

Christopher's
Smile



coz kids get cancer too

Trustees' Report

for the year ending 30th April 2022

“Our vision is for every child diagnosed with childhood cancer to not only survive, but to reach adulthood enjoying a good quality of life.”

Charity Registration Number 1129906

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Introduction to Christopher's Smile

In October 2006, Christopher Capel then aged 4 was diagnosed with Medulloblastoma, an aggressive paediatric brain tumour. Following 21 months battling the disease Christopher lost his fight for life in June 2008, nine days before his sixth birthday. Christopher was the only child of Karen and Kevin Capel. Following their tragic loss, Karen and Kevin Capel wanted to help children with cancer in the future by funding research into new treatments for childhood cancer.

Background to Christopher's Smile

Christopher's Smile started in October 2008 and was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission by a Declaration of Trust Deed dated 10th May 2009. The charity raises funding exclusively for paediatric cancer research with a bias towards the introduction of targeted therapies to replace the existing cytotoxic chemotherapy and radio therapy treatments currently used. Support for the charity continues to grow and the charity is well known in North West Surrey. Christopher's Smile has a firm principle that every penny of a donation should be used for the cause for which it was given. The charity has continued with this principle for the financial year 2021 – 2022.

Aims and Objectives

After Christopher's death, we wanted to make a difference for children with cancer in the future. Although there are many charities that raise funds for different aspects of childhood cancer we saw the only way of breaking this terrible cycle was to fund research. We had seen first hand the efficacy and side effects of current treatments both in Christopher and the other children in the Royal Marsden's Children's Oncology ward. We learned that if a child survives, their life and that of their family is never the same again. It was these memories that led to our charity's vision:

"Our vision is that every child diagnosed with childhood cancer will not only survive but reach adulthood enjoying a good quality of life."

This vision has been translated into our charity's objects as:

1. Provide funding to non profit making research organisations that further research into paediatric cancers.
2. Raise awareness of the needs of non profit making research organisations that further research into paediatric cancers
3. Raise awareness in the general population of the need for funding the research into paediatric cancers

Christopher's Smile is a target based organisation. We made the decision to set a fundraising target in order for our supporters to know what their money is to be spent on. We also believe that a charity's funds should be spent or allocated the earliest opportunity.

Christopher's Smile continues to hold the following set of values. When we started the charity we decided to adhere to a set of principles which we believed in and which our donors would respect.

- Every penny of every donation would be used for the cause for which it was given.
- Costs would kept to a minimum and do as much ourselves as we can.
- Where we need to buy in products or expertise we would control costs vigorously.
- Every donor or supporter should be shown exactly where their donation has been spent.
- Build a relationship with donors and value every donation no matter how small.
- Ensure that funds are spent in the best way possible to get maximum benefit from them.

We set these objectives for our first year and our aim is that they will remain in place while Christopher's Smile is still needed to raise funds for childhood cancer research.

Paediatric Oncology Activities and Influential Factors May 2021 – April 2022

This year has been the second year where Christopher's Smile's activities have been influenced greatly by the Covid 19 pandemic. As the UK slowly exits from Covid 19 restrictions, the pandemic is likely to leave a legacy in a number of areas of fundraising activity. Notably these are:

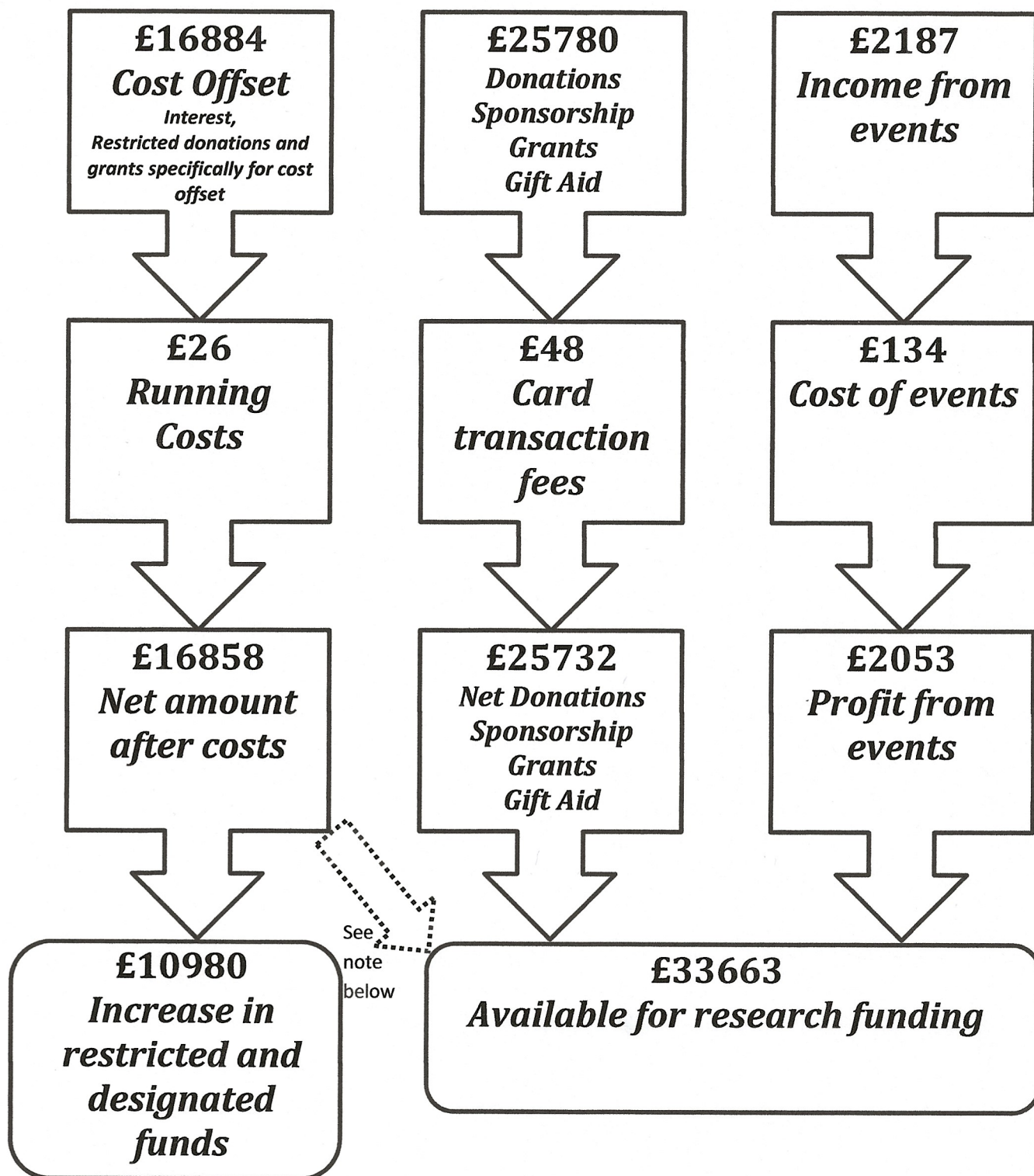
- A huge reduction in the use of cash and a greater transition to spending using cards or cashless systems such as Apple Pay, Google Pay and PayPal.
- Face to face fundraising activities have not existed during the pandemic and will take time to resume due to people's reluctance to mix freely.
- Working from home has become an accepted practice and this has caused an almost elimination of socialising both inside and outside of the workplace and any subsequent charity support activities.
- A reappraisal of people's finances during the pandemic and the prioritisation of family spending resulting in fewer charity donations especially as charities became less visible during the pandemic period.

The factors above have meant a huge decline in income for Christopher's Smile. This decline in income has meant a slower growth in our reserves. Our 'Liquid Biopsies for Children' project finished at the end of December 2021 and while this project has resulted in more evidence for Liquid Biopsies to be used in NHS Standard of Care, our high level objective of including brain tumours in this work was not successful. This was due to a number of factors, the chief factor being the availability of cerebral spinal fluid for genomic analysis. This issue must be corrected before we as a charity will fund projects to gain enough evidence for Liquid Biopsies to be used in NHS Standard of Care for children with brain tumours.

Funding future Projects

The trustees of Christopher's Smile take their responsibilities for the spending of donors' funding very seriously. We will not fund a project just to say we have a project in progress regardless of the benefits that the project initiators claim. The trustees are still committed to the genomic analysis of brain tumour DNA in order to assist in the furtherance of treatments for paediatric brain tumours. Paediatric brain tumours kill more children than any other type of paediatric cancer and it is for this reason we are prepared to fund future projects but only when the procedural and logistical issues

that have severely retarded progress in obtaining cerebral spinal fluid have been resolved. The trustees firmly support the view that the analysis of ctDNA from cerebral spinal fluid will be a revolution for some types of brain tumour that are currently inoperable. It is completely ironic that the genomic analysis technology exists as it is no different to that in place for other solid tumour liquid biopsies. The difficulties are entirely procedural and logistical and we continue to talk to relevant parties to get these issues resolved. When this has been achieved, we will be prepared to fund a project but not before.



Note: - £3000 was transferred from cost offset to research funding and £2878 was released from amounts paid by solicitors. Please see the Notes to the accounts for full detail.

Our Achievements

Fundraising

In the year May 2021 to April 2022 Christopher's Smile has directly raised funding only through direct donations:

Direct donations

Donations were received in a number of ways:

- Direct donations either in person or by post
- Donations from organisations or companies
- Support from clubs and associations.

Grants Made

Liquid Biopsies for Children

Start date 1st January 2019.

Maximum Amount Committed £240,844 over 2 years.

This grant will fund consumables for liquid biopsy tests. Manpower for the project is provided through a BRC funded ICR PhD student. It should be noted that the maximum amount committed will be under constant review and all opportunities for economies will be explored. No compromise on project quality will be made to reduce costs.

This project was delayed for 1 year during the Covid 19 pandemic which has resulted in the agreed project spend to be spread over a 3 year period. It must be noted that Christopher's Smile has not been charged with any additional costs for the project as our funding covered DNA sequencing costs only and these did not change over the life cycle of the project.

Financial review

Highlights

Total receipts were £44,851 with unrestricted net receipts of £27,967

Restricted funds mainly comprise donations from the trustees, donations from solicitors with time restrictions on them moving to unrestricted and interest receivable. Donations from the trustees and interest receivable are used to cover of the running costs of the charity.

Designated funds are amounts donated to the charity for specific purposes.

Amounts paid into the restricted funds exceed costs by £16,858 this year. When added to amounts brought forward from last year this gives a balance of £20,597. This balance comprises £16,931 from solicitors and £3,666 other restricted income. Restricted costs have been running at around £600 in previous years although this year they were only £26 due to reduction in costs. It has therefore been decided to transfer £3,000 from restricted funds into unrestricted funds. An additional amount of £2,878 has also been transferred to unrestricted from balances received from solicitors leaving a

balance of £14,719 included in restricted funds and this is fully described in the notes to the accounts.

All clothing costs are included in restricted funds as most of the clothing bought is given to people who are competing in sponsored events to raise money for the charity. Any sales are made at cost and the receipts are added to the restricted funds budget.

Total Funds Available for Charitable Giving

Total funds available in unrestricted funds as at 30 April were £477,742. From these funds £48,420 has already been committed to the ICR.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid on sponsorship and donations totalled £2,298

Reserves policy

The reserves policy of Christopher's Smile is to maintain a balance on unrestrictive funds to cover any commitments made by the charity. As at 30 April 2022 our commitments were £48,420 the balance on the unrestricted funds at 30 April 2022 of £477,742 fully covered this commitment.

Liquid Biopsies for Children

Our latest project is Liquid Biopsies for Children Diagnosed with Cancer. This is a next step to our funding of the development of the NGS Panel Test. A liquid biopsy is a genetic test of circulating tumour DNA in a child's blood or cerebral spinal fluid (CSF).

There has also been a submission to add a ctDNA sequencing test for Neuroblastoma to the Genomic Medicine Service Genomic Test Directory. Due to work that needs to be carried out to introduce the analysis of ctDNA into the Genomic Laboratory Hubs there has been a delay in implementing ctDNA tests into NHS Standard of Care. We hope this will be resolved as quickly as possible.

There will be a further submission to add a Liquid Biopsy test for all paediatric non CNS (Central Nervous System which includes brain tumours) tumours at the next round of Genomic Medicine Service Test Directory updates.

Publicity and Social Media

Christopher's Smile has continued to use social media as a platform for communicating its activities to supporters. Christopher's Smile has a Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristophersSmile/>

Christopher's Smile also has a Twitter account:

<https://twitter.com/cozkids>

Statement of Public Benefit

We continue to fund research into new treatments for childhood cancer. We maintain that our research must benefit as many children diagnosed with cancer as possible regardless of their race, nationality, sex or religion. For us all lives matter and we will ensure that our funded research and activities benefit all children diagnosed with cancer.

Trustee Message

The trustees are again very proud of the achievements of the charity. We are mindful that to maximise the patient benefit from projects funded by Christopher's Smile. Implementations need to occur as soon as practicably possible. We will continue to campaign for change to ensure that implementations and ownership within the NHS for implementations actually do occur. Our objective in all our campaigning activities is to improve the outcomes for children diagnosed with cancer.

The trustees of Christopher's Smile are as committed as ever to enable the introduction of innovative diagnostics and treatments for children diagnosed with cancer in line with our vision:

"Our vision is for every child diagnosed with childhood cancer to not only survive, but to reach adulthood enjoying a good quality of life."

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Mr Denis Conroy

Treasurer



25/10/22

Mrs Rosemary Conroy

Trustee



25/10/22



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Christopher's Smile

No (if any)
1129906

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 1st May 2021 To 30th April 2022

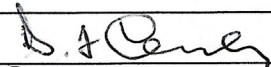
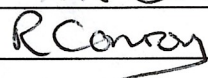
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Designated funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	21,734	13,910		35,644	44,037
Grants			-	-	-
Sponsorship	1,748			1,748	2,036
Fundraising Events	2,187			2,187	590
Cost offsets		50		50	-
Clothing		-		-	-
Gift Aid	2,298			2,298	2,643
Interest		2,924		2,924	3,527
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,967	16,884	-	44,851	52,833
Total receipts	27,967	16,884	-	44,851	52,833
A3 Payments					
Post Doctorate Researcher at ICR	-			-	-
Liquid Biopsy Project	55,529			55,529	63,312
Purchase of equipment for ICR					
Other equipment purchases		-		-	-
Cost of fundraising events	134			134	115
Administration cost		-		-	7
Promotional items				-	-
Clothing				-	-
Card and Transaction fees	48			48	24
Bank charges		26		26	-
Sub total	55,711	26	-	55,737	63,458
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,711	26	-	55,737	63,458
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 27,744	16,858	-	10,886	- 10,625
A5 Transfers between funds	5,878	5,878	-		
A6 Cash funds last year end	499,608	3,739	-	503,347	513,972
Cash funds this year end	477,742	14,719	-	492,461	503,347

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Julian Hodge Bank	466,362	14,719	
	Vigin Money	5,074		
	HSBC	6,299	-	-
	Cash	7	-	-
	Total cash funds	477,742	14,719	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	D.I. CONROY	25/10/22
	R. CONROY	25.10.22

CHRISTOPHER'S SMILE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

NOTES

- 1 The financial statements have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis for charities with gross income of less than £250,000.
- 2 The movement in designated and restricted funds during the year were

	Balance B/F	Receipts	Payments	Transfer to unrestricted	Balance C/F
Restricted Fund					
Donations by Trustees		£50			
Interest		£2,924			
Clothing Sales		£0			
Equipment purchases			£0		
Administration costs			£0		
Promotional items					
Bank charges			£26		
Phillip Ross Creditor	£886	£2,144		£743	£2,287
Bonnett Creditor	£2,135	£11,766		£2,135	£11,766
Other Restricted	£718	£2,974	£26	£3,000	£666
	<u>£3,739</u>	<u>£16,884</u>	<u>£26</u>	<u>£5,878</u>	<u>£14,719</u>
Designated funds	£0		£0		£0
	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0</u>

All expenditure other than the costs of fundraising events and card and transaction fees are funded from the restricted fund. The restricted fund is funded by the trustees together with any interest received and the sale of any clothing which is sold at cost.

Restricted Fund

An amount of £886 was carried forward from last year in respect of Residual Client Account Balances from Phillip Ross Solicitors

During the course of this year two additional donations were made by Phillip Ross Solicitors

3rd December we received £2,094 of which £985 was restricted and on the 29th April

we received £2,967 of which £1,159 was restricted

During this financial year £743 was released from the total held as the six year time limit had been exceeded.

At 30 April £2,287 was held as restricted until the time it could be reclaimed has passed.

An amount of £2,135 was carried forward from last year in respect of Residual Client Account Balances from Bonnetts Solicitors

During the course of this year we received two additional donations from Bonnetts Solicitors of Residual Client Account Balances that they had been unable to clear from their accounts.

On 19th May we received £7,577 and on 5th August we received an additional £4,189

It was agreed with Bonnetts that amounts under £100 could be released after three months and amounts over £100 should be held for a year.

This year £2,135 has been released to unrestricted

At 30th April £11,766 was held as restricted

Restricted costs were £26 this year due to the low level of expenditure

reducing activities carried out by the charity. In previous years costs have been running around £600

the Trustees have decided to transfer £3,000 to unrestricted funds. The amount held in respect of the donations from Phillip Ross and Bonnetts have been ring-fenced and are not effected by this release.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Christopher's Smile

On accounts for the year
ended

30 April 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1129906

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 1/11/2022

Name:

Rashmikant Pandya

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qualification(s) or body

Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None