our social media strategy on an ongoing basis to navigate the changing social media landscape and ensure we continue to reach, inspire and grow our followers. We will also invest in our website, which is a key source of information for service users and donors and the main referral pathway into our services. As we grow our staff team to meet the needs of families impacted by cancer, we will continue to develop our internal communications and engage with staff to understand their communication needs. We are excited to share progress on the construction of Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co. Mayo through our social media channels, local and national PR, recognising and celebrating key build milestones.

### **Empowering Our People & Culture**

Our People and Culture team plays a central role in shaping the experience of everyone who works at Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. Their mission is to be an active voice for staff, championing a workplace that is supportive, inclusive, and inspiring. The team provides clear leadership and ambition in all areas relating to our people, ensuring that our values are reflected in how we recruit, support, and develop our staff. This year we developed a new strategy with the following priorities.

- Empowering managers and leaders through clear direction, resources, and support.
- Delivering robust recruitment and onboarding processes.
- Ensuring consistency across all departments in relation to HR policies and practices.
- Creating a culture where staff feel heard, valued, and equipped to thrive.

As we continue to grow, our People and Culture team will be instrumental in helping us build an organisation that not only delivers exceptional services to families, but also fosters excellence, wellbeing, and purpose

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among our staff.

We recognise and value all our employees and their commitment to ensure that 'no child faces cancer alone.' Below is an outline of our current staff team across Ireland and Northern Ireland. Several roles in Northern Ireland have an island of Ireland remit.

	Financial Year 2024-2025			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Staff Numbers NI Full Time	53	57	57	55
Staff Numbers NI Part Time	29	29	30	27
Staff Numbers ROI Full Time	11	13	13	13
Staff Numbers ROI Part Time	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	94	100	101	96

**Achievements & Initiatives**

**Creating Fair and Transparent Policies:** As part of our commitment to fairness and consistency, we undertook a thorough review of our Staff Handbook to ensure, wherever possible, equity across both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Legal differences between jurisdictions were carefully considered, and any necessary variations were clearly highlighted within the document. Key policies — including Maternity and Sickness — were updated to align with the revised Handbook, ensuring clarity and consistency for all staff. Some areas, such as contractual updates, remain in progress. Feedback from the Committee has been invited to help shape the final stages of this work, reinforcing our dedication to transparency, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

**Ensuring Fair and Values-Aligned Reward:** This year, we undertook a comprehensive benchmarking exercise to review our approach to remuneration, pensions, and benefits. This work was carried out independently by AAB to ensure our reward structures are fair, consistent, and aligned with our organisational values. As a result of this process, we have introduced:

- A finalised Reward Principles Policy that reflects our commitment to equity and transparency.
- New, structured pay frameworks for Ireland.
- Greater clarity and consistency around roles, responsibilities, and remuneration across the organisation.

This work marks an important step in our journey to becoming an employer of choice in the charity sector — one that values its people, invests in their wellbeing, and ensures they are recognised for the incredible work they do every day.

**Board Recruitment and Governance:** We are proud to have a committed and diverse Board of Trustees, with representation from both Ireland and Northern Ireland. Our Board brings a wide range of skills, experience, and perspectives that strengthen our governance and strategic direction. Board sub-committees remain highly active and well-attended, playing a vital role in driving forward key areas of our work, including finance, services, fundraising, and governance. As we continue to grow, we are focused on ensuring our Board reflects the communities we serve and remains equipped to guide Cancer Fund for Children Ireland into its next strategic chapter.

**Wellness Programs:** The wellbeing of our staff is paramount to the overall success of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland, and we continue to expand our wellness programs to support the physical and mental well-

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being of our employees.

**Health & Wellbeing Committee:** The Health and Wellbeing Committee is now in its fifth year and comprises staff from across the organisation. A calendar of events, activities and information sessions take place throughout the year.

**Staff Health & Wellbeing Days:** All staff receive one health and wellbeing day a year at Daisy Lodge where they can benefit from therapeutic treatments, mindfulness sessions and health checks from medical professionals. An external representative is also available to provide information on healthcare plans.

**Enhancing Volunteer Engagement:** Volunteers continue to play a vital role in supporting Cancer Fund for Children, and this year we've taken significant steps to strengthen our volunteer programme. Since the appointment of our Volunteer Coordinator in December 2023, we've seen remarkable growth — with the number of registered volunteers increasing from 110 to 180 across the island of Ireland.

The introduction of the **Better Impact** software has been a game-changer, streamlining the application process and providing an efficient platform for communicating volunteering opportunities. Volunteers have already made a meaningful impact, from stewarding at events to supporting grassroots fundraising efforts in Mayo. Looking ahead, we will continue to grow our volunteer pool, particularly in fundraising, ensuring volunteers are well-supported, well-trained, and deeply connected to our mission.

## **GDPR**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland recognises the importance of data protection, and we maintain the highest standards of privacy and security. In alignment with our ongoing commitment to safeguarding the privacy and data of our supporters, service users, volunteers and employees, the charity confirms its compliance with GDPR and relevant data protection laws in Ireland.

To enhance our data security measures, we have implemented state-of-the-art encryption technologies for storing and transmitting personal data. Our IT infrastructure has been upgraded to include advanced firewalls and intrusion detection systems, safeguarding against potential data breaches. We conduct regular security audits and vulnerability assessments to identify and address any weaknesses in our systems. These efforts ensure that the personal information of our donors, volunteers, service users and employees remain secure and protected from unauthorised access.

Recognising that our staff play a crucial role in maintaining GDPR compliance, we have instituted comprehensive training programs focused on data protection, privacy and cybersecurity. All employees, volunteers, and board members have undergone mandatory GDPR training sessions to understand their responsibilities and the importance of handling personal data with care. Ongoing awareness campaigns and refresher courses help keep employees up to date on the latest GDPR developments and best practices, fostering a culture of data privacy within Cancer Fund for Children Ireland.

Adhering to the principles of data minimisation and retention, we ensure that we only collect personal data that is necessary for our operations and retain it only for as long as it is needed. We regularly review our data inventory to identify and securely delete or anonymise data that is no longer required. These measures help us reduce the risk of data breaches and ensure compliance with GDPR's data retention requirements. Looking ahead, we are committed to continuously improving our data protection practices.

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**Sustainability**

We believe that protecting the environment is a crucial part of our responsibility to the families and young people who benefit from our services. This year, we have taken significant steps to reduce our environmental footprint and promote sustainable practices within our organisation and the communities we serve.

To reduce the carbon footprint of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland we have continued our hybrid workplace approach which promotes remote working and virtual meetings to reduce travel related emissions. We encourage our staff to carpool and use public transportation where possible when travelling for work. We have reduced our paper use by digitising records, promoting electronic communication, using digital marketing and fundraising platforms to minimise paper waste. We encourage supporters to make donations online rather than by mail.

Sustainability is at the heart of the design of our new therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge Mayo. The design complies and exceeds the requirements of Part L2 of the Irish Building Regulations NZEB. The building will be highly energy efficient with an advanced thermal envelope with controlled air permeability ensuring heat retention and reducing HVAC load. Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP) will be used as the main heating source with underfloor heating generally used throughout. ASHP are fuelled by electricity, and their efficiencies are greater compared to traditional gas boilers. Domestic hot water will be generated using electrical means. The use of natural ventilation has been maximised in the design. Using natural ventilation reduces the use of mechanical systems and thus an overall reduction in energy usage, associated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and lower cost implications. LED Lighting will be installed with daylighting controls. By using daylight controls we will reduce the use of artificial lighting by adjusting the amount of natural and artificial light in a room, based on its brightness and occupancy.

The new building will have renewable energy using photovoltaics to help mitigate the electrical load of the building and provide clean electrical energy generation. The PV system will generate approximately 72,000Kwh/annum reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by approximately 22 Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>/annum.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue expanding our sustainability efforts. We are also exploring innovative solutions to further reduce our carbon footprint and are committed to continuing our efforts to operate sustainably and to inspire others to join us in this important work. Together, we can make a significant impact and ensure a healthier planet for all.

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## **Financial Review**

### *Results for the Year*

The Cancer Fund for Children Ireland's Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 31 of the audited accounts. Total income of €6,102,354 (2024 - €7,907,552) and total expenditure of €2,358,268 (2024 €1,926,820). The Charity therefore generated a positive financial outcome for the year with a surplus of €3,744,086 (2024 €5,980,732).

Total reserves of €12,687,773 at 31 March 2025 falls into two categories:

#### **1) Restricted funds**

Of the available resources, €12,447,189 (2024 - €8,135,853) is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for purposes which are within the overall aims of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. The notable increase in restricted funds is due to focused funding efforts aimed at achieving a key objective: establishing a second short break centre in Lisloughrey, near Cong in Co. Mayo. This development is a significant step forward in our mission and will greatly benefit the children and families we support.

#### **2) Unrestricted funds**

Of the available resources, €240,584 (2024 - €807,834) is held in unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds are funds that have no specific restrictions attached to them and are for use at the discretion of the Charity in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. The Charity aims to utilise these funds to maintain and enhance service provision which has become more established in the year, to fund and operate a new office location and to enhance fundraising activities and awareness raising.

### *Reserves Policy and Funds Employed*

The Board of Trustees plans to hold reserves consistent with the future development of the organisation. No capital expenditure will be incurred until funding is in place.

### *Going Concern*

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

## **Future Plans**

**Strategy:** As we approach the conclusion of our current five-year strategy, we are proud of the progress we've made — but we are even more ambitious about what lies ahead. Our focus now turns to the future: expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and ensuring that every child affected by cancer in Ireland receives the support they need. We are committed to building on the strong foundations we've established, guided by the voices of children, young people, and families. Our next strategic plan will be bold, forward-thinking, and responsive to the changing landscape of cancer support in Ireland. With Daisy Lodge Cong on the horizon, and a growing team across Ireland, we are poised to transform the way informal therapeutic support is delivered to children and their families, ensuring no child faces cancer alone.

**Investing in Our People:** At Cancer Fund for Children Ireland, we know that our impact is driven by the passion, skill, and dedication of our people. As we look to the future, we are placing a renewed focus on creating a supportive, inspiring, and inclusive workplace. In 2025 we will launch a new People Strategy designed to nurture talent, promote wellbeing, and ensure every member of our team feels valued and empowered. We are committed to building a culture where staff can thrive, grow professionally, and continue

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delivering exceptional care to children and families. Our ambition is not only to be a leading charity in childhood cancer support, but also an outstanding place to work

**Strengthening Our Fundraising Strategy:** As we continue to grow our services and reach more families across Ireland, we recognise the importance of building a robust and sustainable fundraising model. This year, we have taken steps to optimise our fundraising strategy, ensuring it is both responsive to the needs of our organisation and reflective of the generosity of our supporters. We are investing in new approaches to community engagement, corporate partnerships, and donor stewardship, with a focus on long-term impact. Our goal is to build a fundraising programme that not only supports our current work but also fuels our future ambitions — including the development of Daisy Lodge Cong and the expansion of therapeutic services across Ireland.

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

#### **Constitution**

The Constitution of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland comprises the Articles and Memorandum of Association, which were filed with the Companies Registration Office in September 2016, prior to the organisation's incorporation. These documents form the governing framework of the charity, which is constituted as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2014.

To ensure the Articles remain current and aligned with the governance of our sister charity in Northern Ireland, the Trustees appointed Pinsent Masons to undertake a review. An Amended Constitution was filed with the Company Registration Office on the 03 September 2025.

#### **Organisational Structure and Decision Making**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are all volunteers. The directors of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland are also directors of Cancer Fund for Children in Northern Ireland. They have no beneficial interest in either of the companies and receive no remuneration.

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for governance, strategic direction, ethos, and values. Additionally, the Board is responsible for ensuring that the organisation operates an appropriate system of financial control and complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The directors and secretary, who served at any time during the financial year except as noted for appointments and resignations, were as follows:

Peter O'Brien (Chairperson)  
Cormac Owens  
Padraic O'Giollain (Treasurer)  
Dr. Robert Johnston  
Robin McCormick  
Donal Hutchinson  
Alice Nugent  
Caroline Feeney (appointed 23 May 2025)  
Nuala Imelda Reid (appointed 8 April 2024)  
Jennifer Anne Skeggs (appointed 11 November 2024)  
Jennifer Anne Skeggs (Secretary, appointed 11 November 2024)  
Caroline McGroary (appointed 8th April 2024)  
Rory Best (resigned 21 March 2025)  
Peter Shields (resigned 21 March 2025)

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Whilst strategic decisions are taken by the Board of Trustees, the day-to-day operations of the charity across the island of Ireland are currently delegated to the Chief Executive and the Executive Leadership Team, who comprise of the following:

Phil Alexander (CEO)  
Siobhan Hanley (Director of Income Generation)  
Neil Symington (Director of Services)  
Paul Houston (Interim Director of Finance)

#### **Remuneration of Trustees**

All trustees are non-executive and receive no remuneration for their services. They give their time and advice freely, as volunteers, and although they are entitled to reimbursement for vouched expenses, no such claims have been made in 2024/25.

#### **Governance Structure**

The Board is supported by a Board Sub-Committee structure that deals effectively with specific aspects of the organisation's business and is chaired by a director. These committees consist of people who are experts in these areas and have relevant qualifications and experience.

Each committee has clearly defined Terms of Reference. Members of the Executive Leadership Team attend the Sub-Committee meetings as required and report on their areas of expertise. Sub Committees and Chairs include:

1. Finance- Padraic O'Giollain
2. Capital- Donal Hutchinson
3. Governance, Risk & Assurance- Caroline McGroary
4. Services Development- Dr Rob Johnston & Dr Cormac Owens
5. Income Generation and Communications- Peter Shields handed to Peter O'Brien
6. HR, Nomination and Remuneration- Michelle Hatfield handed to Anne Skeggs

#### **Board and Board Sub-Committee Meetings**

The Board and the Board Sub-Committees met on several occasions in 2024/25. Attendance by each board member at these meetings is set out in the table below:

The Board has a detailed policy, role description and guidelines in relation to the selection, recruitment and induction of new Board Members. Skills audits are used to identify gaps in the knowledge of the current Board, and a recruitment process is instigated, either by placing an advertisement or through recommendation by a current Trustee. New Board Members go through a step-by-step induction process, starting with an orientation at the charity's facilities and providing them with a comprehensive induction pack which includes organisational and board information and materials.

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The individual performance of Board Members is appraised in annual one-to-ones with the Chair, while Board performance is assessed by means of Board Member surveys and review days. The introduction of new skills and ideas to the Board is ensured by means of the rotation of trustees as outlined in the Articles.

Board and Sub-Committee Meetings Attendance outlined in the table below:

Meetings	Board	Committees					
		Finance	Capital	Corporate Governance & Risk	Services	Income Generation & Comms	HR, Nominations & Remuneration
	Attended (Eligible)	Attended (Eligible) 5	Attended (Eligible) 3	Attended (Eligible) 3	Attended (Eligible) 2	Attended (Eligible) 4	Attended (Eligible) 3
<b>Board Members</b>							
Peter O'Brien (Chairperson)	6(6)		3(3)			4(4)	3(3)
Gerard Hatpenny (Resigned 11 November 2024)	5(5)			2(2)			
Dr Cormac Owens	1(6)				1(2)		
Pádraic O'Giollain (Treasurer)	5(6)	5(5)					
Peter Shields (Resigned 21 March 2025)	6(6)	4(5)				4(4)	
Dr Robert Johnston	3(6)				1(2)		
Robin McCormick	6(6)		3(3)				
Donal Hutchinson	5(6)		3(3)				
Rory Best (resigned 21 March 2025)	2(6)		2(3)				
Alice Nugent	4(6)						
Anne Skeggs (appointed 8th April 2024)	5(5)						3(3)
Caroline McGroary (appointed 8th April 2024)	5(5)			3(3)			
Nuala Reid (appointed 8th April 2024)	4(5)	5(5)		3(3)			
<b>ELT</b>							
Phil Alexander (CEO)	6(6)	5(5)	3(3)	3(3)		1(1)	3(3)
Neil Symington (Director of Services)	5(6)	2(5)		2(3)	2(2)		
Siobhan Hanley (Director of Income Generation & Comms)	3(6)	4(5)		1(2)		3(4)	
Ingrid Blake (Director of Corporate Services - Resigned 31st July 2024)	3(3)	2(2)	2(2)	1(1)			
Paul Houston (Interim Director of Finance - appointed 30 September 2024)	2(2)	3(3)		2(2)			

### Legal and Operational Structure - All Ireland Charity

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charity registered in both Ireland and Northern Ireland. The charity works across the Island of Ireland to provide support to children, teenagers and young adults in hospital, in the community and through therapeutic short breaks at their Daisy Lodge respite centre in Newcastle, Co Down. The charity operates through Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) and Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI). They are related companies that share a common board. The directors have no beneficial interest in either of the companies and receive no remuneration.

CFFC NI provides administrative and management support to CFFC ROI.

Both organisations are separate independent legal entities and do not have a parent/subsidiary relationship.

### Conflict of Interests

All Trustees must act, and be seen to act, in the best interest of Cancer Fund for Children and not for their own private interest or gain. There may be situations where a Trustee's own interests, and the interests of the organisation arise simultaneously or appear to clash.

Cancer Fund for Children has a Register of Interests.

Cancer Fund for Children has arrangements in place for dealing with potential conflicts of interest and an open approach to potential conflicts of interest, which includes recognising, acknowledging, and managing the issue in a transparent and efficient manner.

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**Recruitment & Induction**

The Board, through the HR, Nominations, Remuneration Board Sub-Committee, undertake a skills analysis on an annual basis ensuring vacancies are filled with the required skillset. An agreed recruitment process is followed which includes meeting with the Chairperson of the Board, the CEO and Chair of the HR, Nominations & Remuneration Board Sub-Committee and then recommendations are made to the full Board for approval. Each director is appointed for a period of three years and is eligible for re-appointment for a further consecutive three-year period (maximum tenure: nine years). The Board Sub-Committee structure is reviewed every three years by the Board. Internal reviews of the Board are conducted annually.

All new Board Members are inducted into the organisation by the Chair and CEO, receiving a Board Handbook which includes the Code of Conduct for Board Members and a Conflict-of-Interest Policy. All Board members are also given a full tour of Daisy Lodge and the opportunity to meet the staff across the organisation. Newly appointed Trustees shall be provided with appropriate induction training in relation to their responsibilities. Subsequent training for all Board members takes place particularly in relation to new laws and regulations. Each new Trustee will be provided with the information below:

**Documents**

1. Governing document (constitution)
2. Set of recent Board papers, minutes and dates of next meetings
3. Terms of reference for Board, any sub committees
4. Annual reports and accounts for the previous three years
5. Organisation chart & Trustee bios

**Information about Cancer Fund for Children Ireland**

- A. A brief history of the organisation
- B. Structure of the organisation - Board, staff and volunteers
- C. The staff structure and the Director's job description
- D. Information about the premises / land / lease
- E. Any publicity materials
- F. Strategic plan / work programme

**Risk Management**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland's activities expose it to a number of risks including financial, operational and reputational risks. Risk registers are maintained to identify key risks, and the controls that have been put in place to mitigate and manage these.

The Trustees, who carry the responsibility for risk management, work with the Executive Leadership Team to maintain a comprehensive Risk Register that is reviewed quarterly at the Corporate Governance, Risk & Assurance Committee. This document identifies risks in the operating environment, including financial, reputational, governance and compliance. It outlines the background to each of the risks and the present controls to mitigate the risks. The Risk Register is updated on a quarterly basis, risk scores reviewed, and actions recorded and followed up. The updated version is presented to the Board of Trustees at each Board meeting for comment and further review.

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The table below outlines the risk type and various risk headings for Cancer Fund for Children Ireland:

<b>Risk No.</b>	<b>Risk Type</b>	<b>Risk Heading</b>
Risk 1	Financial Risk	Failure to ensure the financial stability of the organisation
Risk 2	Operational/Financial/ Environment and External risks	Impact on NI Charity of growth and development of ROI Charity
Risk 3	Reputational Risk	Potential Damage to the public image of the organisation
Risk 4	Strategic Risk	Effectiveness of the Strategic Plan
Risk 5	Compliance Risk	Failure to have an effective anti-fraud policy
Risk 6	Compliance Risk	Failure to comply with Data Protection Legislation & update IT security
Risk 7	Compliance Risk	Failure to comply with current Health and Safety Legislation
Risk 8	Compliance Risk	Failure of contingency planning to address loss or damage to key infrastructures
Risk 9	Operational Risk	Loss of Key Personnel
Risk 10	Operational Risk	Full Utilisation of Existing Resources
Risk 11	Operational Risk	Failure to meet young people's expectations of service provision
Risk 12	Compliance Risk	Failure to comply with current employment legislation and best practice, Charity Commission regulations, Governance legislation
Risk 13	Operational Risk	Failure to recruit and retain an effective volunteer base at all levels
Risk 14	Compliance Risk	Possible Failure to comply with Child Protection legislation & Adult Safeguarding
Risk 15	Governance Risk	Inappropriate skills mix on Board and loss of key Board Members
Risk 16	Strategic Risk	Daisy Lodge, Cong Capital Build

In the past year, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland has strengthened its risk management processes to ensure the safety and sustainability of our operations. The charity conducts comprehensive risk assessments across all areas of the organisation, including program delivery, event delivery, facilities management and volunteer engagement. Each project and initiative undergo an initial risk evaluation to identify potential challenges and hazards, followed by regular reviews to address any emerging risks. Through these measures, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland continues to safeguard our mission and protect the communities we serve.

### **Risk Culture**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is undertaking a comprehensive reset of its risk management approach, embedding it into daily operations and decision-making. This initiative is being led by a cross-functional team and reflects our core values of Integrity, Collective Responsibility, and Powerful Connections. As part of our commitment to strengthening organisational resilience, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland will host a dedicated Townhall session led by the Director of Corporate Services, focusing on Risk Awareness and Management. This initiative is designed to foster a culture of shared responsibility and enhance staff engagement with risk-related processes.

The session will aim to:

- Deepen understanding of the various types of risks relevant to the charity's operations.
- Highlight the importance of identifying, recording, controlling, and assigning ownership of risks.
- Reinforce that risk management is a collective responsibility, supported by clear reporting protocols.
- Introduce practical control measures and performance indicators to support effective mitigation.
- Provide an overview of core risk management strategies applicable across the organisation.

To support this initiative, all staff will be required to complete Risk Assessment Training and adopt a newly developed Risk Reporting Form. This will ensure consistent documentation and escalation of risks, with clearly defined reporting lines to maintain an accurate and up-to-date organisational risk register.

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Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is proud to have formally adopted the Charities Governance Code. This code outlines the principles of good governance and sets the standard for how charities should be run, ensuring transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in serving the community.

By adhering to the Charities Governance Code, we commit to:

- Upholding the six core principles of the code, including leadership, control, transparency, and accountability.
- Ensuring that our governance practices meet the high standards expected in the charitable sector.
- Enhancing our ability to deliver impactful programs and services through responsible and effective management.

This adoption reflects our ongoing dedication to maintaining the trust of our stakeholders and strengthening our governance structure for long-term sustainability.

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland works to ensure compliance with The Charities Institute Ireland Fundraising Codes of Good Practice. As we grow and develop our team in Ireland, we will ensure understanding and application of the codes with new team members.

#### **Post Balance Sheet Events**

On 28th August 2025, the charity entered into a contract for the construction of a new respite facility in Cong, Co Mayo. The total contracted cost is approximately €17.7million. This event occurred after the reporting date and does not provide evidence of conditions that existed at 31st March 2025. Accordingly, no adjustment has been made to the financial statements. The contract is expected to be funded through restricted donations and grants.

#### **Public Benefit**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 as an organisation whose primary objective is to provide practical, social and emotional support to children and young people affected by cancer, and their families.

#### **Accounting Records**

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities under Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 to keep adequate accounting records for the company.

In order to comply with the requirements of the Act, the Charity accounting function is provided by sister charity The Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI). The accounting records of the company are kept at Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED. In accordance with Section 283 of the Companies Act 2014, sufficient accounting records are also maintained in the state to disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit and loss of the company at intervals not exceeding six months.

#### **Disclosure of Information to Auditors**

In accordance with Section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware.
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
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**Auditors**

In accordance with Section 383 (2) of the Companies Act 2014, the independent auditor, RBK Business Advisers, Chartered Accountants and Registered Audit Firm have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
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**Peter O'Brien**  
Chairperson  
Date: 28-11-25

  
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**Pádraic Ó Giolláin**  
Treasurer  
28/11/25.

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with Irish laws and regulations.

Irish Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under the law, the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2014 and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council as promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 October 2019.

Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charitable company as to the financial year end and of the profit or loss of the charitable company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

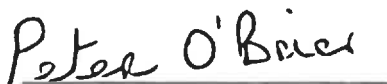
In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- 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 ensuring that the charitable company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the charitable company, enable at any time the assets liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the charitable company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and trustees' report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



**Peter O'Brien**  
Chairperson



**Pádraic Ó Giolláin**  
Treasurer

Date: 28/11/2025

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN IRELAND**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable Irish law and Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2019.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its net income for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and SORP; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Republic of Ireland, including the Ethical Standard as issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN IRELAND (CONTINUED)**

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**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken during the course of the audit:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- the accounting records of the Charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited;
- the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records;
- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2009.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the trustees' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN IRELAND (CONTINUED)**

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**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, 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, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in my Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN  
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**The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. 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 its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Conor O'Brien**

for and on behalf of

**RBK Business Advisers**

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

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3 Arkle Road

Sandyford

Dublin 18

Date: 28-11-2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 €	Unrestricted funds 2025 €	Total funds 2025 €	Total funds 2024 €
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	4,657,662	1,138,601	5,796,263	7,487,196
Charitable activities	5	306,091	-	306,091	420,356
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,963,753</b>	<b>1,138,601</b>	<b>6,102,354</b>	<b>7,907,552</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	676,199	789,677	1,465,876	1,312,454
Charitable activities	7	461,296	405,105	866,401	596,750
Governance costs	9	-	25,991	25,991	17,616
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1,137,495</b>	<b>1,220,773</b>	<b>2,358,268</b>	<b>1,926,820</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>3,826,258</b>	<b>(82,172)</b>	<b>3,744,086</b>	<b>5,980,732</b>
Transfers between funds	16	485,078	(485,078)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>4,311,336</b>	<b>(567,250)</b>	<b>3,744,086</b>	<b>5,980,732</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		8,135,853	807,834	8,943,687	2,962,955
Net movement in funds (see above)		4,311,336	(567,250)	3,744,086	5,980,732
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>12,447,189</b>	<b>240,584</b>	<b>12,687,773</b>	<b>8,943,687</b>

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 34 to 52 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	2,902,838	2,407,432
		<u>2,902,838</u>	<u>2,407,432</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	14	7,090	169,405
Cash at bank and in hand	20	9,881,095	6,939,407
		<u>9,888,185</u>	<u>7,108,812</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(103,250)	(572,557)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>9,784,935</u>	<u>6,536,255</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>12,687,773</u></u>	<u><u>8,943,687</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	16	12,447,189	8,135,853
Unrestricted funds	16	240,584	807,834
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>12,687,773</u></u>	<u><u>8,943,687</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Peter O'Brien*  
**Peter O'Brien**  
 Chairperson  
 Date: 28-11-25

*Padraic Ó Giolláin*  
**Padraic Ó Giolláin**  
 Treasurer  
 28/11/25.

The notes on pages 34 to 52 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net cash used in operating activities	3,441,559	6,020,152
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<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(499,871)	(892,704)
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<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	(499,871)	(892,704)
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<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	2,941,688	5,127,448
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	6,939,407	1,811,959
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	9,881,095	6,939,407
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The notes on pages 34 to 52 form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. General information**

The Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is a charitable company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital (registered under Part 18 of Companies Act 2014), incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. It's Companies Registration Number is 590462.

The Cancer Fund for Children Ireland is a public benefit entity. The objectives of the Cancer Fund for Children Ireland are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by the Revenue Commissioners (Charity number CHY 21682) and is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA number 20142681). The nature of the charitable company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees' Report.

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the financial year, and the preceding year.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS102", Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The Charity has applied the Charities SORP on a voluntary basis as its application is not a requirement of the current regulations for charities registered in the Republic of Ireland.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2014, the Charity has varied the standard formats in the act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats, as outlined in Companies Act 2014, are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of the SORP.

The Cancer Fund for Children Ireland meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.2 Going concern**

The charity is substantially dependent on discretionary income to cover its operating expenses and to meet its stated objectives, as detailed in the Trustees' Report. Such income primarily comprises grants, general fundraising receipts, and other funding. The directors believe that this income will continue at an adequate level for the foreseeable future, enabling the charity to continue its operational existence. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

As at 31 March 2025, the charity held €12 million in restricted funds earmarked for development purposes. Subsequent to the reporting date, on 28 August 2025, the charity entered into a contract for the construction of a new respite facility in Cong, Co Mayo, with a total contracted cost of approximately €17.7 million. The contract is expected to be funded primarily through restricted donations and grants. However, there is currently a shortfall in funding. The charity has prepared detailed cash flow forecasts and budgets to address this shortfall, which are reliant on continued support from existing and potential funders. The directors remain confident that, with this support, the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its obligations as they fall due.

**2.3 Company status**

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. Every member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of the charitable company being wound up while he/she is a Member or within one year after he/she ceases to be a Member for payment of the debt and liabilities of the charitable company contracted before he/she ceases to be a Member, and of the costs, charges and expenses winding up and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding €1 (one euro).

**2.4 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The company is substantially dependent on discretionary income to cover its operating expenses and to meet its stated objectives as stated in the directors' report. Such income normally takes the form of grants, general fundraising receipts and other funding. The directors believe that income will continue at an adequate level for the foreseeable future so that the company can continue in operational existence. In these circumstances the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.5 Expenditure**

Costs of raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Charitable activities are costs incurred on the Charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity.

Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs arise from those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly relate to charitable activities or fundraising. Support costs include Finance operations, IT & facilities, HR, Income Generation and communications, Leadership and Services which support the company's activities. Support costs are allocated as follows;

- Finance operations, IT & facilities, and HR based on number of employees
- Income generation and communications based on direct activity
- Leadership based on 50% of the total cost

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Office equipment	-	25% straight-line
Assets under construction	-	not depreciated

**Impairment of Assets**

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**2.7 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.8 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.9 Creditors**

Creditors are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

**2.10 Financial instruments**

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.11 Taxation status**

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, Charity No CHY 21682. The charity is eligible under the "Scheme of Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and Approved Bodies under Section 848A Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997" therefore income tax refunds arising from sponsorships exceeding €250 per annum are included in unrestricted funds. Irrecoverable value added tax is expended as incurred.

**2.12 Foreign currency**

The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the charitable company.

Transactions in foreign currency are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**2.13 Funds of the Charity**

All transactions of the Charity have been recorded and reported as income into or expenditure from funds of the charity which are classified as 'restricted' or 'unrestricted'.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or grant making institution or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Unrestricted funds

All other income is treated as unrestricted. Unrestricted funds represent amounts which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

**2.14 Contingencies**

Contingent liabilities, arising as a result of past events, are not recognised when (i) it is not probable that there will be an outflow of resources or that the amount cannot be reliably measured at the reporting date or (ii) when the existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the company's control. Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote.

Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.15 Employee benefits**

(i) Short term benefits

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

(ii) Defined contribution pension plans

The Company operates a defined contribution plan. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate fund. Under defined contribution plans, the company has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

For defined contribution plans, the company pays contributions to privately administered pension plans on a contractual or voluntary basis. The company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

**2.16 Retirement benefits**

Retirement benefits are met by payments to a defined contribution pension fund. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss in the year in which they fall due. The assets are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Differences between the amounts charged in the statement of financial activity and payments made to pension funds are treated as assets or liabilities.

**2.17 Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as a finance cost within expenditure on charitable activities.

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**3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

Judgements and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

**Going concern**

The directors have prepared budgets and cash flow forecasts for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. These forecasts include judgements in relation to income and expenditure and demonstrate that, based on these assumptions, there is no material uncertainty regarding the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to continue as a going concern.

On this basis, the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts or classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company were unable to continue as a going concern.

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**4. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 €</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 €</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 €</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 €</i>
Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP)	3,200,693	-	<b>3,200,693</b>	3,600,459
The Ireland Funds	698,059	-	<b>698,059</b>	2,005,001
The Ardelle and Glaze Foundation (Ireland Funds)	-	-	-	10,000
RM2M	91,383	-	<b>91,383</b>	-
Smyths Toys	250,000	-	<b>250,000</b>	-
CDR Philanthropy	200,000	-	<b>200,000</b>	-
TBF & KL Thompson Trust	5,790	-	<b>5,790</b>	-
Ciaran Mulligan	100,000	-	<b>100,000</b>	-
LF Buckley & Associates	50,000	-	<b>50,000</b>	-
The Goodman Foundation	25,000	-	<b>25,000</b>	-
The Community Foundation	7,000	-	<b>7,000</b>	-
Donations	-	1,138,601	<b>1,138,601</b>	1,871,736
Gifts in Kind	29,737	-	<b>29,737</b>	-
	<u>4,657,662</u>	<u>1,138,601</u>	<u><b>5,796,263</b></u>	<u>7,487,196</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>6,650,426</u>	<u>836,770</u>	<u>7,487,196</u>	

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**5. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 €</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 €</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 €</i>
Katie Nugent Foundation	89,329	<b>89,329</b>	342,557
Community Foundation Ireland (ToyShow)	-	-	46,799
NPT Transatlantic Grant	-	-	25,000
Community Foundation Ireland	-	-	2,000
The Magic of Christmas Funds	-	-	4,000
Mannix Kane	179,762	<b>179,762</b>	-
The Alborada Trust	25,000	<b>25,000</b>	-
The Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust	10,000	<b>10,000</b>	-
Fiona Magee	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	-
	<u>306,091</u>	<u><b>306,091</b></u>	<u>420,356</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>420,356</u>	<u>420,356</u>	

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**6. Cost of raising funds**

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 €</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 €</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 €</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 €</i>
Fundraising and events expenditure	-	239,195	<b>239,195</b>	231,323
IIP Fees	640,000	-	<b>640,000</b>	640,000
Appeal costs	36,199	-	<b>36,199</b>	156,448
Support cost (note 8)	-	243,438	<b>243,438</b>	129,287
Wages and salaries	-	307,044	<b>307,044</b>	155,396
	<u>676,199</u>	<u>789,677</u>	<u><b>1,465,876</b></u>	<u>1,312,454</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>760,692</u>	<u>551,762</u>	<u>1,312,454</u>	

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**7. Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Restricted funds 2025 €	Unrestricted funds 2025 €	Total 2025 €	Total 2024 €
Wages & Salaries	306,091	92,729	<b>398,820</b>	227,343
Support costs (note 8)	50,000	165,434	<b>215,434</b>	93,291
Staff training	-	5,033	<b>5,033</b>	2,532
Sundry costs/ Gifts in kind	29,737	9,933	<b>39,670</b>	53,808
Legal and professional	-	10,593	<b>10,593</b>	15,000
Insurance	-	7,035	<b>7,035</b>	1,306
Phone	-	10,657	<b>10,657</b>	5,573
Premises and office costs	-	47,678	<b>47,678</b>	-
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	-	4,466	<b>4,466</b>	7,860
Service provision costs	8,819	42,315	<b>51,134</b>	-
Charitable donations*	-	-	-	147,727
Staff travel costs	66,649	9,232	<b>75,881</b>	42,310
	<u>461,296</u>	<u>405,105</u>	<u><b>866,401</b></u>	<u>596,750</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>476,197</u>	<u>120,553</u>	<u>596,750</u>	

\*Charitable donation to sister charity Cancer Fund for Children in Northern Ireland, to support therapeutic short breaks for families from Ireland who benefit from a stay at their Daisy Lodge respite centre in Newcastle, Co Down.

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**8. Support costs**

	<b>Fundraising activities 2025 €</b>	<b>Services delivery 2025 €</b>	<b>Total support costs 2025 €</b>
Finance operations	12,850	12,850	<b>25,700</b>
IT and facilities	12,319	12,318	<b>24,637</b>
HR	7,410	7,410	<b>14,820</b>
Income generation and communications	114,847	-	<b>114,847</b>
Leadership	96,012	96,012	<b>192,024</b>
Services support	-	86,844	<b>86,844</b>
	<u>243,438</u>	<u>215,434</u>	<u><b>458,872</b></u>

Included under Leadership is €50,000 (2024: €50,000) which is agreed restricted expenditure.

**9. Expenditure on governance costs**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 €</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 €</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 €</b>
Accountancy costs	25,991	<b>25,991</b>	17,616
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>17,616</u>	<u>17,616</u>	

**10. Net income / (expenditure)**

Net income / (expenditure) is stated after charging:

	<b>2025 €</b>	<b>2024 €</b>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<b>4,465</b>	233
Auditor's remuneration - audit	<b>6,000</b>	6,000
	<u><b>10,465</b></u>	<u>6,233</u>

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**11. Staff costs**

	2025 €	2024 €
Wages & salaries	584,830	326,264
Employer's PRSI	64,631	36,031
Pension costs	46,752	20,444
	<u>696,213</u>	<u>382,739</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Fundraising	4	3
Services	9	4
Communications and marketing	2	1
	<u>15</u>	<u>8</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than €60,000 in either year.

Key management personnel wages are paid from a related party Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI).

**12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - €NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - €NIL).

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**13. Tangible fixed assets**

	Office equipment €	Assets under construction €	Total €
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	23,661	2,393,036	2,416,697
Additions	-	499,871	499,871
At 31 March 2025	<u>23,661</u>	<u>2,892,907</u>	<u>2,916,568</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	9,265	-	9,265
Charge for the year	4,465	-	4,465
At 31 March 2025	<u>13,730</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,730</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,931</u>	<u>2,892,907</u>	<u>2,902,838</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>14,396</u>	<u>2,393,036</u>	<u>2,407,432</u>

Assets under construction relates to the construction of Daisy Lodge Cong, Co Mayo. Costs included relate to the land purchase, planning and design fees incurred to up to 31 March 2025.

**14. Debtors**

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	-	162,500
Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) (Note 24) parties	847	-
Other debtors	5	52
Prepayments and accrued income	6,238	6,853
	<u>7,090</u>	<u>169,405</u>

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**15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2025 €	2024 €
Trade creditors	27,157	80,000
Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) (Note 24)	24,675	154,960
PAYE control	14,768	15,234
Deferred income	-	89,329
Other creditors	4,753	3,846
Accruals	31,897	229,188
	103,250	572,557

**16. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2024 €	Income €	Expenditure €	Transfers in/out €	Balance at 31 March 2025 €
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Funds - all funds	807,834	1,138,601	(1,220,773)	(485,078)	240,584
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Funds (Services)	(134,794)	306,091	(411,296)	239,999	-
Restricted (Capital Assets under construction Cong)	7,997,466	4,657,662	-	(491,186)	12,163,942
Restricted (Capital Campaign)	273,181	-	(726,199)	736,265	283,247
	8,135,853	4,963,753	(1,137,495)	485,078	12,447,189
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>8,943,687</b>	<b>6,102,354</b>	<b>(2,358,268)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,687,773</b>

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**16. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i>
	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted Funds - all funds	568,722	836,770	(837,658)	240,000	807,834
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Restricted Funds (Services)	13,320	420,356	(328,470)	(240,000)	(134,794)
Restricted (Capital Assets under construction Cong)	2,380,913	5,616,553	-	-	7,997,466
Restricted (Capital Campaign)	-	1,033,873	(760,692)	-	273,181
	<u>2,394,233</u>	<u>7,070,782</u>	<u>(1,089,162)</u>	<u>(240,000)</u>	<u>8,135,853</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><u>2,962,955</u></u>	<u><u>7,907,552</u></u>	<u><u>(1,926,820)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>8,943,687</u></u>

**17. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers in/out</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>
	€	€	€	€	€
General funds	807,834	1,138,601	(1,220,773)	(485,078)	240,584
Restricted funds	8,135,853	4,963,753	(1,137,495)	485,078	12,447,189
	<u><u>8,943,687</u></u>	<u><u>6,102,354</u></u>	<u><u>(2,358,268)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>12,687,773</u></u>

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**17. Summary of funds (continued)**

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i>
	€	€	€	€	€
General funds	568,722	836,770	(837,658)	240,000	807,834
Restricted funds	2,394,233	7,070,782	(1,089,162)	(240,000)	8,135,853
	<u>2,962,955</u>	<u>7,907,552</u>	<u>(1,926,820)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,943,687</u>

**18. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	<b>Restricted funds 2025</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025</b>	<b>Total funds 2025</b>
	€	€	€
Tangible fixed assets	2,892,907	9,931	<b>2,902,838</b>
Current assets	9,554,282	333,903	<b>9,888,185</b>
Creditors due within one year	-	(103,250)	<b>(103,250)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,447,189</u>	<u>240,584</u>	<u>12,687,773</u>

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	<i>Restricted funds 2024</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024</i>	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
	€	€	€
Tangible fixed assets	2,405,445	1,987	2,407,432
Current assets	5,810,408	1,298,404	7,108,812
Creditors due within one year	(80,000)	(492,557)	(572,557)
<b>Total</b>	<u>8,135,853</u>	<u>807,834</u>	<u>8,943,687</u>

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**19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2025 €	2024 €
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>3,744,086</b>	5,980,732
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	4,465	7,860
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	162,315	(165,140)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(469,307)	196,700
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b><u>3,441,559</u></b>	<b><u>6,020,152</u></b>

**20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	2025 €	2024 €
Cash at bank and in hand	9,881,095	6,939,407
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b><u>9,881,095</u></b>	<b><u>6,939,407</u></b>

**21. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 April 2024 €	Cash flows €	At 31 March 2025 €
Cash at bank and in hand	6,939,407	2,941,688	9,881,095
	<b><u>6,939,407</u></b>	<b><u>2,941,688</u></b>	<b><u>9,881,095</u></b>

**22. Contingent liabilities**

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2025.

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**23. Capital commitments**

As at 31 March 2025, the charity had no capital commitments.

Subsequent to the reporting date, on 28 August 2025, the charity entered into a contract for the construction of a new respite facility in Cong, Co Mayo. The total contracted cost is approximately €17.7 million. This commitment arose after the reporting date and therefore does not provide evidence of conditions existing at 31 March 2025. Accordingly, no adjustment has been made to the financial statements as at that date. The contract is expected to be funded through restricted donations and grants.

**24. Related party transactions**

Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) and Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) are related companies that share a common board. The directors have no beneficial interest in either of the companies and receive no remuneration.

During the year related party transactions were incurred in relation to the provision of administrative and management support to CFFC ROI of €458,872 (2024: €222,578). Invoices and expenses were paid in 2024/25 by CFFC NI for CFFC ROI of €NIL (2024: €193,027).

During the year CFFC ROI made a charitable donation to CFFC NI of €NIL (2024: €147,727).

Balances at year end represent amounts payable to CFFC NI. At the year end the following amounts were outstanding:

	2025 €	2024 €
Due from Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI)	847	-
Due to Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI)	(24,675)	(154,960)
	<u>(23,828)</u>	<u>(154,960)</u>

**25. Post balance sheet events**

On 28th August 2025, the charity entered into a contract for the construction of a new respite facility in Cong, Co Mayo. The total contracted cost is approximately €17.7m. This event occurred after the reporting date and does not provide evidence of conditions that existed at 31st March 2025. Accordingly, no adjustment has been made to the financial statements. The contract is expected to be funded through restricted donations and grants.

**26. Approval of financial statements**

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 28/11/2025