

Christopher's  
Smile



coz kids get cancer too

# Trustees' Report

for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The charity raises funding exclusively for paediatric cancer research with a bias towards the development and approval of genomic diagnostics for paediatric solid tumours. 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 2022 – 2023.

## 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 furthers 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 should be kept to a minimum and we 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 2022 – April 2023**

This year has been the third 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 have not recovered partly as a legacy of the pandemic and also due to the current cost of living crisis.
- While working from home is slowly reducing, socialising both inside and outside of the workplace and involvement in charity support activities is extremely low compared to pre-pandemic levels.
- A reappraisal of people's finances during the pandemic and the prioritisation of family spending during the current financial crisis 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.

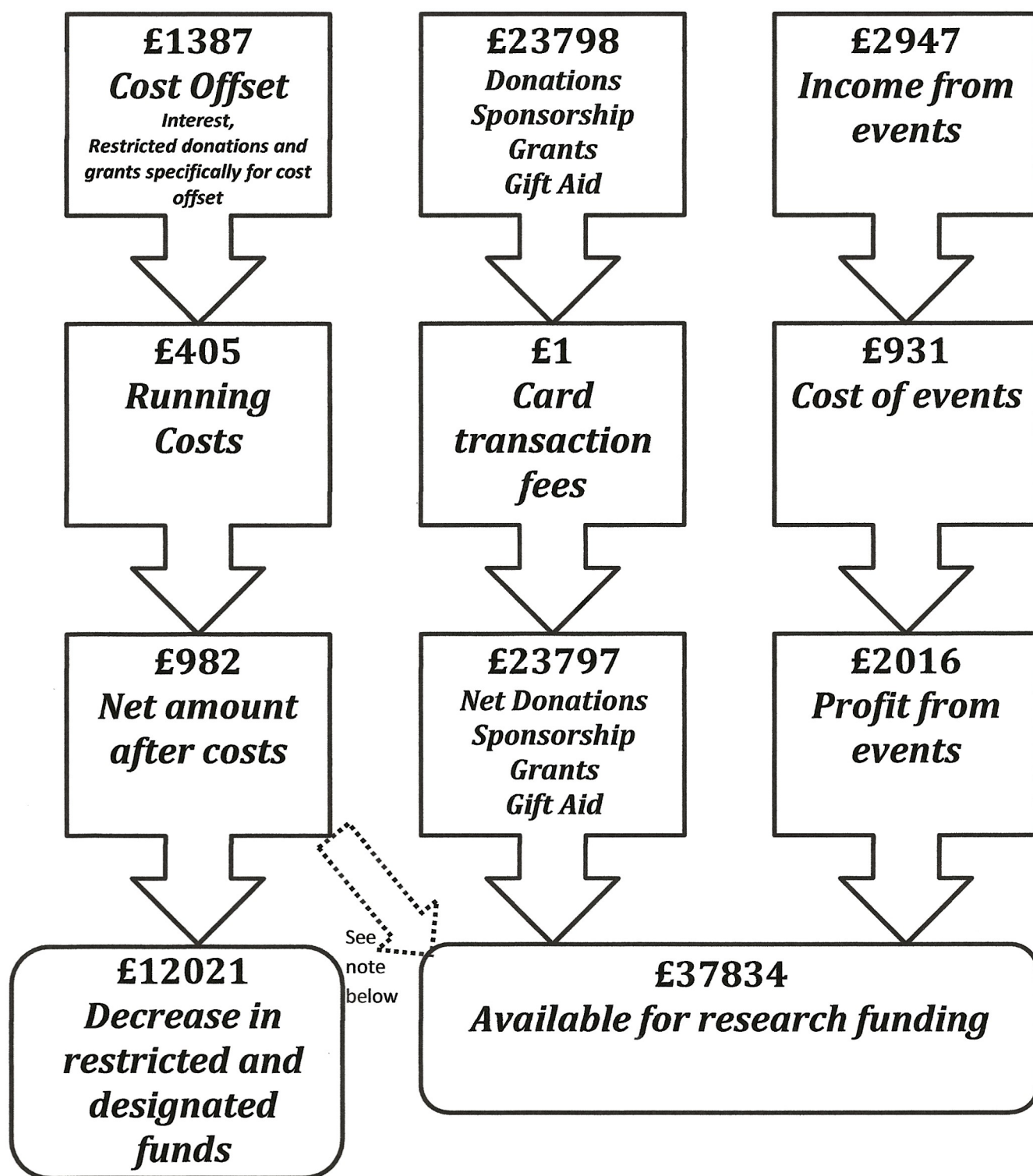
### **Funding future Projects**

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. Our previously funded work on liquid biopsies for brain tumours has proved 2 things; the first is that current



mainstream technologies are not sensitive enough to analyse the miniscule amounts of tumour DNA in the bloodstream and secondly that obtaining cerebral spinal fluid for analysis is beset with procedural and clinical hurdles. There is a ray of light on the horizon though. Long read sequencing offers far higher sensitivity than current panel sequencing and when we can responsibly proceed with a project utilising this exciting technology we will do so. We fully realise that we have not funded a project for some time but the trustees would rather wait and fund a project that has a chance of success which could provide clinicians with vital genomic data on a child's brain tumour without the need for invasive neurosurgery. This approach is backed by the trustees and if successful would provide a real step change in the way the most aggressive paediatric brain tumours could be analysed. Our aim is to provide clinicians with the tumour genomic data in order for the most appropriate targeted drugs to be used to achieve the best therapeutic effect.

## Income for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023



Note: - £1000 was transferred from cost offset to research funding and £12003 was released from amounts paid by solicitors. Please see the Notes to the accounts for full detail.

## Financial review

### ***Highlights***

Total receipts were £28,132 with unrestricted net receipts of £26,745.

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 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 £982 this year. When added to amounts brought forward from last year this gives a balance of £15,701. This balance comprises £14,053 from solicitors and £1,648 other restricted income. Restricted costs have been running at around £600 in previous years although this year they were £405. It has therefore been decided to transfer £1,000 from restricted funds into unrestricted funds. An additional amount of £12,003 has also been transferred to unrestricted from balances received from solicitors leaving a balance of £2,698 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 £468,138.

### ***Gift Aid***

Gift Aid on sponsorship and donations totalled £2,229.

### ***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 2023 the charity had no commitments.

There will be a further submission to add a Liquid Biopsy test for all paediatric non CNS (Central Nervous System) which includes brain 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 an X account (formerly 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 increasingly frustrated at the speed of approval and implementation of the liquid biopsy tests for children. We will continue to campaign for change to ensure that implementations and ownership within the NHS for implementations 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



Mrs Rosemary Conroy Trustee





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Christopher's Smile</b>	No (if any) <b>1129906</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st May 2022	To	Period end date 30th April 2023
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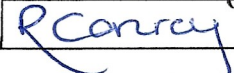
### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	21,569	-		21,569	35,644
Sponsorship	-			-	1,748
Fundraising Events	2,947			2,947	2,187
Cost offsets		715		715	50
Gift Aid	2,229			2,229	2,298
Interest		672		672	2,924
				-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>26,745</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,132</b>	<b>44,851</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>26,745</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,132</b>	<b>44,851</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Liquid Biopsy Project	48,420			48,420	55,529
Cost of fundraising events	931			931	134
Administration cost		326		326	-
Card and Transaction fees	1			1	48
Bank charges		79		79	26
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>49,352</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,757</b>	<b>55,737</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,352</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,757</b>	<b>55,737</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 22,607</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 21,625</b>	<b>- 10,886</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>13,003</b>	<b>- 13,003</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>477,742</b>	<b>14,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>492,461</b>	<b>503,347</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>468,138</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>470,836</b>	<b>492,461</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Hamshire Trust Bank	467,972	2,698	
	Vigin Money	2		
	HSBC	130	-	-
	Cash	34	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>468,138</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>-</b>
	(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. CONROY	24/10/23
	R. CONROY	24.10.23



## CHRISTOPHER'S SMILE

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

#### 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		£715			
Interest		£672			
Clothing Sales		£0			
Equipment purchases			£0		
Administration costs			£326		
Promotional items					
Bank charges			£79		
Phillip Ross Creditor	£2,287	£0		£237	£2,050
Bonnett Creditor	£11,766			£11,766	£0
Other Restricted	£666	£1,387	£405	£1,000	£648
	<u>£14,719</u>	<u>£1,387</u>	<u>£405</u>	<u>£13,003</u>	<u>£2,698</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 £2,287 was carried forward from last year in respect of Residual Client Account Balances from Phillip Ross Solicitors

During this financial year £237 was released from the total held as the six year time limit had been exceeded.

At 30 April £2,050 was held as restricted until the time it could be reclaimed has passed.

An amount of £11,766 was carried forward from last year in respect of Residual Client Account Balances from Bonnetts Solicitors

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

This year £11,766 has been released to unrestricted

At 30th April nothing was held was held as restricted

Restricted costs were £405 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 £1,000 to unrestricted funds. The amount held in respect of the donations from Phillip Ross 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  
Christopher's Smile

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1129906

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

31/10/2023

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