

Christopher's  
Smile



coz kids get cancer too

# Trustees' Report

for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*“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 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 2024 – 2025.

## 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 2024 – April 2025**

The year has seen leaps forward in DNA sequencing technologies enabling sequencing unit costs to reduce while the ability to sequence the smallest amounts of DNA, hitherto not attainable, is now achievable. We still do not have an NHS approved liquid biopsy test for paediatric non CNS solid tumours. We are still waiting on the NHS Genomics Unit to approve this vital test.

Christopher's Smile funded a Proof of Concept (POC) project for the detection and analysis of Brain Tumour DNA in the blood. This project used the very latest technologies and if successful a full scale project will commence.

The Charity's primary aim is to fund the development and testing of a paediatric CNS Liquid Biopsy test. This is because we see that a non-invasive test for paediatric CNS tumours is an area of the highest unmet need.

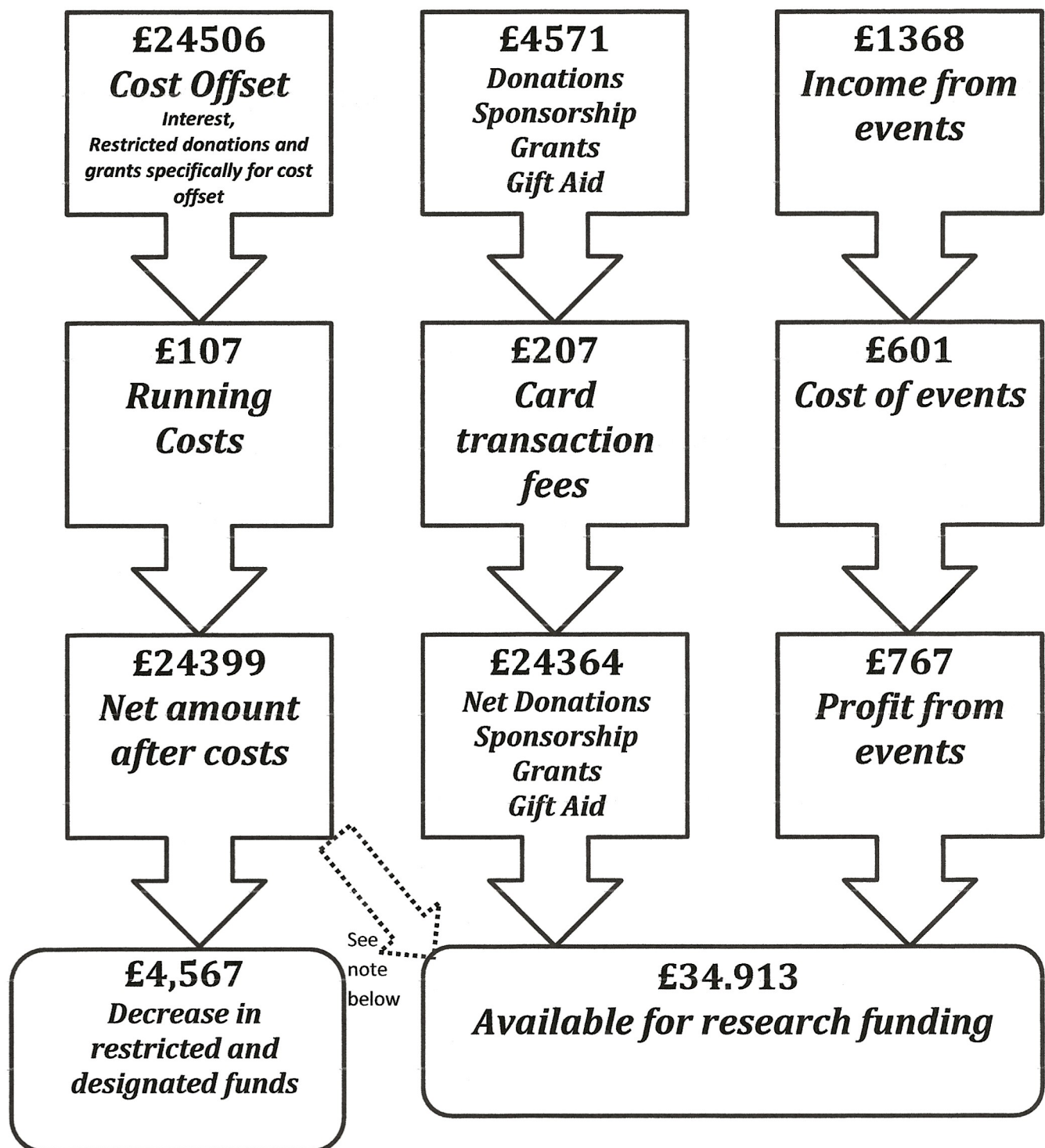
In the year all four trustees have had significant personal challenges to address outside of the charity. This has meant that the trustees' focus has had to be elsewhere resulting in less time being spend on charity work. We hope that in the forthcoming year the trustees will be able to spend more time of charity activities but we know we will not be able to devote the same amount of time as previous years.

### **Funding future Projects**

The funding of a Proof of Concept project has allowed Christopher's Smile to ascertain whether current technologies and techniques are suitable for a usable liquid biopsy test for paediatric CNS tumours. The two techniques currently being tested are under constant evaluation to gauge whether further effort is worth investment. There is also an exciting advancement from Australia which the trustees may in time need to consider is worth an investment in testing within the UK. The trustees will monitor progress and assess the viability of investment.



## Income for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Note: - £29,637 was transferred from cost offset to research funding and 195 was released from amounts paid by solicitors. Please see the Notes to the accounts for full detail.

## Financial review

### ***Highlights***

Total receipts were £40,445 with unrestricted receipts of £15,939.

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 £24,399 this year. When added to amounts brought forward from last year this gives a balance of £32,398. This balance comprises £1,629 from solicitors and £30,769 other restricted income. Restricted costs have been running at around £200 in previous years and this year they were £4107. It has therefore been decided to transfer £29,657 from restricted funds into unrestricted funds. An additional amount of £195 has also been transferred to unrestricted from balances received from solicitors leaving a balance of £1,134 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.

Restricted have been at a very low level for the last few years and are more than cover by donations made by trustees. The trustees have decided to move interest receivable from restricted income to unrestricted in the accounts string with the year 2025-2026.

### **Total Funds costs for Charitable Giving**

Total funds available in unrestricted funds as at 30 April were £51515,950.

### ***Gift Aid***

Gift Aid on sponsorship and donations totalled £2,047.

### ***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 2025 the charity had commitments of £46,000.

## 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 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:

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Mr Denis Conroy Treasurer



Mrs Rosemary Conroy Trustee





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

Period start date  
1st May 2024

To

Period end date  
30th April 2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Designated<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                     |   |   |   |                                 |                               |
| Donations                              | 9,618                                     | -                                       |   | 9,618                           | 12,826                        |
| Sponsorship                            | 2,906                                     |   |   | 2,906                           | 1,691                         |
| Fundraising Events                     | 1,368                                     |   |   | 1,368                           | 2,174                         |
| Cost offsets                           | -   | 650                                     |   | 650                             | 615                           |
| Gift Aid                               | 2,047                                     |   |   | 2,047                           | 1,861                         |
| Interest                               |   | 23,856                                  |   | 23,856                          | 4,846                         |
|  |   |   |   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b> | <b>15,939</b>                             | <b>24,506</b>                           | <b>-</b>                                | <b>40,445</b>                   | <b>24,013</b>                 |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                  | <b>15,939</b>                             | <b>24,506</b>                           | <b>-</b>                                | <b>40,445</b>                   | <b>24,013</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                     |   |   |   |                                 |                               |
| Liquid Biopsy Project                  | 15,050                                    |   |   | 15,050                          | -                             |
| Cost of fundraising events             | 601                                       |   |   | 601                             | 728                           |
| Administration cost                    |   | 46                                      |   | 46                              | 54                            |
| Card and Transaction fees              | 207                                       |   |   | 207                             | 93                            |
| Bank charges                           |   | 61                                      |   | 61                              | 65                            |
|  | -   | -                                       | -                                       | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                       | <b>15,858</b>                             | <b>107</b>                              | <b>-</b>                                | <b>15,965</b>                   | <b>940</b>                    |
| <b>Total payments</b>                  | <b>15,858</b>                             | <b>107</b>                              | <b>-</b>                                | <b>15,965</b>                   | <b>940</b>                    |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>      | <b>81</b>                                 | <b>24,399</b>                           | <b>-</b>                                | <b>24,480</b>                   | <b>23,073</b>                 |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>      | <b>29,657</b>                             | <b>- 29,657</b>                         | <b>-</b>                                |                                 |                               |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>     | <b>486,212</b>                            | <b>7,697</b>                            | <b>-</b>                                | <b>493,909</b>                  | <b>470,836</b>                |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>        | <b>515,950</b>                            | <b>2,439</b>                            | <b>-</b>                                | <b>518,389</b>                  | <b>493,909</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>  | Hampshire Bank                          |   |   |                               |
|   | Vigin Money                             | 5   |   |                               |
|   | Charity Bank                            | 507,366                                   | 2,439                                   |                               |
|   | HSBC                                    | 8,577                                     | -                                       | -                             |
|   | Cash                                    | 2   | -                                       | -                             |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>                 | <b>515,950</b>                            | <b>2,439</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                        |                               |
|   | <div>D Conroy</div> <div>R Conroy</div> | <div>D. CONROY</div> <div>R. CONROY</div> | <div>10/12/25</div> <div>10.12.25</div> |                               |

## CHRISTOPHER'S SMILE

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

#### 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<br>B/F | Receipts       | Payments    | Transfer to<br>unrestricted | Balance<br>C/F |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Restricted Fund       |                |                |             |                             |                |
| Donations by Trustees |                | £650           |             |                             |                |
| Interest              |                | £23,856        |             |                             |                |
| Clothing Sales        |                | £0             |             |                             |                |
| Equipment purchases   |                |                | £0          |                             |                |
| Administration costs  |                |                | £46         |                             |                |
| Promotional items     |                |                | £61         |                             |                |
| Bank charges          |                |                |             |                             |                |
| Phillip Ross Creditor | £1,629         | £0             |             | £195                        | £1,434         |
| Other Restricted      | £6,263         | £24,506        | £107        | £29,657                     | £1,005         |
|                       | <u>£7,892</u>  | <u>£24,506</u> | <u>£107</u> | <u>£29,852</u>              | <u>£2,439</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

O;/ An amount of £2,1629 was carried forward from last year in respect of Residual Client Account Balances from Phillip Ross Solicitors  
During this financial year £2195 was released from the total held as the six year time limit had been exceed.  
At 30 April £1,0434 was held as restricted until the time it could be reclaimed has passed.

Restricted costs were £107 this year due to the low level of expenditure reducing activities carried out by the charity. In previous years costs have been running around £200 the Trustees have decided to transfer £29,392 unrestricted funds. The amount held in respect of the donations from Phillip Ross have been ring-fenced and are not effected by this release.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Christopher's Smile

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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 30 / 04 / 2025.

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:

15 - DEC - 2025

Name:

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