

The Cancer Fund for Children

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100532

Details

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Company number	49930
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Activities

Purposes: The Company is established for the relief of need by reason of ill-health amongst children, and the families of children, who are adversely affected by cancer through the provision of practical, social and emotional support

What the charity does: The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Counselling/support,Medical/health/sickness,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Carers,Children (5-13 year olds),Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,592,501	£3,951,156	£-776,000	82

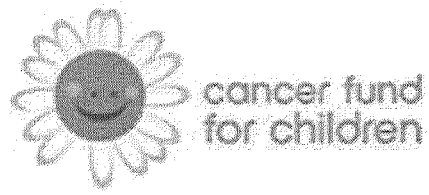
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Skeggs		
Dr Robert Johnston		
Mr Cormac Owens		
Mr Donal Hutchinson		
Mr Padraic O'giollain		
Mr Peter O'brien		
Mr Robin Mccormick		
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Ms Caroline Mcgroary		
Ms Nuala Reid		

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Accounts



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC100532
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HMRC Number: XR 29768

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Trustees/Directors as at 17th November 2025

Cormac Owens
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter O'Brien
Dr. Robert Johnston
Robin McCormick
Donal Hutchinson
Alice Nugent
Nuala Reid
Jennifer Skeggs
Caroline McGroary
Caroline Feeney (appointed 23 May 2025)
Gerry Halfpenny (resigned 11 November 2024)
Rory Best (resigned 21 March 2025)
Peter Shields (resigned 21 March 2025)

Directors are appointed in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Chairperson

Peter O'Brien

Treasurer

Pádraic Ó Giolláin

Company Secretary

Jennifer Skeggs

Chief Executive

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Chairperson Statement

The chairman presents his statement for the year.

We are delighted to present the 2024-25 Annual Report of Cancer Fund for Children. It was a very special year for the charity as we continued to deliver on our mission that no children should face cancer alone.

Cancer Fund for Children delivered support to a record number of children and their families. We supported 962 individual families and received 293 new family referrals during the year. 521 families availed of a short break at Daisy Lodge Newcastle. Sadly, during the year, 83 people we supported passed away due to cancer. We are continuing to offer bereavement support to their families as they come to terms with their grief.

The year 2024/25 has been one of significant impact, change, growth and development, as well as a period of reflection and celebration. This year we recognised 10 years of support offered at Daisy Lodge, a critical milestone for the organisation and the thousands of families that have crossed our doors.

Over the past three years we have developed a range of services to better meet the needs of children, young people and their wider families. This has included enhanced support for families attending short breaks at Daisy Lodge with quicker access for those who are at end of life or with a palliative diagnosis and ongoing follow up where needed.

We have developed new and enhanced services for parents both in the community and at Daisy Lodge, with dedicated individual support and groupwork on offer, as well as ongoing peer connection opportunities. We have sought to do the same for those that are bereaved as a result of cancer and have further developed our groupwork programmes for young people and launched a unique video which highlights this specific area of our support.

We have also developed our service offering to teenagers and young adults during their time in hospital, working with our charity partners and health service colleagues to further develop unique programmes, interventions and support. This year we have focused heavily on better understanding our work, placing it within a unique model and framework, culminating in a public launch of our 'Informal Therapeutic Support' model.


As a charity Cancer Fund for Children is well connected across the cancer sector. We have been a founding member of the newly established Cancer Coalition in Northern Ireland (NI), as well as an active member of the AYA Service in NI. We are regularly meeting and contributing to developments, discussions and relevant policy with Department of Health officials and others.

Cancer Fund for Children continued to support the work of its sister organisation, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland, by providing administrative and management support to help develop services on an all-island basis. A hospital and community team are now operational in every county throughout the island alongside an active fundraising team. The development and construction of a second Daisy Lodge will also commence in August 2025.

We are so grateful to our volunteers, community and corporate partners who have walked, jumped, ran, cycled, dived, read and sang for us throughout the year in support of all children and families impacted by cancer. We continue to develop a funding strategy that ensures the organisation is sustainable and responsive to the changing needs of our children and families.

We continue to focus on governance and ensure that this organisation is run to the highest standards. Various Sub Committees support the Board in the appropriate oversight of our services and general running of the organisation.

Finally, thank you to our amazing team who come to work every day with a passion to support our children and their families. It is very special to see this level of care and attention, and it is reflected in the amazing feedback we receive about so many of our staff. What each of you do makes such a difference. Thank you!



Peter O'Brien

Chairperson

28/11/25

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (C'TD)

The Board of Trustees (who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) have the pleasure of 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

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Purpose

The principal object for which the Company is established is for the relief of need by reason of ill-health amongst children, and the families of children, anywhere in the world, who are adversely affected by cancer through the provision of practical, social and emotional support insofar as is charitable under the laws of Ireland.

Objectives

1. to provide support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) for all children and young people (0-24 years) diagnosed with cancer, their siblings (0-24 years) and those children and young people (0-24 years) who have a parent or other primary carer diagnosed with cancer alongside their families throughout Northern Ireland and Ireland with a view to reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and equipping individuals to cope better with the impact of a cancer diagnosis, alongside improving family relationships, reducing stress and anxiety and promoting independence;
2. to provide families dealing with a cancer diagnosis, a palliative/terminal cancer diagnosis, or families bereaved through cancer with relief, care, and support through a range of facilities including our therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge and residential centre, Narnia. Therapeutic breaks promote rest and relaxation, teamed with unique psychosocial support specifically tailored to each family. They are designed to improve wellbeing, build precious memories, and facilitate families spending quality time together.
3. To provide time sensitive and age-appropriate support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) to children and young people who are dying as a result of cancer, their siblings and those children and young people who have a parent dying from cancer, offering continuity of care through ongoing bereavement support to each family.
4. To provide a range of opportunities for children, young people, and parents/primary carers impacted by cancer to meet one another and share experiences.
5. To provide safe spaces where children, young people and families can talk openly about the impact that cancer has on their lives, and work with them at a local, regional and national level to advocate and lobby for improvements in cancer care and support.
6. To raise public awareness of the impact of childhood cancer and the impact of a parental cancer diagnosis on a child or young person.

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Vision and Mission

Our vision is that no child should face cancer alone. Our mission is to connect, empower, and strengthen children and families so they are better equipped to deal with the emotional impact of cancer:

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

We do this by providing telephone support, individual in person support in the hospital and community, facilitating group work and providing 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.

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 Organisational Priorities over the next five years:

1. We will continue to offer support to children diagnosed with cancer (0-24 years old) alongside their families.
2. We will continue to offer support to children who have a parent diagnosed with cancer in NI (0-18 years old).
3. We will continue to offer short breaks to families from across the island of Ireland in Daisy Lodge, Co. Down.

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4. We will develop a range of service that support children diagnosed with cancer (aged 0-24 years old) and their families in the hospital and community setting throughout Ireland.
5. We will build a second Daisy Lodge in Co. Mayo and ensure it is supported with a sustainable fundraising programme.
6. We will ensure the voices of children and young people are at the heart of Cancer Fund for Children. 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 throughout Northern Ireland and 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

For the final year of our strategy, we continued to focus on several key areas to ensure Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Cancer Fund for Children Strategic Pillars					
Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4	Pillar 5	Pillar 6
Services Development	Engagement	Funding	Awareness	People	Governance
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.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Services Development

The year 2024/25 has been one of significant impact, change, growth and development, as well as a period of reflection and celebration. This year we recognised 10 years of support offered at Daisy Lodge, a critical milestone for the organisation and the thousands of families that have crossed our doors.

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This year we have focused heavily on better understanding our work, placing it within a unique model and framework, culminating in a public launch of our 'Informal Therapeutic Support' model.

We have also worked with local universities, supporting their students in helping us explore and better understand the impact of specific aspects of our work, e.g. our use of complementary therapies, the impact of our individual support for young people who have a parent with cancer and finally, external evaluations of our bereaved groupwork for young people.

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 exists to meet this. Support is tailored to meet each family's individual needs. This is now fully supported and enhanced through the work of our connections team, who provide initial, and ongoing sustained telephone support for all families across Ireland.

Our service management team are critical to our ongoing excellence in service development and delivery, pushing always to provide exceptional support, enhancing systems and processes and advocating and supporting their teams.

As a charity we are well connected across the cancer sector. We have been a founding member of the newly established Cancer Coalition in NI, as well as an active member of the AYA Service in NI. We are regularly meeting and contributing to developments, discussions and relevant policy with Department of Health officials and others.

We are actively involved in a partnership initiative led by Marie Curie and other representatives in seeking to improve the support offered to bereaved young people within school settings and have recently joined the children and young people's subgroup in the NI Bereavement Network in the development of a 'Bereavement Charter' for NI.

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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 in meeting this obligation and vision. This has provided more opportunities for young people to share their experience and create lasting change and has culminated in numerous events, projects, and campaigns.

Overall, our support meets children, young people and families 'where they are' and with sensitivity, warmth, compassion and flexibility. It is focused on building connections, relationships, trust and rapport as we strive to ensure that we can provide the support needed.

Our staff and volunteer team are the most valuable resource and this year they have brought an exceptional amount of compassion, commitment, hard work and creativity to managing the demand for support, in meeting the complex needs of young people and families and in working together as a collective service to ensure holistic support.

Hospital Based Support

Our work with adolescents and young adults in hospitals across NI continued strongly this year. We now have two Youth Support Workers providing support in all hospitals in NI where adolescents and young adults (AYAs) are being treated for cancer. We provide much needed age-specific support during their stay in hospital, and have introduced monthly groupwork programmes, as well as a short break at Daisy Lodge to enable young adults to meet with others. We do this by working alongside our charity partners. Cancer Fund for Children are one of five charities who work alongside all Health Trusts in NI in the delivery of a comprehensive service for adolescents and young adults diagnosed with cancer.

Supporting Young People and Parents in the Community

Our support in the community takes place on an individual basis, when and where children, young people and parents most need it. It is person centred, informal, therapeutic support, and provides a space for children/young people/parents to feel comfortable, to develop a trusting relationship, to better understand the emotional impact of cancer and to develop better ways to cope going forward. This flexible approach helps us ensure that the support is based on the needs, interest and learning style of the individual.

We also recognise the power and value of peer support and connection. This year we ran a range of groupwork programmes for young people of all ages. We also ran a range of programmes for both young people and parents who have been bereaved through cancer, as well as monthly coffee mornings. We have also introduced monthly coffee mornings for parents and their partners with cancer and parents who have a child with cancer.

The team are constantly developing new and engaging ways to connect with young people and parents.

Our Care Free Choir continues to meet fortnightly and has grown in size to around 55 regular attendees. The choir provides a unique place of comfort, support and community, with members from as young as eight right through to those in their more senior years. The choir have performed in St. Anne's Cathedral and at several other special occasions.

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Finally, our team have worked alongside a range of other organisations, partners and supporters to run a wide number of diverse events such as family summer and Christmas event at W5 and multiple opportunities with the Belfast Giants, the IFA and others.

Type of activity	Description	Total for 2024/25
1:1 sessions for children and young people	As described	811
Sessions for parents/families	As described	370
Ward support sessions	Hospital based support for young people with our YSW	778
Young people actively involved in 1:1 support	Numbers of young people currently receiving support.	189
Telephone contact with families	As described	827
Number of groups for AYA's	Numbers of events/evenings for AYA's to meet.	14
Groupwork programmes delivered	As described	9
Coffee Mornings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bereaved of a partner • Adults living with cancer/partners • Parents if diagnosed children 	20 mornings across the year 40 Parents participating
Online parental support	New all-island programme for parents who have experienced the death of a child	18 Parents met 6 times over a 6 month period.

Support in Numbers:

Ongoing contact with families - telephone support

This has been the first operational year of our connections team. The team manage every aspect of our referral system and are the first point of contact with all families across Ireland. This year has been one of embedding, enhancing our systems and processes and building relationships both internally and across the sector. The team are also actively promoting Cancer Fund for Children at events and conferences across Ireland.

The team will help families navigate the support they need within Cancer Fund for Children and refer to supports that may be available within their local community. Critically, they have been a constant source of support and information over the phone for families.

The team also lead on our events for families, ensuring there are opportunities for peer connection and celebration.

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Type of activity	Description	Total for 2024/25
Initial assessments	Contact made with families following an initial professional/self-referral	438
Text	Messaging families (usually done by way of introduction)	1126
Email	Contact with families, usually supporting information requests form families or links to resources	227
Calls	Ongoing contact with families. Support, check in, talking through further support options and being a listening ear.	2817
Events	W5 Summer event – W5 Childhood Cancer Awareness month – W5 Christmas event	500
Opportunities	Belfast Giants – N. Ireland Soccer Games – Tickets	80 Families

Feedback

"It was good for my daughter to talk to someone outside the family and be able to speak about her worries and thoughts. It has helped her deal with her emotions and worries and what she feels inside. She is back to being the happy child we had before cancer made an appearance in our lives."

"I feel support benefitted my son to speak to someone outside our family about how he was feeling. He struggles to express how he feels and really benefitted from the tools his Cancer Support Specialist gave him such as the calm bottle and the self-care box."

"Having individual support during the last 6 months for my son has been priceless. He has been able to learn to start to open up more about his feelings to me as his mum and to not be afraid of showing them and communicating his needs."

"Like she just made me feel comfortable which meant I was able to share what I wanted and feel comfortable in that environment just me and her sitting at the beach listening to the waves" - (Girl, aged 16)

"We're very thankful as parents and as a family for the individual sessions our child had."

"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." - (Diagnosed mother)

"It's flexible. it facilitates the family in every way possible. It's adaptable to the child, and unique to them. It's done in a non-intrusive, child friendly, family friendly, respectful way." - (Diagnosed mother)

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Celebrating 10 years of Daisy Lodge – Supporting families through therapeutic short breaks

Since opening the doors of Daisy Lodge in 2014, we have welcomed 4000 families to come and stay with us and to avail of a much-needed short break, often during times of significant distress, upheaval, and uncertainty. Over the past 10 years we have continued to learn, to listen and to sensitively enhance and develop our service in direct response to the needs of young people and their families.

Families tell us that time spent at Daisy Lodge has been critical in providing them with the opportunity to be supported, to feel heard, to connect as a family and connect with others in similar situations as well as to get much needed rest and relaxation.

They also highlight their gratitude and appreciation for the staff, the setting and services offered whilst staying with us. They leave feeling more relaxed, often more connected and with a greater energy for what may lay ahead.

Daisy Lodge has provided families with a vital opportunity to be together in a dedicated supportive space, providing a chance for them to escape from the challenges of cancer or the space to deal with it directly, through challenging conversations and planning for the future.

Financial Year	Number of families	Number of Occupants	Therapeutic Workshops	Meals	Comp. Therapy/Beauty/Hair
2024/25	521	1876	1024	15,102	1005

A short summary of the feedback comments from the 521 families who stayed at Daisy Lodge on a therapeutic short break during the year of 2024/25.

We received 100% feedback from these families staying on a therapeutic short break and here are the key findings:

- 90% of families felt more hopeful about their future following their short break.
- 95% felt better able to manage their family situation.
- 96% of families stated time together has strengthened their relationship as a family.
- 91% developed their connection as a family.
- 97% combined feedback figure for all our Hospitality Services, including catering, diet and experience on offer at Daisy Lodge.

Feedback on Short Breaks

Seeing our son develop independence in approaching other children and having the ability to play freely has been amazing. Because he's an only child it's difficult to get time apart at home as he always requires interaction - so to allow him the freedom of play with his peers has been phenomenal. The play session on Saturday evening was also lovely; we both really enjoyed it! The facial was something else, Patsy has magic hands.

Definitely the baking class. It was so interactive, and the staff just made it all so much fun. Having some treats to enjoy was amazing as well.

The baking and the therapies with Brenda.

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The baking and the therapies with Brenda.

We love the party games on the first night and my daughter really enjoyed the craft session. The team at Daisy Lodge are amazing. We have been treated with respect and kindness from the second we arrived. Nothing has been too much trouble for the girls, from Emma and Anna to the catering team, to the gentleman who oversees the maintenance that I was chatting to on Friday when we arrived. This experience has been wonderful for both myself and Mason, and I would like to thank you all for all the hard work you put in, especially over a weekend! Thank you so much, we really appreciated it.

We had a phenomenal time in Daisy Lodge. The quality and opportunity to relax is second to none. Tollymore Forest was a perfect opportunity to add to such a rewarding time.

We would like to thank Emma and her team for making our stay comfortable and memorable.

There is so much support and fun for families who are going through the most difficult time and to have time away from that has been invaluable.

Youth Engagement

One of our strategic pillars within the charity is our commitment and willingness to be a strong and active voice for young people. The role of our Youth Engagement Team is to drive this ambition and to ensure that where possible, the voice of young people is at the heart of the charity and is best placed to influence policy and practice in relation to young people and the impact of cancer on their lives.

Youth engagement activity in numbers:

Type of activity	Description	Numbers for 2024/25
Community Days		8
Online sessions	Online sessions and meeting with those aged 8-11 and 12-17.	26 Sessions
Residential	Young people attending in-person engagement events	4 residentials facilitated
Young ambassador sessions	Young ambassadors attending events/opportunities	29
Young people on interview panels	Young people sitting on panels	5
Events attended/organised	Number of events planned and/or supported e.g. Bog Run	10
Overall individual interventions		960

Our Youth Engagement Team have worked with young people to ensure they have as many opportunities as possible to actively engage, lead and share their experience, both within Cancer Fund for Children and externally.

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This year our Young Ambassadors across Ireland have been speaking and attending a significant number of events, from Gala Balls to Board meetings, radio interviews and meeting the government ministers. Our team have worked with external providers to develop a full set of bespoke training videos that will support new ambassadors as they join our team.

Young people across our engagement teams have worked with all departments within the organisation to support fundraising, our communications and designs for our new Daisy Lodge. They have sat on interview panels, were active members of our services committees, and supported engagement events for other young people.

Most importantly, this year young people developed, created and led on their own key campaigns, highlighting issues that were important to them and other young people impacted by cancer. For example, they helped to create a teenage space at Daisy Lodge, a bespoke comic for young people who may wish to know more about our services, brought to life 'create, colour, connect,' a project to support young people during their time in hospitals and worked on a range of videos for schools so teachers are better able to support young people impacted by cancer.

Young people have given their time as young volunteers, they have been a key and active voice for the organisation, and they have challenged us to think differently about how we provide support.

"Your support and kindness have meant more to me that I can put into words. It has allowed me to grow in confidence and encouraged me to speak out and make my voice heard and I always felt you had my back and looked out for me and I'll never forget how much that meant to me. Through Youth Engagement you just help and support me – you lifted me...even when going through my tough cancer journey you made it feel lighter – I'll never forget that." (Graduating 12-17 Youth Engagement Group member)

"It's a safe place to share and I get listened to." (8-11 Youth Engagement Group member)

"I felt very important, like everyone was listening to me." (Services Committee member, 17)

"There was a young person on my panel and I just thought that was so cool! I did interviews in my previous job, and we never had young people on the panel, and I came away thinking 'why did we not do that?!' It's really good because the young person is right there and they have lived experience, and young people can see right through you. I just thought there's [young person] ...she's a member of that panel and she's just winning. And all the skills and experience they're getting too." (staff member re. young people on interview panels)

"I'd really love to speak about how much I've loved being a Young Ambassador. It has been such a privilege and I will miss it so much and I'm so thankful for you and everyone who has helped me build my confidence and it has been the most enjoyable year ever." (Young Ambassador, 1)

Cancer Fund for Children

Cancer Fund for Children is here for children and young people diagnosed with cancer or living with a parent or sibling with cancer. We offer informal therapeutic support to families over the phone and in person, in the home, in the community, on the hospital ward and at Daisy Lodge.

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Approach to our practice

Compassionate

We are compassionate in all that we do, providing support with warmth, empathy, kindness and without judgement.

Family and young person centred

We are family and young person centred. We promote choice and autonomy, for young people and their families. We listen to and ensure that the voices of young people and their families are at the heart of our support.

Flexible

We are flexible, gentle and open in the way we work; we support young people and their families in different ways, in response to their needs. We have an open culture, welcoming new thinking and approaches.

Courageous

We believe in the work we do and are committed to being courageous in ensuring we provide the best support possible. We understand the impact of cancer and seek to hold a space for conversations and support that may help family members.

Informal therapeutic support model

Model of our practice

Compassionate

Family and young person centred

Flexible

Courageous

Connect

- We connect with young people and their families so they can access specific Cancer Fund for Children support e.g. individual support, group activities, breaks and activities at Daisy Lodge and opportunities to connect with others in similar situations.
- We connect with young people so they feel heard, understood, less isolated and can access services that will support them.
- We connect with families where they are, with compassion and flexibility

Nurture

We deliver support through the development of trusted relationships, nurtured through:

- Developing a clear understanding of support needs
- Working in ways that are best suited for each individual/family
- Being there in the reality of cancer day to day
- Helping families to work on relationships within the family unit
- Offering young people and families the opportunity to relate to others in similar situations
- Signposting to other organisations and support
- Providing access to services that seek to nurture family relations

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Understand

We work with young people and families to help them understand:

- Their own feelings and emotions
- How other family members are feeling/coping
- Ways that might help them to better regulate their emotions
- How to use approaches that might help them to cope better
- How others in similar situations are feeling and coping

Empower

We work with young people and families so they may:

- Feel more relaxed
- Feel able to use practical ways of coping
- Have increased self-awareness and confidence
- Feel more able to cope with current circumstances

Fundraising

2024/25 was another year of incredible support from our valued supporters, partners and funders. Throughout the year the local community throughout NI has gone above and beyond to help support children and families impacted by cancer.

Engaging Local Communities

Grassroot community support is vital to our ability to raise much needed funds and deliver our services to families across NI. We are so grateful to the Irish Football Association for their longstanding support. Through this partnership, Cancer Fund for Children held several bucket collections, received match tickets for the families we support and benefited from brand awareness by being placed in front of 72,000 supporters over four home games. Our partnership with Shine Productions raised £15,133 through collections at Belsonic, CHSQ and Emerge. Our community partnership with Rotary Ireland as the District Governor's charity of the year provided the opportunity to raise awareness of Cancer Fund for Children to all 72 clubs throughout the island of Ireland and raise over €50,000 which was incredible. We were delighted to recruit 10 volunteers to take on the role of Community Champion. Their role will be critical to building our profile and engagement in communities across NI. .

We are hugely grateful for the support of families that have been affected by cancer. Over the past year, they have raised funds to help support other families, taking part in marathons, bog runs, abseils and skydives and more. Families also organised their own events including Slieve Donard climbs, head shaves, coffee mornings, cycle challenges, walking initiatives and fun days. We also launched our Daisy Fund over the past year that offers a platform to remember a loved one, whilst raising funds to support other families affected by cancer.

Engaging young people through our schools remains a priority and over the past year, we are delighted to have received support from over 185 schools and youth organisations. This year marked 25 years of ReadOn and over 22,000 pupils took part, raising £88,207. In 2024/25, the key highlight in our events and campaigns portfolio was once again our annual Bog Run event. Despite having to reschedule the date due to storms last October, we

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welcomed over 400 participants to Castlewellan Forest Park and raised just over £100,000. Other highlights included our amazing Team Daisy supporters participating in numerous local running events, with 230 runners at the Belfast Marathon in May 2024 raising just under £40,000.

Developing Individual Giving

At the outset of 2024/2025, an Individual Giving and Legacy Manager was appointed to provide leadership for the Individual Giving programme and to oversee the Supporter Care Team. We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of our individual supporters, many of whom contribute via Direct Debit. In 2024/2025, 67% of our donors have sustained their monthly contributions for over ten years, providing us with a reliable and predictable source of income that enables more effective operational planning.

In September 2024, Cancer Fund for Children partnered with Mango to offer our Direct Debit supporters an opportunity to increase their gift to support the growth of our services, and providing other donors with an opportunity to give monthly. These initiatives were successful, resulting in 41% of those contacted choosing to increase their monthly contributions (industry benchmark is 30–35%).

Payroll Giving has also performed well, achieving a 27% acquisition rate on the existing donor file. The continued generosity of our supporters is essential to the ongoing delivery and development of our work.

We are committed 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. By investing in robust processes and equipping our team with the skills to utilise data effectively, we ensure that all our decisions are informed by accurate information and data insights. Above all, our supporter/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.

Driving Impact through Partnerships

2024–2025 was a year of generosity and partnership in NI, with a series of high-profile events and initiatives delivering extraordinary impact for children and families. The Leslie Hughes Gala Ball, organised by Leslie Hughes, with support from Kris Turnbull in October was a huge success, raising an outstanding £200,000.

Our Liberty IT charity partnership raised over £24,000 in 2024, while the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Mayor's Charity partnership generated more than £80,000. The Henderson's Community Coffee Morning with EUROSPAR & ViVOXTRA raised an impressive £70,000 and continues to be a strong partnership with many other fundraising and gift-in-kind initiatives throughout the year.

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Our Twilight Concert raised £19,000 through an incredible evening of celebration that highlighted the need and impact of our work. This event also provides our young ambassadors with an opportunity to share their stories with our supporters and donors. An evening of music and stories has been a very special way to connect all elements of our organisation together for one night a year.

This year also saw the launch of our first Dragon Boat Race for corporates, which proved a resounding success. We are excited to build on this momentum and establish it as a key fixture in our annual fundraising calendar. Finally, to mark the 10th anniversary of Daisy Lodge, we hosted a special dinner for high-value donors, corporate partners and gift-in-kind supporters. Rory Best spoke on the night, and it was a very meaningful evening, reflecting on the impact of partners' generosity over the past decade.

We are deeply grateful to all our supporters and partners in NI, whose generosity and commitment have made 2024–2025 such a remarkable year. We remain so grateful to our key funders, The Ireland Funds, The Big Lottery Fund, St James Place Foundation, Alan Nappin Foundation, Rank Foundation, Awards for All and Paul Hamill Foundation.

The 26 Mountains to Mayo challenge was launched in September 2024 with the first fundraising event, a rugby themed lunch held at Shu Restaurant, Belfast in October. In total, twenty-three business leaders were recruited from across Ireland and the United Kingdom, led by Roger Johnston, Graeme Neill and Mark Dowds. 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. In this financial year, the team raised £250,616.03.

Delivering Excellent Supporter Care

The supporter care resources at Cancer Fund for Children were significantly strengthened in the 2024/2025 period. 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 satisfactorily. 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 Ahead

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 and so we need to ensure our strategies are agile and improve our ability to adapt and respond effectively to change and challenges, as well as respond quickly to new opportunities.

We look forward to developing and launching a new Funding Strategy, 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 will strengthen existing income streams and identify new income opportunities, ensuring dynamic and innovative thinking, to affect a step change in

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how we raise and secure funds, and how we build and strengthen long term relationships with existing and new donors, funders and supporters.

In the coming year we will continue to ensure and strengthen compliance across our fundraising policies and ensure that new team members have a clear understanding of them. Our learnings over the past couple of years point to the need to continue to strengthen our processes to ensure the best delivery of supporter care and we will invest in our resources to do that. Our supporters and volunteers are at the heart of all we do. We will work to ensure they feel their value and are kept updated regularly on the impact of their generous donations and support.

Communications & Marketing

To support the launch of our new services model, 2024 was dedicated to raising awareness of Cancer Fund for Children 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 2024/25, 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 new approach enabled 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.

The 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.

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. Gabriel's family were interviewed by the media, which led to impactful coverage in the Belfast Telegraph.

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In addition to family-focused media activity, we secured wider national attention with RTE's *Late Late Show* interview with Rory McIlroy during the Amgen Irish Open. We also used Childhood Cancer Awareness Month as an opportunity to announce Rachel Blackmore as an official charity ambassador. Altogether, this activity generated 20 pieces of media coverage across print, online, TV, and radio, reaching an estimated audience of 1.9 million people.

Daisy Lodge Turns 10

Our therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2024. To mark this milestone and thank the businesses and community groups that have helped make a decade of therapeutic support possible, we held a series of events, including a community coffee morning. At the event, we welcomed back Amy Uprichard, a young person we supported when she was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2016, and who was one of the young people to officially open Daisy Lodge in 2014.

Incredibly, over the past 10 years, we have provided more than 4,000 therapeutic short breaks, celebrated 280 birthdays in Daisy Lodge, delivered 7,950 therapeutic workshops, and offered 8,925 complementary therapies to families impacted by cancer. We've also made 82,000 pieces of our famous Daisy Lodge shortbread!

Amplifying Voices of Young People and their Families

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. Nine families 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 our young ambassador Sophie. 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.

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.

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Looking Forward

Our communications will continue to focus on building awareness of Cancer Fund for Children. 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, heard 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 also look forward to developing a new Brand, Marketing & Communications Strategy to support the new Organisation Strategy from 2026 onwards.

Empowering Our People & Culture

Our People & Culture team plays a central role in shaping the experience of everyone who works at Cancer Fund for Children. 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:

Key priorities include:

- 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 & 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 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 NI and Ireland. Several roles in NI have an island of Ireland remit.

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	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
Total	82	86	87	82

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 Northern Ireland and 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 into its next strategic chapter.

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

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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.

Sustainability

At Cancer Fund for Children, we believe that caring for the environment is an essential part of caring for the children, young people, and families we support. This year, we've made meaningful progress in reducing our environmental impact and embedding sustainable practices across our organisation and the communities we serve.

In October 2024, we installed a 15.26kW photovoltaic solar energy system at Daisy Lodge, generously donated by Premier Electrical Group. Between installation and the end of March 2025, the system generated 2,816 kWh of clean energy - reducing our carbon emissions by 2.8 tonnes. That's the equivalent of saving 1.12 tonnes of coal.

We've also partnered with our long-standing supporters at Finnebrogue, whose sustainability team is helping us benchmark our practices and identify opportunities for continuous improvement. To lower our carbon footprint, we've embraced a hybrid working model that encourages remote work and virtual meetings, significantly cutting down on travel-related emissions. When travel is necessary, we promote carpooling and the use of public transport among staff.

We continue to reduce paper usage by digitising records, encouraging electronic communications, and using digital platforms for marketing and fundraising. Supporters are encouraged to donate online, and we're transitioning toward a paperless office environment wherever possible. Recycling is promoted across all our facilities.

Our herb garden at Daisy Lodge is a small but powerful example of sustainability in action. It provides fresh, organic produce for families staying with us and serves as a hands-on learning space for staff and volunteers to explore sustainable gardening practices.

We're excited to build on this momentum. Future plans include expanding our investment in renewable energy and exploring innovative ways to further reduce our environmental impact. Sustainability is not just a goal - it's a guiding principle that shapes how we operate and how we inspire others to join us in creating a healthier, more sustainable world.

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Financial Review

Results for the Year

The Cancer Fund for Children Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 29 of the audited accounts. Total income of £3,417,751 (2024 - £3,699,632) and total expenditure of £3,766,406 (2024 - £3,534,748). The Charity therefore generated a negative financial outcome for the year with a deficit of (£358,655) (2024 – surplus £214,884).

Total reserves of £3,286,094 at 31 March 2025 falls into two categories:

1) **Restricted funds**

Of the available resources, £34,060 (2024 – £30,111) 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.

2) **Unrestricted funds**

Of the available resources, £3,252,034 (2024 - £3,614,638) 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. the policy will be to hold 3 months operating costs in reserve.

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 across the island of 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. 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.

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Investing in Our People: At Cancer Fund for Children, 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 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, 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 —the expansion of therapeutic services across Ireland.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

To ensure the Articles remain current and aligned with the governance of our sister charity in Ireland, the Trustees have appointed Pinsent Masons to undertake a review. This review is scheduled for completion in Q1 of the 2025–2026 financial year.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

Cancer Fund for Children is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are all volunteers. The directors of Cancer Fund for Children are also directors of Cancer Fund for Children 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)

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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)

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
Board Members	Attended (Eligible)	Attended (Eligible) 5	Attended (Eligible) 3	Attended (Eligible) 3	Attended (Eligible) 2	Attended (Eligible) 4	Attended (Eligible) 3
Peter O'Brien (Chairperson)	6(6)		3(3)			4(4)	3(3)
Gerard Halpenny (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)			
ELT							
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)			

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 and 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's activities expose it to several 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:

Risk No.	Risk Type	Risk Heading
Risk 1	Financial Risk	Failure to ensure the financial stability of the organisation
Risk 2	Operational/Financial/Environmental and External Risk	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 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 programme 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 continues to safeguard our mission and protect the communities we serve.

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Risk Culture

Cancer Fund for Children 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 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.

Cancer Fund for Children is proud to have formally adopted the Irish Charities Governance Code to ensure consistency with our sister charity, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland.

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 Irish 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 works to ensure compliance with The Charities Commission for Northern 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.

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Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Public Benefit

Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102).
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with:

- The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, and
- the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements of both the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, and to prepare financial statements in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) as adopted in both jurisdictions.

The trustees are also responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity's website and for compliance with legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements in the UK and Ireland.

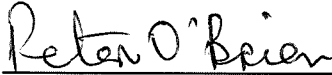
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Statement of Disclosure of Auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

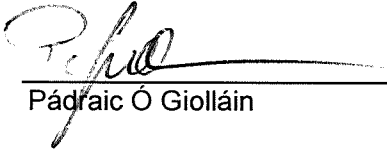
-There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
-the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 17th November 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Peter O'Brien

Chairperson



Pádraic Ó Giolláin

Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Cancer Fund for Children (“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 notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion:

- give a true and fair view on the state of the charitable company’s affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure for the year then ended.
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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 charity’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.

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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent

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with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the Directors' Report for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements, and
- the Directors' Report included within – The Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees' who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose 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 charity'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 (UK) 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.

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Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Charity.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 school's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

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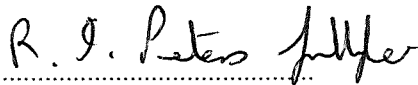
- We test the completeness of income to address the risk of fraud in revenue recognition.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner 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 findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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 auditors' 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.



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Dr. R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 28/11/2025
Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
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THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

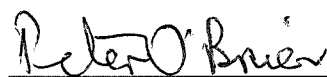
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024 Restated
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments					
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>					
Donations & legacies	3	2,304,879	-	2,304,879	1,946,062
Activities for generating funds	4	146,371	-	146,371	263,692
Income from investments	5	8,694	-	8,694	9,478
Income from charitable activities	6	-	645,480	645,480	1,141,450
Other income	7	487,077	-	487,077	338,950
Total income and endowments		2,947,021	645,480	3,592,501	3,699,632
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds	10	1,081,850	-	1,081,850	1,036,150
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>					
Daisy Lodge	11	1,301,426	189,327	1,490,753	1,153,783
Services	12	861,012	463,780	1,324,792	1,285,928
Governance costs	13	53,761	-	53,761	58,887
Total Expenditure		3,298,049	653,107	3,951,156	3,534,748
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(351,028)	(7,627)	(358,655)	164,884
Transfer between funds	25	(11,576)	11,576	-	-
Other recognised gains					
Gain on write down of loan	25	-	-	-	50,000
Net movement in funds		(362,604)	3,949	(358,655)	214,884
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2024		3,692,826	30,111	3,722,937	3,429,865
Prior year adjustment		(78,188)	-	(78,188)	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2024 (Restated)		3,614,638	30,111	3,644,749	3,429,865
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2025	26	3,252,034	34,060	3,286,094	3,644,749

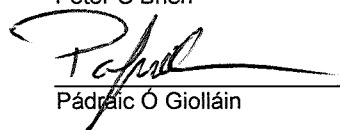
There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.
The notes on pages 42 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025	2024 Restated
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	3,095,007	3,135,607
Current assets			
Stocks		-	2,447
Debtors	15	48,802	520,762
Cash at bank and in hand	16	918,285	788,409
		<u>967,087</u>	<u>1,311,618</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(276,000)	(302,476)
Net current assets		<u>691,087</u>	<u>1,009,142</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		3,786,094	4,144,749
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(500,000)	(500,000)
Net assets		<u>3,286,094</u>	<u>3,644,749</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		3,252,034	3,614,638
Restricted funds		34,060	30,111
Total funds	26	<u>3,286,094</u>	<u>3,644,749</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17th November 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:


Peter O'Brien Chairperson


Pádraic Ó Giolláin Treasurer 28/11/25

The notes on pages 42 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	29		194,350		(45,439)
Interest paid			<u>(2)</u>		<u>(31,602)</u>
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities			194,348		(77,041)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(73,166)		(12,364)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		-	
Interest received		8,694		9,478	
Net cash generated/(used) in investing activities			<u>(64,472)</u>		<u>(2,886)</u>
Financing activities					
Repayment of loans		<u>-</u>		<u>(446,478)</u>	
Net cash used in financing activities			-		(446,478)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			<u>129,876</u>		<u>(526,405)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of			<u>788,409</u>		<u>1,314,814</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u><u>918,285</u></u>		<u><u>788,409</u></u>
Relating to:					
Bank balances			918,285		788,409

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. General Information

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. Its Companies Registration Number is NI 049930. The registered office is Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED.

The Cancer Fund for Children is a public benefit entity. The objectives of the Cancer Fund for Children are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by HMRC (Charity tax number XR 29768) and is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number NIC100532). 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

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard which applies in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.

Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure (see note 15).

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified to expenditure categories on a direct basis where appropriate or allocated in line with managerial and budgetary responsibilities on a number of bases.

Expenditure on raising funds include the costs of events, advertising, producing publications, printing and mailing fundraising material, and staff costs in these areas.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to expenditure incurred on activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include the staffing and associated costs of administering and managing the operational management of the charity.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historic cost, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Land	- not depreciated
Buildings	- 2% straight line
Furniture & Equipment	- 20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 20% straight line

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.

Foreign currency

The functional currency of the Cancer Fund for Children is sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are considered in arriving at the net movement in funds.

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2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

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 subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictions are binding upon the charity.

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.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The Company 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.

Taxation status

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status by the HMRC, charity tax number XR 29768.

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3. Donations & legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Community & Clubs	289,631	-	289,631	278,667
Corporate	713,753	-	713,753	508,148
General Donations	15,713	-	15,713	13,405
Donor Development – incl. Payroll giving	215,893	-	215,893	325,208
Families	125,474	-	125,474	206,499
Major Donors	267,295	-	267,295	66,100
South Down Regional Fundraising	183,249	-	183,249	197,819
Schools & Youth	127,956	-	127,956	148,641
Gifts in Kind	174,750	-	174,750	151,473
Gift Aid	186,245	-	186,245	48,002
Commercial Income	4,920	-	4,920	2,100
	<u>2,304,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,304,879</u>	<u>1,946,062</u>

4. Income from activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Slieve Donard	-	-	-	-
Marathons	39,623	-	39,623	24,806
Skydive/Abseil	1,731	-	1,731	36,358
Fundraising Events	7,858	-	7,858	85,179
Santa Clause	21,631	-	21,631	15,581
Treks	-	-	-	15,705
Bog Run	75,528	-	75,528	86,063
	<u>146,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,371</u>	<u>263,692</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>8,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,694</u>	<u>9,478</u>

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6. Income from charitable activities	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Rise	-	106,216	106,216	130,640
Big Lottery DL	-	-	-	121,235
Young Lives V Cancer (Clic Sargent)	-	(11,576)	(11,576)	28,941
Community Foundation NI	-	-	-	349,123
House of Vic Lyn	-	-	-	10,000
McClay Foundation	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Rank Foundation	-	17,222	17,222	29,615
St James Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Big Lottery – Dormant Funds	-	36,461	36,461	12,146
Alan Nappin	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Ulster Garden Villages	-	-	-	70,000
Ardbarron Trust	-	9,000	9,000	-
Big Lottery – Resilient Families	-	91,422	91,422	-
Department for Communities	-	5,037	5,037	-
Eoin Henry Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-
SHSCT	-	13,948	13,948	-
Other Trusts & Foundations	-	244,750	244,750	259,750
	-	645,480	645,480	1,141,450

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Recharges from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	393,072	-	393,072	195,868
Donations from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	-	-	-	130,200
DFC- Access to Work	5,037	-	5,037	12,882
Government CJRS	-	-	-	-
Insurance Claim Receipt	88,498	-	88,498	-
Project Income	470	-	470	-
	487,077	-	487,077	338,950

8. Net Movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	113,766	109,795
Employer pension costs	172,915	152,246
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	8,250	7,200

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9. Support costs

Within total expenditure, support costs are as follows:

	Fundraising Activities	Daisy Lodge	Community Services	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Finance Operations	52,852	73,533	78,129	204,514	137,367
IT & Facilities	86,742	120,685	128,228	335,655	373,273
Human Resources	45,198	62,884	66,814	174,896	168,066
Leadership	86,713	120,644	128,184	335,541	321,896
	<u>271,505</u>	<u>377,746</u>	<u>401,355</u>	<u>1,050,606</u>	<u>1,000,602</u>

Support costs are not directly attributable to any single activity but provide the organisational infrastructure that enables the charitable activities to take place. Such costs are therefore apportioned to the activity cost categories above. Support costs have been apportioned according to the number of staff in each area.

10. Expenditure on income generation

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	582,408	-	582,408	583,855
FR Expenditure	65,427	-	65,427	84,030
Legal & Professional	9,754	-	9,754	-
Marketing & Events	68,916	-	68,916	46,956
PR & Brand	24,093	-	24,093	28,208
Premises & Office Expenses	11,776	-	11,776	13,685
Service Provision	1,744	-	1,744	-
Staff & Volunteer Expenses	21,433	-	21,433	3,588
Technology Expenses	17,637	-	17,637	35,684
Other Costs	7,157	-	7,157	-
Allocation of Support Costs	271,505	-	271,505	240,144
	<u>1,081,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,081,850</u>	<u>1,036,150</u>

11. Expenditure on charitable activities: Daisy Lodge

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	432,881	189,327	622,208	451,558
Marketing & Events	600	-	600	-
PR & Brand	2,877	-	2,877	-
Premises & Office Expenses	343,358	-	343,358	196,811
Service Provision	42,339	-	42,339	5,340
Staff & Volunteer Expenses	7,668	-	7,668	4,837
Technology Expenses	11,707	-	11,707	-
Other Costs	1,155	-	1,155	2,199
Depreciation Costs	81,095	-	81,095	82,792
Allocation of Support Costs	377,746	-	377,746	410,246
	<u>1,301,426</u>	<u>189,327</u>	<u>1,490,753</u>	<u>1,153,783</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities: Services

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	231,892	463,780	695,672	758,250
FR Expenditure	1,818	-	1,818	-
Legal & Professional	11,889	-	11,889	-
Marketing & Events	-	-	-	-
PR & Brand	16,212	-	16,212	29,577
Premises & Office Expenses	1,172	-	1,172	-
Service Provision	90,683	-	90,683	66,373
Staff & Volunteer Expenses	51,000	-	51,000	67,456
Technology Expenses	45,887	-	45,887	-
Other Costs	1,640	-	1,640	7,474
Depreciation Costs	7,464	-	7,464	6,588
Allocation of Support Costs	401,355	-	401,355	350,210
	<u>861,012</u>	<u>463,780</u>	<u>1,324,792</u>	<u>1,285,928</u>

13. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	43,134	-	43,134	48,243
Employer pension contributions	3,451	-	3,451	3,444
Auditors' remuneration	7,176	-	7,176	7,200
	<u>53,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,761</u>	<u>58,887</u>

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings	Furniture & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	3,985,104	616,851	68,673	4,670,628
Additions	-	73,166	-	73,166
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,985,104</u>	<u>690,017</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>4,743,794</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	918,332	548,016	68,673	1,535,021
Charge for year	79,445	34,321	-	113,766
At 31 March 2025	<u>997,777</u>	<u>582,337</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>1,648,787</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,987,327</u>	<u>107,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,095,007</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,066,772</u>	<u>68,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,135,607</u>

15. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued income	9,722	157,798
Accounts receivable	-	18,024
Prepayments	20,277	12,884
Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) (note 30)	18,803	332,056
	<u>48,802</u>	<u>520,762</u>

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16. Cash at bank, on deposit and in hand	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and hand	918,285	788,409
	<u>918,285</u>	<u>788,409</u>
17. Creditors amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans	-	-
Trade creditors	22,560	9,106
Other loans	50,000	50,000
Other tax and social security	49,293	48,478
Other creditors and accruals	70,087	106,570
Deferred income	84,060	88,322
	<u>276,000</u>	<u>302,476</u>
18. Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	500,000	500,000
Bank loans	-	-
	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Analysis of maturity of debt:		
Within one year or on demand	50,000	50,000
Between two and five years	200,000	200,000
After five years	300,000	300,000
	<u>550,000</u>	<u>550,000</u>
19. Staff costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,215,393	2,050,193
Employer's National Insurance	173,328	182,875
Employer's pension costs	172,864	143,731
	<u>2,561,585</u>	<u>2,376,799</u>

There was one employee with emoluments between £60,000 and £69,999 (2024: 1), one between £70,000 and £79,999 (2024: 1).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the executive leadership team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £267,765 (2024: £296,323).

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The average monthly number of employees for the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Full Time No.	Full Time No.
Daisy Lodge	11	12
Income generation	16	11
Services	21	22
Governance and support	15	14
	<u>63</u>	<u>59</u>
	Part Time No.	Part Time No.
Daisy Lodge	13	11
Income generation	5	2
Services	7	8
Governance and support	1	1
	<u>26</u>	<u>22</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	-	3,775
Within two to five years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,775</u>

21. Taxation

No corporation tax was provided for in 2025 because the income of the charity was within the exemption granted by Sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act (CTA 2010).

22. Trustees remuneration

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024: £NIL). During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024: £NIL).

23. Company limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

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24. Gifts in Kind

Income category:	Source	SOFA	Balance Sheet	Total
		£	£	£
Gifts in kind	The Odyssey Trust	28,435		28,435
Gifts in kind	H&J Martin	23,125		23,125
Gifts in kind	Microsoft	15,229		15,229
Gifts in kind	Premier Electrical	12,000		12,000
Gifts in kind	Carbrooke Meats	11,000		11,000
Gifts in kind	Michael Johnston	10,000		10,000
Gifts in kind	Nitec	5,900		5,900
Gifts in kind	Advanced Overwatch	5,876		5,876
Gifts in kind	Café Mauds	5,200		5,200
Gifts in kind	Hovis	4,200		4,200
Gifts in kind	Morrelli Ice Cream	4,000		4,000
Gifts in kind	Kingspan	3,783		3,783
Gifts in kind	Slieve Donard	3,500		3,500
Gifts in kind	Burrendale Hotel	3,500		3,500
Gifts in kind	HP	3,229		3,229
Gifts in kind	Mount Panther	3,197		3,197
Gifts in kind	Seaforde Gardens & Tropic	3,085		3,085
Gifts in kind	Sean Kelly	2,880		2,880
Gifts in kind	McPolin	2,600		2,600
Gifts in kind	Finnebrogue	2,500		2,500
Gifts in kind	Ristretto Coffee	2,000		2,000
Gifts in kind	O'Brien Ingredients	2,000		2,000
Gifts in kind	George Dineley	1,760		1,760
Gifts in kind	Fresh Food Centre	1,600		1,600
Gifts in kind	Cocos Children Adventure	1,200		1,200
Gifts in kind	Ardmore	1,100		1,100
Gifts in kind	Tollymore Forest Park	1,100		1,100
Gifts in kind	Premier Laundry	1,025		1,025
Gifts in kind	Rice Office Supplies	1,021		1,021
Gifts in kind	Richard Dorman	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Sea Source	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Hendersons	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	John O'Hare	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Stryker	900		900
Gifts in kind	Greenwood School	880		880
Gifts in kind	Frances Stewart	768		768
Gifts in kind	McHoovers	567		567
Gifts in kind	KM Hygiene	518		518
Gifts in kind	Add a Little Sparkle	400		400
Gifts in kind	Fibrus	162		162
Gifts in kind	New Life City Church	100		100
Gifts in kind	Gilnahirk Tyres	100		100
Gifts in kind	Sheep Island View Hostel	90		90
Gifts in kind	CIP Insurance	80		80
Gifts in kind	Dundrum Picture Framing	65		65
Gifts in kind	KCC	40		39
Gifts in kind	Johnstone's paint	36		36
		174,751		174,750

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24. Gifts in Kind cont'd

Expense category	Subcategory	2025	2024
Repairs and Maintenance - Buildings	IT & Facilities	5,876	-
Water Charges	Daisy Lodge	3,783	-
Garden Maintenance – Project	Daisy Lodge	1,000	-
Repairs & Maintenance - Buildings	Daisy Lodge	14,668	-
Mini-Bus Costs	Services – Community	180	-
Cleaning, Hygiene, Laundry, Uniforms	IT & Facilities	4,699	-
Programme Costs	Services – Youth Engage	240	-
Programme Costs	Services – Community	30,415	-
IT Hardware & Equipment under £500/€500	IT & Facilities	3,229	-
IT Software & Subscriptions	IT & Facilities	21,292	94,855
Repairs & Maintenance - Equipment	Daisy Lodge	4,513	8,557
Equipment (Non-IT)	Daisy Lodge	10,000	-
Programme Costs	Daisy Lodge	22,781	-
Cleaning, Hygiene, Laundry, Uniforms	Daisy Lodge	18,795	11,904
Food & Provisions - Services	Daisy Lodge	33,280	36,157
		174,751	151,473

25. Statement of funds 2025

	At 31 March 2024				Other gains	At 31 March 2025
	Restated	Income	Expenditure	Transfers		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserve	3,614,638	2,947,021	3,298,049	(11,576)	-	3,252,034
Restricted reserve						
CFNI	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alan Nappin	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Other Trusts & Charitable Foundations	-	244,750	244,750	-	-	-
Rank	30,111	17,222	47,333	-	-	-
Young Lives V Cancer (Clic Sargent)	-	(11,576)	-	11,576	-	-
Ardbarron Trust	-	9,000	9,000	-	-	-
The McClay Foundation	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Dormant Funds	-	36,461	10,712	-	-	25,749
Big Lottery – Rise	-	106,216	106,216	-	-	-
St James Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-
Big Lottery Fund – Resilient Families	-	91,422	83,111	-	-	8,311
SHSCT	-	13,948	13,948	-	-	-
Eoin Henry Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-
Department for Communities	-	5,037	5,037	-	-	-
	30,111	645,480	653,107	11,576	-	34,060
Total funds	3,644,749	3,417,751	3,776,406	-	-	3,286,094

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26. Analysis of assets between funds

	Fixed assets	Current assets/ liabilities	Creditors > 1year	Total £
	£	£	£	
Unrestricted reserve	3,095,007	657,027	(500,000)	3,252,034
Restricted reserve	-	34,060	-	34,060
	<u>3,095,007</u>	<u>691,087</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>3,286,094</u>

27. Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at the year-end (2024: £NIL).

28. Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £ Restated
Net income	(358,655)	214,884
Adjustments for:		
Finance costs	2	31,602
Investment income	(8,694)	(9,478)
Depreciation net of disposal	113,766	109,795
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	2,447	-
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	471,960	(201,679)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(26,476)	(190,563)
Cash generated from operations	<u>194,350</u>	<u>(45,439)</u>

29. Related Party Transactions

Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) 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 £393,072 (2024: £195,868). Invoices and expenses were paid in 2024/25 by CFFC NI for CFFC ROI of £20,003 (2024: £166,003).

During the year CFFC ROI made a charitable donation to CFFC NI of £Nil (2024: £130,200).

Balances at year end represent amounts payable from CFFC ROI. At the year end the following amounts were outstanding:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI)	18,803	332,056
	<u>18,803</u>	<u>332,056</u>

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30: Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

31: Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 17th November 2025

32: Prior year restatement

An adjustment has been made to the prior year figures to reverse £78,188 of income which was accrued in error at 31 March 2024. The effect of this adjustment is to decrease income and the surplus for the prior year by £78,188 and to decrease accrued income and unrestricted reserves brought forward by the same amount.

33: Statement of Financial Activities 2024 Restated

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 Restated £
Income and Endowments				
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>				
Donations & legacies	3	1,946,062	-	1,946,062
Activities for generating funds	4	263,692	-	263,692
Income from investments	5	9,478	-	9,478
Income from charitable activities	6	9,000	1,132,450	1,141,450
Other income	7	338,950	-	338,950
Total income and endowments		2,567,182	1,132,450	3,669,632
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds	10	1,036,150	-	1,036,150
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>				
Daisy Lodge	11	576,946	576,837	1,153,783
Services	12	646,769	639,159	1,285,928
Governance costs	13	58,887	-	58,887
Total Expenditure		2,318,752	1,215,996	3,534,748
Net Income/(Expenditure)		248,430	(83,546)	134,884
Transfer between funds		(78,188)	78,188	-
Other recognised gains				
Gain on write down of loan		50,000	-	50,000
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2023		3,394,396	35,469	3,429,865
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2024		3,614,638	30,111	3,644,749

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THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Trustees/Directors as at 27th November 2024

Gerard Halpenny
Cormac Owens
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter O'Brien
Peter Shields
Dr. Robert Johnston
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)
Alice Nugent (appointed 15 January 2024)
Rory Best (appointed 15 January 2024)
Nuala Reid (appointed 8 April 2024)
Jennifer Skeggs (appointed 8 April 2024)
Caroline McGroary (appointed 8 April 2024)
Donal O'Shaughnessy (resigned 27 October 2023)
Michelle Hatfield (resigned 27 October 2023)
Joan Ballantine (resigned 13 February 2024)

Directors are appointed in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Chairperson

Peter O'Brien

Treasurer

Pádraic Ó Giolláin

Company Secretary

Gerry Halpenny

Chief Executive

Phil Alexander

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Auditors

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Chairperson Statement

We are delighted to present the 2023-24 Annual Report of the Cancer Fund for Children. It was a very special year for the charity as we continued to deliver on our mission that no children should face cancer alone.

We delivered supported a record number of children and their families. We supported a total number of 829 individual families and received 315 new family referrals during the year. 517 families availed of a short break at Daisy Lodge Newcastle. Sadly, there were 66 deaths of family members during the year, and we continue to support these families in coming to terms with this unimaginable grief.

We put a huge emphasis on listening to children and young people and ensure their voice is at the heart of our organisation. Children have an important role to play in advocating for their peers and championing change across cancer services. They are represented on our services committee and are routinely involved in key decision making which help to shape the services we provide.

Three of our Youth Ambassadors met with Secretary of State, Chris Heaton Harris at Daisy Lodge and it was a joy to see how they articulated the work of Cancer Fund for Children and advocated for new funding to further enhance how we support young people and their families.

Cancer Fund for Children continued to support the endeavours of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland, its sister company in the development of services on an island wide basis through its administrative and management support. A hospital and community team are now operational in every county throughout the island alongside an active fundraising team. The development and construction of a second Daisy Lodge will also commence in late 2024.

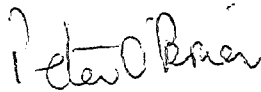
We are so grateful to our volunteers, community and corporate partners who have walked, jumped, ran, cycled, dived, read and sang for us throughout the year in support all children and families impacted by cancer. We continue to develop a funding strategy that ensures the organisation is sustainable and responsive to the changing needs of our children and families.

We continue to focus on governance and ensure that this organisation is run to the highest standards. We carried out a Board skills audit to help us in recruiting new Trustees. We have put in place enhanced Sub Committees which support the Board in appropriate oversight of our services and the money we spend.

Finally, thank you to our amazing team who come to work every day with a passion to support our children and their families. It is very special to see this level of care and attention and it is reflected in the amazing feedback we receive about so many of our staff. What each of you does makes such a difference. Thank you!

Peter O'Brien

Chairperson



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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 2024. 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

The Company is established for the relief of need by reason of ill-health amongst children, and the families of children, anywhere in the world, who are adversely affected by cancer through the provision of practical, social and emotional support insofar as is charitable under the law of Northern Ireland and in particular:

Objectives

To provide support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) for all children and young people (0-24 years) diagnosed with cancer, their siblings (0-24 years) and those children and young people (0-24 years) who have a parent or other

1. primary carer diagnosed with cancer alongside their families throughout Northern Ireland & Ireland; with a view to reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and equipping individuals to cope better with the impact of a cancer diagnosis, alongside improving family relationships, reducing stress and anxiety and promoting independence.
2. To provide families dealing with a cancer diagnosis, a palliative/terminal cancer diagnosis, or families bereaved through cancer with relief, care, and support through a range of facilities including our Therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge and residential centre, Narnia. Therapeutic breaks promote rest and relaxation, teamed with unique psychosocial support specifically tailored to each family. They are designed to improve wellbeing, build precious memories, and facilitate families spending quality time together.
3. To provide time sensitive and age-appropriate support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) to children and young people who are dying as a result of cancer, their siblings and those children and young people who have a parent dying from cancer, offering continuity of care through ongoing bereavement support to each family.
4. To provide a range of opportunities for children, young people, and parents/primary carers impacted by cancer to meet one another and share experiences.
5. To provide safe spaces where children, young people and families can talk openly about the impact that cancer has on their lives, and work with them at a local, regional and national level to advocate and lobby for improvements in cancer care and support.
6. To raise public awareness of the impact of childhood cancer and the impact of a parental cancer diagnosis on a child or young person.

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Vision and Mission

Our vision is that no child should face cancer alone. Our mission is to connect, empower, and strengthen children and families so they are better equipped to deal with the emotional impact of cancer:

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

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

Our Values

We connect our people by:

- Bringing them together and building relationships
- Working collaboratively towards a shared vision
- Ensuring that individual views and expectations are valued and respected

We empower our people:

- To be confident in their work and courageous in their approach
- To be open to new ideas and ways of working
- To seek to improve everything we do
- To take responsibility

We strengthen our people by:

- Investing in their development and wellbeing
- Building on their unique skills, expertise and experience
- Valuing every individual
- Working together as a team

Our Organisational Priorities over the next five years:

1. We will continue to offer support to children diagnosed with cancer (0-24 years old) alongside their families.
2. We will continue to offer support to children who have a parent diagnosed with cancer in NI (0-18 years old).
3. We will continue to offer short breaks to families from Ireland in Daisy Lodge, Co. Down.
4. We will develop a range of service that support children diagnosed with cancer (aged 0-24 years old) and their families in the hospital and community setting throughout Ireland.
5. We will build a second Daisy Lodge in Co. Mayo and ensure it is supported with a sustainable fundraising programme.
6. We will ensure the voices of children and young people are at the heart of Cancer Fund for Children. Children have an important role to play in advocating for their peers and championing change across cancer services.

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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.

Review of Strategy 2021-2025

At the end of 2023, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) undertook a review of the 2021-26 Strategy. As part of the review, ELT completed a SWOT analysis, assessed progress, and revised objectives considering the evolving nature of Cancer Fund for Children.

Several key areas were identified that would ensure Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Cancer Fund for Children Strategic Pillars					
Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4	Pillar 5	Pillar 6
Services Development	Engagement	Funding	Awareness	People	Governance
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.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Services Development

The year 2023/24 has been one of major significance, growth, change and development across services in N. Ireland.

Over the past two years we have developed a range of services to better meet the needs of children, young people and their wider families. This has included enhanced support for families attending short breaks at Daisy Lodge with quicker access for those who are at end of life or with a palliative diagnosis and ongoing follow up where needed.

We have developed new and enhanced services for parents both in the community and at Daisy Lodge, with dedicated 1:1 support and groupwork on offer, as well as ongoing peer connection opportunities. We have sought to do the same for those that are bereaved as a result of cancer and have further developed our groupwork programmes for young people and launched a unique video which highlights this specific area of our support.

We have also developed our service offer to teenagers and young adults during their time in Hospital.

This year was about learning from our experience, seeking to bring more clarity to our work, how we deliver it and how we best manage the resource we have whilst maximising the impact it has for young people and their families.

We are acutely aware that one of the key and unique aspects of our service is in our holistic and wide-reaching support. Whether young people or parents are requiring support at home, in the community, at hospital or through a stay at Daisy lodge or Narnia, our support exists to meet this need and for some they will need all aspects.

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 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 charity we are well connected across the cancer sector, we have been a founding member of the newly established Cancer Coalition in N. Ireland, as well as an active member of the TYA Service in NI.

We are actively involved in a partnership initiative led by Marie Curie and other representatives in seeking to improve the support offered to bereaved young people within school settings and have recently joined the NI Bereavement Network Children and Young people's sub group in the goal of the development of a 'Bereavement Charter' for NI.

Ensuring children and young people are at the heart of our organization/service continues to be a firm commitment and we have developed our youth engagement team to help us in meeting this obligation and vision.

Overall, our support meets children, young people and families 'where they are' and with sensitivity, warmth, compassion and flexibility. It is focused on building connections, relationships, trust and rapport as we strive to ensure that we can provide the support needed.

Our staff and volunteer team are the most valuable resource and this year they have brought an exceptional amount of compassion, commitment, hard work and creativity to managing the demand for support, in meeting the complex needs of young people and families and in working together as a collective service to multiple our holistic support.

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Hospital Based Support

Our work with teenagers and young adults in hospitals across Northern Ireland took a major step forward this year. We now have two Youth Support Workers providing support in all hospitals in N. Ireland where adolescents and young adults (AYA's) are being treated for cancer. We provide much needed age-specific support during their stay in hospital, and have introduced monthly groupwork programme, as well as a short break to enable young adults to meet with others. We do this working alongside our charity partners.

Supporting Young People and Parents in the Community

Our support in the community takes place on a one to one/individual basis, when and where children, young people and parents most need it. It is person centred, informal, therapeutic support, e.g. providing a space for children/young people/parents to feel comfortable, to develop a trusting relationship, to better understand the emotional impact of cancer and to develop better ways to cope going forward. This flexible approach helps us ensure that the support is based on the needs, interest and learning style of the individual.

We also recognise the power and value of peer support and connection. This year we have run a range of groupwork programmes for young people of all ages. We have also run a range of programmes for both young people and parents who have been bereaved through cancer, as well as monthly coffee morning. We have also introduced monthly coffee morning for parents and their partners with cancer and parents who have a child with cancer.

Our Carefree Choir continues to meet fortnightly and have grown in size to around 55 regular attendees.

Finally, our team have worked alongside a range of other organisations, partners and supporters to run a wide number of diverse events: e.g. family summer event at the Jungle NI, Family Christmas event at W5 and multiple opportunities with the Belfast Giants.

Support in the community in numbers:

Initial Visit and assessment	436
Individual support sessions with young people	686
Parental support sessions	179
Family support sessions	208
Residential runs at Narnia/Daisy Lodge	23 (144 Participants)
Number of day/evening events for young people	17 (89 Participants)
Key Community Events	6 (851 Participants)
Coffee Mornings for those bereaved of a partner	9 (39 Participants)
Parents with cancer/parents of diagnosed children	12 (65 Participants)
Bereavement boxes given out this year	40
Hospital Based support sessions across NI	596

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Feedback

"Our son absolutely loved his time with his Cancer Support Specialist, he especially enjoyed the residential. They have been a support to both us as parents and our son, providing valuable advice and during this very challenging period in our lives. I think our son will be better prepared for the future. Thank you."

"I can't express enough how grateful we are our Cancer Support Specialist. My child looked forward to every session with him. Don't underestimate the mixed emotions that the children will be feeling and the benefits of being able to express them in a safe environment with professional support."

"It gave me an outlet to talk about what was going on in my family when it wasn't being done at home. Being able to come to terms with my own anxiety and learn to allow myself to work through those issues before it harms my mental and physical state. My Cancer Support Specialist has done an amazing job in supporting myself and members of my family in coming to terms with the impact cancer is having in our family. Being there whenever you needed her to help, it has made a real and lasting impact on our family."

Supporting families through therapeutic short breaks – Daisy Lodge

The true impact of our work can be measured by the family responses we receive on their experiences of our short breaks. Families are clear on the benefits, the opportunities to connect with not only their own families, but in connecting with others in similar situations. They also highlight their gratitude and appreciation for the staff, the setting and services offered whilst staying with us. Leaving feeling more relaxed, often more connected and with a greater sense energy for what may lay ahead.

As we enter our 10th Anniversary year we have provided a total of 3868 families that have benefited from a therapeutic short break in Daisy Lodge during this time. This year we have supported 517 families through short breaks, the most we have supported across our 10 years.

Daisy Lodge has provided families with a vital opportunity to be together in a dedicated supportive space, providing at times an escape from the challenges of cancer and at times the space to deal directly with it, to have challenging conversations and plan for the future.

Number of family breaks	517
Total Occupants	1906
Number of H&WB overnights	19
Number of DL CSS workshop sessions	1162
Number of CT therapies delivered	1326
Meals provided	15248

A short summary of the feedback comments from the 517 families who stayed at Daisy Lodge on a therapeutic short break during the year of 2023/24

In analysis we received 100% feedback from these families staying on a therapeutic short break and here are the short summary points: here are the key findings:

- 90% of families felt more hopeful about their future following their short break.
- 95% felt better able to manage their family situation.
- 96% of families stated time together has strengthened their relationship as a family
- 91% Developed their connection as a family
- 97% combined feedback figure for all our Hospitality Services, including catering, diet and experience on offer at Daisy Lodge.

Feedback on Short Breaks

"Our break was the perfect balance of family time and group activities. Sometimes it's hard to include yourself in the 'cancer world' but I can't recommend this facility enough. At no point do you feel defined by a diagnosis. It's all joy and light-hearted fun."

"Daisy Lodge has given us the space and opportunity to finally spend time together as a family. We haven't had to worry about visitors or hospital trips - it has given us a sense of normality."

"Keep up the fabulous work and hospitality. It is so uplifting to see such goodness on offer at Daisy Lodge by the entire team to us as a family coping with childhood cancer in our family."

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Youth Engagement

One of our strategic pillars within the charity is our commitment and willingness to be a strong and active voice for young people. The role of our youth engagement team is to drive this ambition and to ensure that where possible the voice of young people is at the heart of the charity and is best placed to influence policy and practice in relation to young people and the impact of cancer on their lives.

Youth engagement activity in numbers:

- Community Days: 49
- Residential: 2
- Individual sessions: 60
- Events attended/organised: 11
- Training sessions completed: 10 (*teamwork, advocacy and representing others, leadership, recruitment & selection, events planning, presentation skills and Young Ambassador training*)

This year young people involved in our youth engagement groups, completed training in 'recruitment and selection' and this year have now begun to form part of our interview panels. (young people were on interview panels for 4 roles in this year)

Three of our young ambassadors hosted a visit with the NI Secretary of State in Daisy Lodge in June 2023, sharing their own personal stories of being impacted by cancer, the support offered by CFFC and their own reasons for becoming young ambassadors.

Feedback from the Secretary of state and the NIO: *"The NIO has done quite a lot of events and engagements this year involving a number of young advocates from a variety of backgrounds and issues, some related to integrated education, young voices in politics, the Belfast Good Friday Agreement anniversary among other things and your young ambassadors were as good as any I have ever listened to."*

Service Highlight

This year Cancer Fund for Children have been worked in partnership with Parenting NI to better understand the unique experiences of Parents & Anxiety. Parents who use CFFC services were recruited and participated in focus groups, 1:1 interviews and online questionnaires, all with a view to gain more insight and the needs of parents. The Research report launch took place in Belfast Castle on 8 June 2023. The report can be found on our website:

https://cancerfundforchildren.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Parental-Anxiety-Report_web.pdf

Members of our team spent quality time with a group of bereaved young people and captured a video of the support received here at CFFC. 'Say their name' has become the name of our bereaved groupwork for young people. Link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBkQQZ74Sio&t=151s>

The community team worked closely with the Daisy Lodge team to host our first Grief Retreat in Daisy Lodge for 15 parents whose partner have died. This was a space where these individuals could come together to talk about their loved one and to reflect on and explore their own journey with grief, with others who are walking a similar path.

The range of groupwork that has happened over the last year has enabled us to be as creative and responsive as possible in meeting the needs of young people and parents alike. These opportunities provide unique experiences of connection, as well as opportunities to learn from others.

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Fundraising

2023/24 was another year of incredible support from our valued supporters, partners and funders. Our work is not possible without the generous support from the public who, together with us, are helping to ensure that no child faces cancer alone.

Throughout 2023/24 the local community throughout Northern Ireland has gone above and beyond to help support children impacted by cancer. We have had so many different types of fundraising events from marathons all over the world, skydives, football tournaments and tractor run to Golf days, Cycles, Coffee mornings and Mountain climbs.

Partnerships with the Irish Football Association, Down GAA, Shine Productions and the Belfast Giants not only continue to raise a great amount of funds but also helped promote the work and raise awareness of Cancer Fund for Children. Our partnership with Boys Brigade NI raised an incredible £21,430 through organisations across Northern Ireland.

We would like to commend our support groups in South Belfast, Armagh, Newtownards and Causeway who have continued raise vital funds and awareness, giving their time so generously.

It's been another busy year for our family fundraising who not only take part in our core events – marathons, bog run, skydive and abseils, but also add their own creativity to organise their own events in their communities. These inspiring families have been impacted by cancer and have been supported through our services. Their events in the past year included a Gala Ball, coffee mornings, a fishing competition, cycle challenges, a dog show, tractor runs, fun days, head shaves, walking and running challenges and even a spectacular Strictly come dancing event.

Over the last year we have received support from over 150 schools and youth organisations across Northern Ireland. This has included participation in our core schools' events, i.e. Hats & Shades, Santa

Cause (Presents for Pounds, Jumper Day) and ReadOn, as well as schools creating and delivering their own activities. ReadOn continues to be one of our most popular events and has raised £73,469 in the last year.

In 2023/24, the key highlight in our events and campaigns portfolio was our annual Bog Run event. Our team hosted the 7th Bog Run in Castlewellan Forest Park, Co. Down in October 2023. Selling out for the 2nd year in a row, the 2023 event was also our biggest to date with just under 700 people taking part in the boggiest 5k around and raising over £100,000. We remain incredibly grateful to all who took part and for their generous support.

We remain grateful to our individual donors that continue to support us through Direct Debits, with 43% of our donors giving monthly for over ten years. Direct Debit's provide a sustainable and planned form of giving and enable us to plan our work more effectively as a result. Payroll Giving also continues to grow steadily, and these regular income streams are so important to enabling us to plan ahead more effectively in our work.

Our corporate partners continue to inspire us through their commitment to supporting families across Northern Ireland. Our long-term partnership with the incredible Henderson's Group reached a key milestone as we celebrated an amazing £1.6million raised to date. We are so grateful to all our corporate partners over the past year that collectively have raised over £500,000 for our work in Northern Ireland. We were also delighted to have the support of major donors and be part of a collaborative event with our sector colleagues to raise £80,000 at the Oval Ball last October. These funds were split between Cancer Fund for Children and two other charities. We remain hugely grateful to Callow Events for their continued support through the year.

We commit to the highest standards of supporter care and to our supporter charter and work to ensure the highest standards of compliance to fundraising legislation and guidance. Complaints received by the Supporter Care Team remain at a minimum level, <10 for 2023/2024 and were managed in compliance with our Complaints Policy. All complaints have been resolved successfully.

We remain so grateful to our key funders, The Ireland Funds, The Big Lottery Fund, St James Place Foundation, ARN Foundation, Rank Foundation, and other funders who have requested to remain private.

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Looking Ahead

The external context in which we operate is ever changing with increased competition in raising funds, and changing priorities of funders as well as economic fluctuations and so we need to ensure our strategies are agile and improve our ability to adapt and respond effectively to change and challenges, as well as respond quickly to new opportunities.

We look forward to reviewing our public funding strategic priorities as we reach midway through our Organisation Strategy and will strengthen and adapt our priorities to ensure they are relevant and meet the changing needs of our organisation. We are excited to develop individual giving initiatives, build our philanthropy programme, and continue to strengthen our corporate partnerships. We look forward to developing more incredible community fundraising partnerships and community activities, whilst ensuring our events and campaign portfolio continues to evolve and meet the needs of our supporters and fundraising programme. We have also learnt that investment in funding partnerships and building relationships with key foundations will also be critical to our success in the years ahead as we aim to balance our income portfolio and build, over time, more sustainable income streams.

In the coming year we will review and strengthen our fundraising policies and ensure that new team members have a clear understanding of them. Our learnings over the past couple of years, point to the need to continue to strengthen our processes to ensure the best delivery of supporter care and we will invest in our resources to do that. Our supporters and volunteers are at the heart of all we do, we will work to ensure they feel their value and are kept updated regularly on the impact of their generous donations and support.

Communications & Marketing

As we continue to develop our residential and community services, 2023 was a year dedicated to growing awareness of the support Cancer Fund for Children provides to children and young people impacted by cancer and their families.

Building our brand awareness and engagement regionally and nationally was a key priority for us. Our Communications Team continues to work closely with our Services Team to ensure we tell family stories with empathy, honesty and compassion. Total media reach for earned coverage was 76.6 million. This included 695 print articles, 653 online articles, and nine TV pieces. Radio interviews reached 5.5 million listeners.

Social media provides Cancer Fund for Children with the opportunity to tell our story, raise awareness and build engagement with our stakeholders including families, staff, volunteers, supporters and the wider public. In 2023 we launched our new social media strategy which focused on the three content pillars that resonate and inspire our audience - family stories, brand updates and large events. We also produced more video and reel content to connect with our audience and share our mission.

Following this strategy, we experienced growth across our core channels including Facebook, Instagram and Linked In. Growth across X (formerly Twitter) slowed which is consistent with the current social media landscape. This year we also launched our TikTok channel to reach a younger audience. Whilst follower numbers are small, engagement on TikTok has been high with the team capitalizing on trends to share our message. Overall engagement across Cancer Fund for Children's platforms has been higher than the industry average and our total reach across all platforms exceeded 648.8K users.

Our website had over 90,000 visits in 2023. This was an increase of 57% on the previous year.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September marks Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This is an international campaign to raise awareness of childhood cancer and its impact. This year we focused our campaign on the theme of growth – growing awareness, growing connection, and growing support.

One of our young ambassador's Charlotte fronted our campaign, sharing her experience of childhood cancer. Media activity with Charlotte during September included an interview with Belfast Live, Newsletter and regional titles and a social campaign which reached 341K social media users. National and regional PR during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month help us reach over 340k people.

We also partnered with two charities Childhood Cancer Ireland and the Children's Cancer Unit Charity to raise awareness by lighting Belfast Gold during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Prominent landmarks including Belfast City Hall and Parliament Buildings in Stormont turned gold for as part of the "Light Up Gold" initiative. We also attended the Children's Cancer Unit at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, bringing colour and joy to children, young people and their families.

ReadOn Media Partnership

As detailed earlier, ReadOn is our flagship schools fundraising initiative. This year we invested in a media partnership with Cool FM to promote ReadOn ahead of World Book Day on 7th March. Cool FM activity reached over 278k people across radio and social media and helped us to double sign ups from 39 in March 2022 to 78 in March 2023.

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Ambassadors

Our Youth Ambassadors play a vital role in raising awareness and help ensure that the voices of children and young people are at the heart of our campaigns. Throughout the year our young ambassadors took part in a range of media interviews and spoke at events, from gala balls to conferences sharing their experiences of cancer and our support.

Our celebrity ambassador Rory Best took on the incredible challenge of walking over 330km from Dublin to Mayo raising vital funds and gaining media and public attention for our cause. Once again, we were blown away by the support and time our ambassadors dedicate to Cancer Fund for Children.

Internal Communications

As Cancer Fund for Children develops our services across the island of Ireland, engaging with our internal stakeholders has become a growing focus. Our Health and Wellbeing committee launched several initiatives in 2023 including coffee roulette, encouraging staff to connect with each other, and a range of health, fitness and mindfulness programs. We are also grateful to be involved with and deliver the Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke 'Live Well, Work Well' Programme across our organisation.

We also held quarterly Town Hall meetings and increased communications through our staff Microsoft Team channel to ensure they feel informed and we are aligned on our shared purpose. In 2024 we plan to launch an internal communications staff survey to evaluate how staff prefer to be communicated with and launch an Internal Communications Working Group dedicated to staff communication and engagement.

Looking Forward

Looking forward our communications will focus on building awareness of Cancer Fund for Children on both a national and a regional level. Sharing emotive family stories and championing the voices of young people with empathy and compassion are powerful ways to build engagement and support.

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 invest in our website which is a key source of information for service users and donors and is the main referral pathway into our services.

As we grow our staff team to meet the needs of children and young people impacted by cancer, we will continue to develop our internal communications and engage with our staff to understand their communication needs.

People

A key objective within Cancer Fund for Children is to cultivate a well-resourced, positive, and inclusive workplace environment that values and supports our staff and volunteers.

We recognise and value all our employees and their commitment to ensure that 'no child faces cancer alone.' During the past year Cancer Fund for Children has continued to grow which has resulted in an extensive programme of recruitment in Northern Ireland and Ireland with a total of 23 new roles in this period. This has been challenging at times due to the current competitive marketplace.

	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Current Staff Numbers NI	55	19	74
Total - March 2024	55	19	74

Part time staff recorded as any staff who do not work 35 hours per week and new starts included in the totals.

Staff Turnover 9.4%

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	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Current Staff Numbers ROI	11	1	12
Total - March 2024	11	1	12

Part time staff recorded as any staff who do not work 35 hours per week and new starts included in the totals.
Staff Turnover 0%

Achievements & Initiatives

Board Recruitment: This year saw some Board Members come to the end of their tenure, and we have actively been recruiting new members. We now have a Board of thirteen trustees with a diverse range of skills and knowledge and representation from both Northern Ireland and Ireland.

HR System: A review of the current HR system has been completed and approval has been given to upgrade the system. Sage HR has been chosen and onboarding should begin in the first quarter of 24/25 with the aim to be paperless by the fourth quarter of this year. This will improve our recordkeeping and reporting on HR data for Northern Ireland & Ireland employees.

Appraisal Process: The annual appraisal process has been completed for Ireland employees and annual objectives and development plans set for 24/25.

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

Health & Wellbeing Committee: The Health and Wellbeing Committee is now in its fourth 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.

Mental Health Awareness: This year we have trained seven employees as Mental Health First Aiders. These skills will help assess and assist an employee in crisis, providing support and sign posting to appropriate professional help.

Volunteers: An exciting development this year was a Volunteer Coordinator joining Cancer Fund for Children in December 2023. This has enabled us to begin to develop a comprehensive volunteer programme across the island of Ireland providing inductions and training to volunteers who can, in turn, provide valuable support across various departments including Fundraising and Administration. When the Volunteer Coordinator joined the organisation there were 110 volunteers on our database throughout the island of Ireland. In a few months this has now grown to 141 volunteers providing extra support.

We were grateful to the Volunteers who helped support our first Bog run through stewarding at the event. The volunteer fundraising group in Mayo has continued to support grassroots fundraising events throughout the year. Next year the Volunteer Coordinator will work with the team to grow the volunteer pool in fundraising.

GDPR

Cancer Fund for Children 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, this year we have taken significant steps to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

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.

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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.

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 we have introduced a hybrid workplace 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.

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.

Financial Review

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.

Results for the Period

The Cancer Fund for Children's Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 26 of the audited accounts. Total income increased from £3,205,585 in 2022/23 to £3,777,820 in 2023/24, there were also other gains of £50,000 in the year outlined in note 25 of the financial statements. Total expenditure increased from £3,206,821 in 2022/23 to £3,534,748 in 2023/24. The charity therefore generated a net surplus of £293,072 in the period

Reserves Policy and Funds Employed

The Board of Trustees aims to build a reserve of 3 months operating costs over a period of six years beginning in 2017, with trade creditors and the overdraft being reduced over the first three years and reserves generated thereafter. This has been achieved and the charity is now in a position where it is steadily generating funds.

Total reserves of £3.72M as at 31 March 2024 falls into two categories:

Restricted funds

Of the available resources, £30k is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes which are within the overall aims of Cancer Fund for Children.

Unrestricted funds

Of the available resources, £3.7M, which includes tangible fixed assets of £3.1M, 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.

Future Plans

At the end of 2023, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) alongside the Board undertook a review of the current 2021-26 strategic plan. As part of the review, ELT completed a SWOT analysis, assessed progress, and revised objectives considering the evolving nature of Cancer Fund for Children.

Several key areas were identified that we will seek to strengthen and improve to ensure Cancer Fund for Children is best placed to deliver an ambitious growth strategy in NI and Ireland. Areas include how we develop our

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people. We will ensure our teams are effectively resourced, we will improve our governance and reporting and invest in our systems and processes.

We will continue to work to enhance our existing portfolio of core services to include Individual Support, Group Work and Short Breaks.

This year our Services Team undertook a restructure to ensure the charity is best placed to respond to needs and support families throughout their cancer diagnosis. The team has grown in line with our vision to develop our cancer support services on an all-island basis. We have sought to develop and enhance key areas of support for those at end of life, those who are bereaved and direct support for parents.

Due to the growing case load management and the associated tasks, we restructured our Services Team into a Community Team (in person individual & group work NI and ROI) and an 'all-island' Connections Team who are responsible for the onboarding of service users, signposting and ongoing remote support.

Going forward we will develop a 'Model of Practice' in line with our existing work that will set us apart and we will fully implement the introduction of an 'All-island' Connections Team. We will also seek to undertake a full review of groupwork programmes.

By the end of 2024-25 we will have commenced the construction of a second Daisy Lodge, in Co Mayo.

We will also ensure we improve how we engage children and young people. We will support young people to develop and plan their own schools' campaign, 'Cancer's In Our Life, Talk To Us!' alongside launching 'Our Cause Your Way' collaborative art project and the 'Brighten Your Imagination' hospital campaign. Finally, we empower young people to host an All-Island Conference.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

Cancer Fund for Children is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are all volunteers. The directors of Cancer Fund for Children are also directors of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. They have no beneficial interest in either of the companies and receive no remuneration. 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 2023/24.

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)
Gerard Halpenny (Secretary)
Cormac Owens
Donal O'Shaughnessy (retired 27th November 2023)
Joan Ballantine (retired 13th February 2024)
Padraic O'Giollain (Treasurer)
Michelle Hatfield (retired 27th November 2023)
Peter Shields (appointed 1 April 2022)
Dr. Robert Johnston
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)
Rory Best (appointed 15th January 2024)
Alice Nugent (appointed 15th January 2024)
Anne Skeggs (appointed 8th April 2024)
Caroline McGroary (appointed 8th April 2024)
Nuala Reid (appointed 8th April 2024)

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)
Ingrid Blake (Director of Finance and Corporate Services) Resigned 30.07.24

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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
6. HR, Nomination and remuneration- Michelle Hatfield handed to Anne Skeggs

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

Meetings	Board	Audit & Assurance / (Renamed Finance)	Capital Formed Aug 23	Governance & Risk/ Formed Aug 23	Services	Income & Comms	HR, Nominations & Remuneration
Board Members	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 3	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 2	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 2	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 1
Peter O'Brien (Chairperson)	5 (5)					3 (3)	2 (2)
Gerard Halpenny	4 (5)			2 (2)			
Cormac Owens	2 (5)				4 (5)		
Donal O'Shaughnessy (retired 27 th November 2023)	3 (3)						
Joan Ballantine (retired 13 th February 2024)	5 (5)	3 (3)		2 (2)			
Padraic O'Giollain (Treasurer)	5 (5)	3 (3)					
Michelle Hatfield (retired 27 th November 2023)	1 (3)						1 (1)
Peter Shields	5 (5)	5 (5)				3 (3)	
Dr. Robert Johnston	3 (5)				4 (5)		
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)	5 (5)		3 (3)				
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)	4 (5)		3 (3)				
Rory Best (appointed 15 th January 2024)	NA						
Alice Nugent (appointed 15 th January 2024)	NA						
Phil Alexander (CEO)	4 (5)	5 (5)	3 (3)	2 (2)		2 (3)	2 (2)
Siobhan Hanley (Director of Income Generation)	3 (5)	4 (5)				3 (3)	
Neil Symington (Director of Services)	5 (5)				5 (5)		
Ingrid Blake (Director of Finance)	4 (5)	5 (5)	3 (3)				2 (2)

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Board and Board Sub-Committee Meetings

The Board and the Board Sub-Committees met on several occasions in 2023/24.

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.

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 members' 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.

Legal and Operational Structure - All Ireland Charity

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charity registered in both Northern Ireland and 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 alongside supporting children and young people who have a parent with cancer in Northern Ireland.

The charity operates through Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI). 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 Trustees own interests, and the interest 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.

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 recommendation are made to 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.

Induction- 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

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Information about Cancer Fund for Children

- 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'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.

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

Risk No.	Risk Type	Risk Heading
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 and Charity
Risk 3	Environment and external risk	Potential Damage to the public image of the organisation
Risk 4	Operational/ Financial risks	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	Operational 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

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In the past year, Cancer Fund for Children 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 continues to safeguard our mission and protect the communities we serve.

Future plans involve the development of a risk framework that tracks and evaluates risks in real-time, allowing us to respond swiftly to all organisational risks. Further training on risk identification and mitigation will be provided to staff and volunteers to ensure a proactive and informed approach.

Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Public Benefit

Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Employment of Disabled Persons

There are no collective agreements recognised by the charity. The charity is an equal opportunities employer with set policies on health and safety, training and development, disciplinary rules and grievance procedures.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The charity's remuneration policies and practices are designed to attract, retain, and motivate key management personnel while ensuring that resources are used efficiently and in line with the charity's mission and values. The charity's Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the arrangements for setting the remuneration of key management personnel. The charity utilises various benchmarks, parameters, and criteria when determining the remuneration of key management personnel. These include:

- Industry-specific data.
- Comparable remuneration packages in similar organisations within the sector.
- The charity's own performance metrics, financial health, and budgetary considerations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices).

Company law and the law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation;
- observe methods and principles in the charities SORP; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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Statement of Disclosure of Auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


Peter O'Brien Chairperson


Pádraic Ó Giolláin Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Cancer Fund for Children for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion:

- give a true and fair view on the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts 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.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trustees and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees' are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 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 accounts 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 (UK) 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 accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Charity.

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Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102).
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 school's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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 auditors' 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.

R. I. Peters Gallagher

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**Dr. R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 Restated £
Income and Endowments					
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>					
Donations & legacies	3	1,946,062	-	1,946,062	2,018,600
Activities for generating funds	4	263,692	-	263,692	171,557
Income from investments	5	9,478	-	9,478	5,486
Income from charitable activities	6	9,000	1,210,638	1,219,638	720,875
Other income	7	338,950	-	338,950	289,067
Total income and endowments		<u>2,567,182</u>	<u>1,210,638</u>	<u>3,777,820</u>	<u>3,205,585</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds	10	1,036,150	-	1,036,150	880,433
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>					
Daisy Lodge	11	576,946	576,837	1,153,783	1,185,701
Services	12	646,769	639,159	1,285,928	1,088,706
Governance costs	13	58,887	-	58,887	51,981
Total Expenditure		<u>2,318,752</u>	<u>1,215,996</u>	<u>3,534,748</u>	<u>3,206,821</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)		248,430	(5,358)	243,072	(1,236)
Transfer between funds	26	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains					
Gain on write down of loan	25	50,000	-	50,000	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2023		<u>3,371,419</u>	<u>35,469</u>	<u>3,429,865</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2024	26	<u>3,692,826</u>	<u>30,111</u>	<u>3,722,937</u>	<u>3,429,865</u>

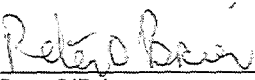
There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above.
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.
The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.


The Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account) is included in note 32 to the financial statements for the prior year ended 31 March 2023.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	<u>3,135,607</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		2,447	2,447
Debtors	15	598,950	319,083
Cash at bank and in hand	16	788,409	1,314,814
		<u>1,389,806</u>	<u>1,636,344</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(302,476)	(635,373)
Net current assets		<u>1,087,330</u>	<u>1,000,971</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		4,222,937	4,234,009
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(500,000)	(804,144)
Net assets		<u>3,722,937</u>	<u>3,429,865</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		3,692,826	3,394,396
Restricted funds		30,111	35,469
Total funds	26	<u>3,722,937</u>	<u>3,429,865</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


 Peter O'Brien Chairperson


 Pádraic O Giolláin Treasurer

The notes on pages 31 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	29	(45,439)		160,681	
Interest paid		<u>(31,602)</u>		<u>(33,490)</u>	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(77,041)		127,191	
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(12,364)	(28,039)		
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-		
Interest received		<u>9,478</u>	<u>4,892</u>		
Net cash generated/(used) in investing activities		(2,886)		(23,147)	
Financing activities					
Repayment of loans		<u>(446,478)</u>	<u>(209,942)</u>		
Net cash used in financing activities		(446,478)		(209,942)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(526,405)		(105,898)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>1,314,814</u>		<u>1,420,712</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u>788,409</u>		<u>1,314,814</u>	
Relating to:					
Bank balances		788,409		1,314,814	

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General Information

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. Its Companies Registration Number is NI 049930. The registered office is Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED.

The Cancer Fund for Children is a public benefit entity. The objectives of the Cancer Fund for Children are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by HMRC (Charity tax number XR 29768) and is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number NIC100532). 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

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard which applies in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.

Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure (see note 15).

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

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2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified to expenditure categories on a direct basis where appropriate or allocated in line with managerial and budgetary responsibilities on a number of bases.

Expenditure on raising funds include the costs of events, advertising, producing publications, printing and mailing fundraising material, and staff costs in these areas.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to expenditure incurred on activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include the staffing and associated costs of administering and managing the operational management of the charity.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historic cost, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Land	- not depreciated
Buildings	- 2% straight line
Furniture & Equipment	- 20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 20% straight line

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.

Foreign currency

The functional currency of the Cancer Fund for Children is considered to be sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

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 subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictions are binding upon the charity.

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.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The Company 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.

Taxation status

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status by the HMRC, charity tax number XR 29768.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3. Donations & legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Community & Clubs	278,667		278,667	325,335
Corporate	508,148		508,148	464,983
General Donations	13,405		13,405	14,674
Donor Development – incl. Payroll giving	325,208		325,208	401,874
Families	206,499		206,499	228,948
Major Donors	66,100		66,100	200,890
South Down Regional Fundraising	197,819		197,819	137,419
Schools & Youth	148,641		148,641	70,719
Gifts in Kind	151,473		151,473	155,086
Daisy Lodge	-		-	1,250
Trust & Funds	-		-	17,422
Gift Aid	48,002		48,002	-
Commercial Income	2,100		2,100	-
	<u>1,946,062</u>		<u>1,946,062</u>	<u>2,018,600</u>

4. Income from activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Slieve Donard	-		-	14,792
Marathons	24,806		24,806	-
Skydive/Abseil	36,358		36,358	12,627
Fundraising Events	85,179		85,179	59,172
Santa Clause	15,581		15,581	5,187
Treks	15,705		15,705	28,836
Bog Run	86,063		86,063	50,943
	<u>263,692</u>		<u>263,692</u>	<u>171,557</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>9,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,478</u>	<u>5,486</u>

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6. Income from charitable activities	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Rise		130,640	130,640	90,253
Big Lottery DL		121,235	121,235	96,301
Children in Need		-	-	27,701
Young Lives V Cancer (Clic Sargent)		28,941	28,941	23,153
Community Foundation NI	4,000	423,311	427,311	349,879
Co-Op Grant		-	-	10,000
Government		-	-	14,588
House of Vic Lyn		10,000	10,000	10,000
McClay Foundation		50,000	50,000	50,000
Rank Foundation		29,615	29,615	34,000
St James Foundation		30,000	30,000	15,000
Big Lottery- Dormant Funds		12,146	12,146	
Alan Nappin		50,000	50,000	
Ulster Garden Villages		70,000	70,000	
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	5,000	254,750	259,750	-
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>1,210,638</u>	<u>1,219,638</u>	<u>720,875</u>

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Recharges from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	195,868		195,868	154,981
Donations from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	130,200		130,200	130,000
DFC- Access to Work	12,882		12,882	4,086
Government CJRS				-
	<u>338,950</u>		<u>338,950</u>	<u>289,067</u>

8. Net Movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	109,795	109,610
Employer pension costs	152,246	129,435
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	7,200	5,760

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9. Support costs

Within total expenditure, support costs are as follows:

	Income Generation	Daisy Lodge	Services	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	125,925	215,122	183,641	524,688	286,318
Management & administration	51,044	87,200	74,439	212,684	157,636
Awareness raising	6,894	11,776	10,053	28,723	90,853
Establishment	22,346	38,174	32,588	93,108	78,554
Finance costs	7,584	12,957	11,061	31,602	35,998
Depreciation	26,351	45,016	38,429	109,796	109,610
	<u>240,144</u>	<u>410,246</u>	<u>350,210</u>	<u>1,000,601</u>	<u>758,969</u>

Support costs are not directly attributable to any single activity but provide the organisational infrastructure that enables the charitable activities to take place. Such costs are therefore apportioned to the activity cost categories above. Support costs have been apportioned according to the number of staff in each area.

10. Expenditure on income generation

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	709,780		709,780	526,994
Training and recruitment	3,588		3,588	6,612
Ground rent and cleaning	1,974		1,974	8,178
Volunteering expenses	230		230	2,947
Insurances	5,564		5,564	3,419
Heat and light	4,161		4,161	3,612
Printing, postage and stationery	5,314		5,314	16,775
Telephone	8,371		8,371	5,227
School expenses	1,068		1,068	3,922
Staff meetings	426		426	5,944
Software subscriptions	18,241		18,241	40,494
Corporate expenses				8,768
Repairs and maintenance	66,598		66,598	43,963
Website costs and CRM	18,241		18,241	42,212
Communications and awareness raising	35,102		35,102	28,732
Mortgage interest and bank charges	7,870		7,870	8,640
Global & UK challenge expenses	41,352		41,352	46,469
Collection box / buckets expenditure	3,096		3,096	2,476
Payroll giving expenses	39,581		39,581	10,602
Depreciation	26,351		26,351	26,306
Merchandising	18,748		18,748	10,908
Admin expenses	3,198		3,198	4,488
Cleaning	3,528		3,528	3,113
HR Expenditure	7,594		7,594	5,194
Unrealised currency gains/(losses)				51
Legal and professional	6,174		6,174	2,877
Miscellaneous expenses				11,510
	<u>1,036,150</u>		<u>1,036,150</u>	<u>880,433</u>

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. Expenditure on charitable activities: Daisy Lodge	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	90,360	576,320	666,163	698,434
Volunteering expenses	336		336	234
Mortgage interest and bank charges	11,477		11,477	14,759
Training and recruitment	5,233		5,233	16,503
Travel	8,598		8,598	3,833
Motor expenses	-		-	534
Printing, postage and stationery	7,749		7,749	2,210
Repairs and maintenance	124,170		90,971	123,180
Telephone	12,208		12,208	16,737
Heat and light	84,864		84,864	62,251
Insurance	8,114		8,114	5,840
Miscellaneous expenses	11,181		11,181	7,130
Communications & awareness raising	33,831		33,831	38,026
Website costs and CRM	26,601		26,601	39,313
Depreciation	37,912	517	38,429	44,940
Cleaning, hygiene & laundry	5,146		5,146	11,747
Narnia Garden Project	2,199		2,199	9,357
Narnia Log Cabin running costs	15,817		15,817	3,964
Food provision	71,073		71,073	38,662
Parental specialist			-	33,959
Other site expenses			-	300
HR Expenditure	11,074		11,074	8,873
Legal and professional	9,003		9,003	4,915
	<u>576,946</u>	<u>576,837</u>	<u>1,153,783</u>	<u>1,185,701</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities: Services

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	302,732	639,159	941,891	775,591
Volunteer expenses	393		393	8,307
Heat and light	2,892		2,892	5,266
Telephone	14,300		14,300	13,659
Printing, postage and stationery	9,078		9,078	10,234
Travel	74,166		74,166	3,771
Training and recruitment	6,130		6,130	9,642
Mortgage interest and bank charges	13,445		13,445	12,599
Communications and awareness raising	39,630		39,630	32,462
Young Shoulders			-	-
Subscriptions			-	264
Website costs and CRM	31,162		31,162	33,560
Insurance	9,505		9,505	4,985
Appeals cost			-	3,858
Services resources and residentials	21,530		21,530	30,500
Sibling Support Programme – activities	44,843		44,843	68,398
Repairs and maintenance	2,400		2,400	9,483
Depreciation	45,016		45,016	38,364
HR Expenditure	12,973		12,973	7,575
Cleaning	6,028		6,028	4,540
Community Services Sessional			-	7,616
Miscellaneous expenses			-	3,836
Legal and professional	10,546		10,546	4,196
	<u>646,769</u>	<u>639,159</u>	<u>1,285,928</u>	<u>1,088,706</u>

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
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13. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	48,243		48,243	43,152
Employer pension contributions	3,444		3,444	3,069
Auditors' remuneration	7,200		7,200	5,760
	<u>58,887</u>		<u>58,887</u>	<u>51,981</u>

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings	Furniture & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	3,985,104	604,487	68,673	4,658,264
Additions		12,364		12,364
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,985,104</u>	<u>616,851</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>4,670,628</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	838,886	517,667	68,673	1,425,226
Charge for year	79,446	30,349		109,795
At 31 March 2024	<u>918,332</u>	<u>548,016</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>1,535,021</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,066,772</u>	<u>68,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,135,607</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,146,218</u>	<u>86,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>

15. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued income	235,986	17,988
Accounts receivable	18,024	
Prepayments	12,884	13,782
Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) (note 30)	332,056	287,313
	<u>598,950</u>	<u>319,083</u>

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
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16. Cash at bank, on deposit and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and hand	<u>788,409</u>	<u>1,314,814</u>
	<u>788,409</u>	<u>1,314,814</u>
17. Creditors amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	-	192,334
Trade creditors	9,106	40,877
Other loans	50,000	50,000
Other tax and social security	48,478	42,968
Other creditors and accruals	106,570	64,444
Deferred income	<u>88,322</u>	<u>247,750</u>
	<u>302,476</u>	<u>635,373</u>
18. Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	500,000	550,000
Bank loans	-	254,144
	<u>500,000</u>	<u>804,144</u>
Analysis of maturity of debt:		
Within one year or on demand	50,000	249,320
Between two and five years	200,000	454,144
After five years	<u>300,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
	<u>550,000</u>	<u>1,053,464</u>

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
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19. Staff costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,050,193	1,721,087
Employer's National Insurance	182,875	167,841
Employer's pension costs	143,731	129,435
	<u>2,376,799</u>	<u>2,018,363</u>

There were two employees with emoluments between £60,000 and £69,999 (2023: 1), none between £70,000 and £79,999 (2023: none), and one between £80,000 and £89,999 (2023: none).

The key management personnel of the charity comprises the trustees and the executive leadership team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £296,323 (2023: £325,680).

The average monthly number of employees for the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Full Time No.	Full Time No.
Daisy Lodge	12	9
Income generation Services	11	13
	22	16
Governance and support	14	6
	<u>59</u>	<u>44</u>
	Part Time No.	Part Time No.
Daisy Lodge	11	16
Income generation	2	5
Services	8	9
Governance and support	1	1
	<u>22</u>	<u>31</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	3,775	10,589
Within two to five years	-	3,775
	<u>3,775</u>	<u>14,365</u>

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21. Taxation

No corporation tax was provided for in 2024 because the income of the charity was within the exemption granted by Sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act (CTA 2010).

22. Trustees remuneration

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023: £NIL). During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023: £NIL).

23. Company limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

24. Gifts in Kind

Income category:	Source	SOFA £	Balance Sheet £	Total £
Gifts in kind	Jamie Johnston	2,000		2,000
Gifts in kind	The Odyssey Trust	3,160		3,160
Gifts in kind	Microsoft	19,178		19,178
Gifts in kind	Nitec	6,966		6,966
Gifts in kind	CHAMP Cloud	3,400		3,400
Gifts in kind	Fibrus	331		331
Gifts in kind	URL Results	1,455		1,455
Gifts in kind	Briefed	7,715		7,715
Gifts in kind	Kingspan Water & Energy	5,069		5,069
Gifts in kind	Titan AC	660		660
Gifts in kind	H&J Martin	35,040		35,040
Gifts in kind	Mercury Security	990		990
Gifts in kind	Vodafone Ireland	925		925
Gifts in kind	Barrington Security	186		186
Gifts in kind	LiteOn	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Gary McConville	1,099		1,099
Gifts in kind	Fire Risk Assessments NI	1,098		1,098
Gifts in kind	JCBcs	1,500		1,500
Gifts in kind	KM Hygiene	515		515
Gifts in kind	Cogent Associates	2,569		2,569
Gifts in kind	Clubs Review	11,904		11,904
Gifts in kind	Carbrooke Meats	7,760		7,760
Gifts in kind	Finnebrogue	2,200		2,200
Gifts in kind	Morrellis	2,000		2,000
Gifts in kind	Ristretto	1,200		1,200
Gifts in kind	Hovis	3,500		3,500
Gifts in kind	McPolin	3,300		3,300
Gifts in kind	Sean Kelly	2,880		2,880
Gifts in kind	MP Repairs service	567		567
Gifts in kind	Richard Dorman	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Premier laundry	1,025		1,025
Gifts in kind	Lady Anthea Forde	3,085		3,085
Gifts in kind	Burrendale Hotel and country club and spa	3,500		3,500
Gifts in kind	Mount Panther farm	3,197		3,197
Gifts in kind	Cocos Children Adventure playground	1,200		1,200
Gifts in kind	Mauds Ice Cream	5,200		5,200
Gifts in kind	Ministry of Agriculture	1,100		1,100
Gifts in kind	Fresh Food Centre Castlewellan	1,600		1,600
Gifts in kind	Add a little Sparkle	400		400
		<u>151,473</u>		<u>151,473</u>

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24. Gifts in Kind cont'd

Expense category	Subcategory	2024	2023
Repairs and Maintenance	Administration and IT	94,855	87,093
Repairs and Maintenance	Daisy Lodge	8,557	48,587
Legal and Professional	HR	-	730
Miscellaneous expenses	Expenditure Website	-	1,455
Communications & Awareness	Maintenance Administration and IT	11,904	-
Food Provision	Food Provision	36,157	17,221
		<u>151,473</u>	<u>155,086</u>

25. Other recognised gains

During the year Heron Brothers kindly agreed to discount the loan amount outstanding by £50,000, reducing the year end liability from £600,000 to £550,000

26. Statement of funds 2024

	At 31 March 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer s	Other gains	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserve	3,394,396	2,567,182	2,318,752		50,000	3,692,826
Restricted reserve						
CFNI	17,915	423,311	441,226	-	-	-
Alan Nappin	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	-	254,750	254,750	-	-	-
Rank	17,037	29,615	16,541	-	-	30,111
Young Lives V Cancer (Clic Sargent)	-	28,941	28,941	-	-	-
Ulster Garden Villages	-	70,000	70,000	-	-	-
The McClay Foundation	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Big Lottery- Dormant Funds	-	12,146	12,146	-	-	-
Big Lottery - Rise	-	130,640	130,640	-	-	-
Big Lottery Fund	-	121,235	121,235	-	-	-
Community Fund DL						
St James Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-
The House of Vic-Ryn	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge Capital	517	-	517	-	-	-
	<u>35,469</u>	<u>1,210,638</u>	<u>1,215,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,111</u>
Total funds	3,429,865	3,777,820	3,534,748	-	50,000	3,722,937

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27. Analysis of assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Current assets/ liabilities £	Creditors > 1year £	Total £
Unrestricted reserve	3,135,607	1,057,219	(500,000)	3,962,826
Restricted reserve	-	30,111	-	30,111
	<u>3,135,607</u>	<u>1,087,330</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>3,722,937</u>

28. Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at the year-end (2023: £NIL).

29. Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income	293,072	(1,236)
Adjustments for:		
Finance costs	31,602	33,490
Investment income	(9,478)	(4,892)
Depreciation net of disposal	109,795	109,610
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	-	8,274
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(279,867)	(142,742)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(190,563)	158,177
Cash generated from operations	<u>(45,439)</u>	<u>160,681</u>

30. Related Party Transactions

Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) 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 £195,868 (2023: £154,981). Invoices and expenses were paid in 2023/23 by CFFC NI for CFFC ROI of £166,003 (2023: £222,888).

During the year CFFC ROI made a charitable donation to CFFC NI of £130,200 (2023: €Nil).

Balances at year end represent amounts payable from CFFC ROI. At the year end the following amounts were outstanding:

There was a payment in transit at 31/03/2024 for €222,578 in respect of the year end balance which settled on 03/04/2024.

	2024 £	2023 £
Due from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI)	332,056	287,313
	<u>332,056</u>	<u>287,313</u>

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31: Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

32: Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th November 2024

The Cancer Fund for Children

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Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC100532
Company Registration Number: NI 049930
HMRC Number: XR 29768

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Trustees/Directors as at 27th November 2024

Gerard Halpenny
Cormac Owens
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter O'Brien
Peter Shields
Dr. Robert Johnston
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)
Alice Nugent (appointed 15 January 2024)
Rory Best (appointed 15 January 2024)
Nuala Reid (appointed 8 April 2024)
Jennifer Skeggs (appointed 8 April 2024)
Caroline McGroary (appointed 8 April 2024)
Donal O'Shaughnessy (resigned 27 October 2023)
Michelle Hatfield (resigned 27 October 2023)
Joan Ballantine (resigned 13 February 2024)

Directors are appointed in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Chairperson

Peter O'Brien

Treasurer

Pádraic Ó Giolláin

Company Secretary

Gerry Halpenny

Chief Executive

Phil Alexander

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THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Chairperson Statement

We are delighted to present the 2023-24 Annual Report of the Cancer Fund for Children. It was a very special year for the charity as we continued to deliver on our mission that no children should face cancer alone.

We delivered supported a record number of children and their families. We supported a total number of 829 individual families and received 315 new family referrals during the year. 517 families availed of a short break at Daisy Lodge Newcastle. Sadly, there were 66 deaths of family members during the year, and we continue to support these families in coming to terms with this unimaginable grief.

We put a huge emphasis on listening to children and young people and ensure their voice is at the heart of our organisation. Children have an important role to play in advocating for their peers and championing change across cancer services. They are represented on our services committee and are routinely involved in key decision making which help to shape the services we provide.

Three of our Youth Ambassadors met with Secretary of State, Chris Heaton Harris at Daisy Lodge and it was a joy to see how they articulated the work of Cancer Fund for Children and advocated for new funding to further enhance how we support young people and their families.

Cancer Fund for Children continued to support the endeavours of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland, its sister company in the development of services on an island wide basis through its administrative and management support. A hospital and community team are now operational in every county throughout the island alongside an active fundraising team. The development and construction of a second Daisy Lodge will also commence in late 2024.

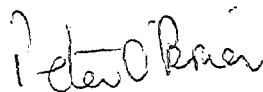
We are so grateful to our volunteers, community and corporate partners who have walked, jumped, ran, cycled, dived, read and sang for us throughout the year in support all children and families impacted by cancer. We continue to develop a funding strategy that ensures the organisation is sustainable and responsive to the changing needs of our children and families.

We continue to focus on governance and ensure that this organisation is run to the highest standards. We carried out a Board skills audit to help us in recruiting new Trustees. We have put in place enhanced Sub Committees which support the Board in appropriate oversight of our services and the money we spend.

Finally, thank you to our amazing team who come to work every day with a passion to support our children and their families. It is very special to see this level of care and attention and it is reflected in the amazing feedback we receive about so many of our staff. What each of you does makes such a difference. Thank you!

Peter O'Brien

Chairperson



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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (C'TD)

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 2024. 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

The Company is established for the relief of need by reason of ill-health amongst children, and the families of children, anywhere in the world, who are adversely affected by cancer through the provision of practical, social and emotional support insofar as is charitable under the law of Northern Ireland and in particular:

Objectives

To provide support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) for all children and young people (0-24 years) diagnosed with cancer, their siblings (0-24 years) and those children and young people (0-24 years) who have a parent or other

1. primary carer diagnosed with cancer alongside their families throughout Northern Ireland & Ireland; with a view to reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and equipping individuals to cope better with the impact of a cancer diagnosis, alongside improving family relationships, reducing stress and anxiety and promoting independence.
2. To provide families dealing with a cancer diagnosis, a palliative/terminal cancer diagnosis, or families bereaved through cancer with relief, care, and support through a range of facilities including our Therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge and residential centre, Narnia. Therapeutic breaks promote rest and relaxation, teamed with unique psychosocial support specifically tailored to each family. They are designed to improve wellbeing, build precious memories, and facilitate families spending quality time together.
3. To provide time sensitive and age-appropriate support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) to children and young people who are dying as a result of cancer, their siblings and those children and young people who have a parent dying from cancer, offering continuity of care through ongoing bereavement support to each family.
4. To provide a range of opportunities for children, young people, and parents/primary carers impacted by cancer to meet one another and share experiences.
5. To provide safe spaces where children, young people and families can talk openly about the impact that cancer has on their lives, and work with them at a local, regional and national level to advocate and lobby for improvements in cancer care and support.
6. To raise public awareness of the impact of childhood cancer and the impact of a parental cancer diagnosis on a child or young person.

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Vision and Mission

Our vision is that no child should face cancer alone. Our mission is to connect, empower, and strengthen children and families so they are better equipped to deal with the emotional impact of cancer:

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

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

Our Values

We connect our people by:

- Bringing them together and building relationships
- Working collaboratively towards a shared vision
- Ensuring that individual views and expectations are valued and respected

We empower our people:

- To be confident in their work and courageous in their approach
- To be open to new ideas and ways of working
- To seek to improve everything we do
- To take responsibility

We strengthen our people by:

- Investing in their development and wellbeing
- Building on their unique skills, expertise and experience
- Valuing every individual
- Working together as a team

Our Organisational Priorities over the next five years:

1. We will continue to offer support to children diagnosed with cancer (0-24 years old) alongside their families.
2. We will continue to offer support to children who have a parent diagnosed with cancer in NI (0-18 years old).
3. We will continue to offer short breaks to families from Ireland in Daisy Lodge, Co. Down.
4. We will develop a range of service that support children diagnosed with cancer (aged 0-24 years old) and their families in the hospital and community setting throughout Ireland.
5. We will build a second Daisy Lodge in Co. Mayo and ensure it is supported with a sustainable fundraising programme.
6. We will ensure the voices of children and young people are at the heart of Cancer Fund for Children. Children have an important role to play in advocating for their peers and championing change across cancer services.

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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.

Review of Strategy 2021-2025

At the end of 2023, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) undertook a review of the 2021-26 Strategy. As part of the review, ELT completed a SWOT analysis, assessed progress, and revised objectives considering the evolving nature of Cancer Fund for Children.

Several key areas were identified that would ensure Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Cancer Fund for Children Strategic Pillars					
Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4	Pillar 5	Pillar 6
Services Development	Engagement	Funding	Awareness	People	Governance
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.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Services Development

The year 2023/24 has been one of major significance, growth, change and development across services in N. Ireland.

Over the past two years we have developed a range of services to better meet the needs of children, young people and their wider families. This has included enhanced support for families attending short breaks at Daisy Lodge with quicker access for those who are at end of life or with a palliative diagnosis and ongoing follow up where needed.

We have developed new and enhanced services for parents both in the community and at Daisy Lodge, with dedicated 1:1 support and groupwork on offer, as well as ongoing peer connection opportunities. We have sought to do the same for those that are bereaved as a result of cancer and have further developed our groupwork programmes for young people and launched a unique video which highlights this specific area of our support.

We have also developed our service offer to teenagers and young adults during their time in Hospital.

This year was about learning from our experience, seeking to bring more clarity to our work, how we deliver it and how we best manage the resource we have whilst maximising the impact it has for young people and their families.

We are acutely aware that one of the key and unique aspects of our service is in our holistic and wide-reaching support. Whether young people or parents are requiring support at home, in the community, at hospital or through a stay at Daisy lodge or Narnia, our support exists to meet this need and for some they will need all aspects.

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 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 charity we are well connected across the cancer sector, we have been a founding member of the newly established Cancer Coalition in N. Ireland, as well as an active member of the TYA Service in NI.

We are actively involved in a partnership initiative led by Marie Curie and other representatives in seeking to improve the support offered to bereaved young people within school settings and have recently joined the NI Bereavement Network Children and Young people's sub group in the goal of the development of a 'Bereavement Charter' for NI.

Ensuring children and young people are at the heart of our organization/service continues to be a firm commitment and we have developed our youth engagement team to help us in meeting this obligation and vision.

Overall, our support meets children, young people and families 'where they are' and with sensitivity, warmth, compassion and flexibility. It is focused on building connections, relationships, trust and rapport as we strive to ensure that we can provide the support needed.

Our staff and volunteer team are the most valuable resource and this year they have brought an exceptional amount of compassion, commitment, hard work and creativity to managing the demand for support, in meeting the complex needs of young people and families and in working together as a collective service to multiple our holistic support.

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Hospital Based Support

Our work with teenagers and young adults in hospitals across Northern Ireland took a major step forward this year. We now have two Youth Support Workers providing support in all hospitals in N. Ireland where adolescents and young adults (AYA's) are being treated for cancer. We provide much needed age-specific support during their stay in hospital, and have introduced monthly groupwork programme, as well as a short break to enable young adults to meet with others. We do this working alongside our charity partners.

Supporting Young People and Parents in the Community

Our support in the community takes place on a one to one/individual basis, when and where children, young people and parents most need it. It is person centred, informal, therapeutic support, e.g. providing a space for children/young people/parents to feel comfortable, to develop a trusting relationship, to better understand the emotional impact of cancer and to develop better ways to cope going forward. This flexible approach helps us ensure that the support is based on the needs, interest and learning style of the individual.

We also recognise the power and value of peer support and connection. This year we have run a range of groupwork programmes for young people of all ages. We have also run a range of programmes for both young people and parents who have been bereaved through cancer, as well as monthly coffee morning. We have also introduced monthly coffee morning for parents and their partners with cancer and parents who have a child with cancer.

Our Carefree Choir continues to meet fortnightly and have grown in size to around 55 regular attendees.

Finally, our team have worked alongside a range of other organisations, partners and supporters to run a wide number of diverse events: e.g. family summer event at the Jungle NI, Family Christmas event at W5 and multiple opportunities with the Belfast Giants.

Support in the community in numbers:

Initial Visit and assessment	436
Individual support sessions with young people	686
Parental support sessions	179
Family support sessions	208
Residential runs at Narnia/Daisy Lodge	23 (144 Participants)
Number of day/evening events for young people	17 (89 Participants)
Key Community Events	6 (851 Participants)
Coffee Mornings for those bereaved of a partner	9 (39 Participants)
Parents with cancer/parents of diagnosed children	12 (65 Participants)
Bereavement boxes given out this year	40
Hospital Based support sessions across NI	596

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Feedback

"Our son absolutely loved his time with his Cancer Support Specialist, he especially enjoyed the residential. They have been a support to both us as parents and our son, providing valuable advice and during this very challenging period in our lives. I think our son will be better prepared for the future. Thank you."

"I can't express enough how grateful we are our Cancer Support Specialist. My child looked forward to every session with him. Don't underestimate the mixed emotions that the children will be feeling and the benefits of being able to express them in a safe environment with professional support."

"It gave me an outlet to talk about what was going on in my family when it wasn't being done at home. Being able to come to terms with my own anxiety and learn to allow myself to work through those issues before it harms my mental and physical state. My Cancer Support Specialist has done an amazing job in supporting myself and members of my family in coming to terms with the impact cancer is having in our family. Being there whenever you needed her to help, it has made a real and lasting impact on our family."

Supporting families through therapeutic short breaks – Daisy Lodge

The true impact of our work can be measured by the family responses we receive on their experiences of our short breaks. Families are clear on the benefits, the opportunities to connect with not only their own families, but in connecting with others in similar situations. They also highlight their gratitude and appreciation for the staff, the setting and services offered whilst staying with us. Leaving feeling more relaxed, often more connected and with a greater sense energy for what may lay ahead.

As we enter our 10th Anniversary year we have provided a total of 3868 families that have benefited from a therapeutic short break in Daisy Lodge during this time. This year we have supported 517 families through short breaks, the most we have supported across our 10 years.

Daisy Lodge has provided families with a vital opportunity to be together in a dedicated supportive space, providing at times an escape from the challenges of cancer and at times the space to deal directly with it, to have challenging conversations and plan for the future.

Number of family breaks	517
Total Occupants	1906
Number of H&WB overnights	19
Number of DL CSS workshop sessions	1162
Number of CT therapies delivered	1326
Meals provided	15248

A short summary of the feedback comments from the 517 families who stayed at Daisy Lodge on a therapeutic short break during the year of 2023/24

In analysis we received 100% feedback from these families staying on a therapeutic short break and here are the short summary points: here are the key findings:

- 90% of families felt more hopeful about their future following their short break.
- 95% felt better able to manage their family situation.
- 96% of families stated time together has strengthened their relationship as a family
- 91% Developed their connection as a family
- 97% combined feedback figure for all our Hospitality Services, including catering, diet and experience on offer at Daisy Lodge.

Feedback on Short Breaks

"Our break was the perfect balance of family time and group activities. Sometimes it's hard to include yourself in the 'cancer world' but I can't recommend this facility enough. At no point do you feel defined by a diagnosis. It's all joy and light-hearted fun."

"Daisy Lodge has given us the space and opportunity to finally spend time together as a family. We haven't had to worry about visitors or hospital trips - it has given us a sense of normality."

"Keep up the fabulous work and hospitality. It is so uplifting to see such goodness on offer at Daisy Lodge by the entire team to us as a family coping with childhood cancer in our family."

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Youth Engagement

One of our strategic pillars within the charity is our commitment and willingness to be a strong and active voice for young people. The role of our youth engagement team is to drive this ambition and to ensure that where possible the voice of young people is at the heart of the charity and is best placed to influence policy and practice in relation to young people and the impact of cancer on their lives.

Youth engagement activity in numbers:

- Community Days: 49
- Residential: 2
- Individual sessions: 60
- Events attended/organised: 11
- Training sessions completed: 10 (*teamwork, advocacy and representing others, leadership, recruitment & selection, events planning, presentation skills and Young Ambassador training*)

This year young people involved in our youth engagement groups, completed training in 'recruitment and selection' and this year have now begun to form part of our interview panels. (young people were on interview panels for 4 roles in this year)

Three of our young ambassadors hosted a visit with the NI Secretary of State in Daisy Lodge in June 2023, sharing their own personal stories of being impacted by cancer, the support offered by CFFC and their own reasons for becoming young ambassadors.

Feedback from the Secretary of state and the NIO: *"The NIO has done quite a lot of events and engagements this year involving a number of young advocates from a variety of backgrounds and issues, some related to integrated education, young voices in politics, the Belfast Good Friday Agreement anniversary among other things and your young ambassadors were as good as any I have ever listened to."*

Service Highlight

This year Cancer Fund for Children have been worked in partnership with Parenting NI to better understand the unique experiences of Parents & Anxiety. Parents who use CFFC services were recruited and participated in focus groups, 1:1 interviews and online questionnaires, all with a view to gain more insight and the needs of parents. The Research report launch took place in Belfast Castle on 8 June 2023. The report can be found on our website:

https://cancerfundforchildren.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Parental-Anxiety-Report_web.pdf

Members of our team spent quality time with a group of bereaved young people and captured a video of the support received here at CFFC. 'Say their name' has become the name of our bereaved groupwork for young people. Link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBkQQZ74Sio&t=151s>

The community team worked closely with the Daisy Lodge team to host our first Grief Retreat in Daisy Lodge for 15 parents whose partner have died. This was a space where these individuals could come together to talk about their loved one and to reflect on and explore their own journey with grief, with others who are walking a similar path.

The range of groupwork that has happened over the last year has enabled us to be as creative and responsive as possible in meeting the needs of young people and parents alike. These opportunities provide unique experiences of connection, as well as opportunities to learn from others.

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Fundraising

2023/24 was another year of incredible support from our valued supporters, partners and funders. Our work is not possible without the generous support from the public who, together with us, are helping to ensure that no child faces cancer alone.

Throughout 2023/24 the local community throughout Northern Ireland has gone above and beyond to help support children impacted by cancer. We have had so many different types of fundraising events from marathons all over the world, skydives, football tournaments and tractor run to Golf days, Cycles, Coffee mornings and Mountain climbs.

Partnerships with the Irish Football Association, Down GAA, Shine Productions and the Belfast Giants not only continue to raise a great amount of funds but also helped promote the work and raise awareness of Cancer Fund for Children. Our partnership with Boys Brigade NI raised an incredible £21,430 through organisations across Northern Ireland.

We would like to commend our support groups in South Belfast, Armagh, Newtownards and Causeway who have continued raise vital funds and awareness, giving their time so generously.

It's been another busy year for our family fundraising who not only take part in our core events – marathons, bog run, skydive and abseils, but also add their own creativity to organise their own events in their communities. These inspiring families have been impacted by cancer and have been supported through our services. Their events in the past year included a Gala Ball, coffee mornings, a fishing competition, cycle challenges, a dog show, tractor runs, fun days, head shaves, walking and running challenges and even a spectacular Strictly come dancing event.

Over the last year we have received support from over 150 schools and youth organisations across Northern Ireland. This has included participation in our core schools' events, i.e. Hats & Shades, Santa

Cause (Presents for Pounds, Jumper Day) and ReadOn, as well as schools creating and delivering their own activities. ReadOn continues to be one of our most popular events and has raised £73,469 in the last year.

In 2023/24, the key highlight in our events and campaigns portfolio was our annual Bog Run event. Our team hosted the 7th Bog Run in Castlewellan Forest Park, Co. Down in October 2023. Selling out for the 2nd year in a row, the 2023 event was also our biggest to date with just under 700 people taking part in the boggiest 5k around and raising over £100,000. We remain incredibly grateful to all who took part and for their generous support.

We remain grateful to our individual donors that continue to support us through Direct Debits, with 43% of our donors giving monthly for over ten years. Direct Debit's provide a sustainable and planned form of giving and enable us to plan our work more effectively as a result. Payroll Giving also continues to grow steadily, and these regular income streams are so important to enabling us to plan ahead more effectively in our work.

Our corporate partners continue to inspire us through their commitment to supporting families across Northern Ireland. Our long-term partnership with the incredible Henderson's Group reached a key milestone as we celebrated an amazing £1.6million raised to date. We are so grateful to all our corporate partners over the past year that collectively have raised over £500,000 for our work in Northern Ireland. We were also delighted to have the support of major donors and be part of a collaborative event with our sector colleagues to raise £80,000 at the Oval Ball last October. These funds were split between Cancer Fund for Children and two other charities. We remain hugely grateful to Callow Events for their continued support through the year.

We commit to the highest standards of supporter care and to our supporter charter and work to ensure the highest standards of compliance to fundraising legislation and guidance. Complaints received by the Supporter Care Team remain at a minimum level, <10 for 2023/2024 and were managed in compliance with our Complaints Policy. All complaints have been resolved successfully.

We remain so grateful to our key funders, The Ireland Funds, The Big Lottery Fund, St James Place Foundation, ARN Foundation, Rank Foundation, and other funders who have requested to remain private.

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Looking Ahead

The external context in which we operate is ever changing with increased competition in raising funds, and changing priorities of funders as well as economic fluctuations and so we need to ensure our strategies are agile and improve our ability to adapt and respond effectively to change and challenges, as well as respond quickly to new opportunities.

We look forward to reviewing our public funding strategic priorities as we reach midway through our Organisation Strategy and will strengthen and adapt our priorities to ensure they are relevant and meet the changing needs of our organisation. We are excited to develop individual giving initiatives, build our philanthropy programme, and continue to strengthen our corporate partnerships. We look forward to developing more incredible community fundraising partnerships and community activities, whilst ensuring our events and campaign portfolio continues to evolve and meet the needs of our supporters and fundraising programme. We have also learnt that investment in funding partnerships and building relationships with key foundations will also be critical to our success in the years ahead as we aim to balance our income portfolio and build, over time, more sustainable income streams.

In the coming year we will review and strengthen our fundraising policies and ensure that new team members have a clear understanding of them. Our learnings over the past couple of years, point to the need to continue to strengthen our processes to ensure the best delivery of supporter care and we will invest in our resources to do that. Our supporters and volunteers are at the heart of all we do, we will work to ensure they feel their value and are kept updated regularly on the impact of their generous donations and support.

Communications & Marketing

As we continue to develop our residential and community services, 2023 was a year dedicated to growing awareness of the support Cancer Fund for Children provides to children and young people impacted by cancer and their families.

Building our brand awareness and engagement regionally and nationally was a key priority for us. Our Communications Team continues to work closely with our Services Team to ensure we tell family stories with empathy, honesty and compassion. Total media reach for earned coverage was 76.6 million. This included 695 print articles, 653 online articles, and nine TV pieces. Radio interviews reached 5.5 million listeners.

Social media provides Cancer Fund for Children with the opportunity to tell our story, raise awareness and build engagement with our stakeholders including families, staff, volunteers, supporters and the wider public. In 2023 we launched our new social media strategy which focused on the three content pillars that resonate and inspire our audience - family stories, brand updates and large events. We also produced more video and reel content to connect with our audience and share our mission.

Following this strategy, we experienced growth across our core channels including Facebook, Instagram and Linked In. Growth across X (formerly Twitter) slowed which is consistent with the current social media landscape. This year we also launched our TikTok channel to reach a younger audience. Whilst follower numbers are small, engagement on TikTok has been high with the team capitalizing on trends to share our message. Overall engagement across Cancer Fund for Children's platforms has been higher than the industry average and our total reach across all platforms exceeded 648.8K users.

Our website had over 90,000 visits in 2023. This was an increase of 57% on the previous year.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September marks Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This is an international campaign to raise awareness of childhood cancer and its impact. This year we focused our campaign on the theme of growth – growing awareness, growing connection, and growing support.

One of our young ambassador's Charlotte fronted our campaign, sharing her experience of childhood cancer. Media activity with Charlotte during September included an interview with Belfast Live, Newsletter and regional titles and a social campaign which reached 341K social media users. National and regional PR during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month help us reach over 340k people.

We also partnered with two charities Childhood Cancer Ireland and the Children's Cancer Unit Charity to raise awareness by lighting Belfast Gold during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Prominent landmarks including Belfast City Hall and Parliament Buildings in Stormont turned gold for as part of the "Light Up Gold" initiative. We also attended the Children's Cancer Unit at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, bringing colour and joy to children, young people and their families.

ReadOn Media Partnership

As detailed earlier, ReadOn is our flagship schools fundraising initiative. This year we invested in a media partnership with Cool FM to promote ReadOn ahead of World Book Day on 7th March. Cool FM activity reached over 278k people across radio and social media and helped us to double sign ups from 39 in March 2022 to 78 in March 2023.

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Ambassadors

Our Youth Ambassadors play a vital role in raising awareness and help ensure that the voices of children and young people are at the heart of our campaigns. Throughout the year our young ambassadors took part in a range of media interviews and spoke at events, from gala balls to conferences sharing their experiences of cancer and our support.

Our celebrity ambassador Rory Best took on the incredible challenge of walking over 330km from Dublin to Mayo raising vital funds and gaining media and public attention for our cause. Once again, we were blown away by the support and time our ambassadors dedicate to Cancer Fund for Children.

Internal Communications

As Cancer Fund for Children develops our services across the island of Ireland, engaging with our internal stakeholders has become a growing focus. Our Health and Wellbeing committee launched several initiatives in 2023 including coffee roulette, encouraging staff to connect with each other, and a range of health, fitness and mindfulness programs. We are also grateful to be involved with and deliver the Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke 'Live Well, Work Well' Programme across our organisation.

We also held quarterly Town Hall meetings and increased communications through our staff Microsoft Team channel to ensure they feel informed and we are aligned on our shared purpose. In 2024 we plan to launch an internal communications staff survey to evaluate how staff prefer to be communicated with and launch an Internal Communications Working Group dedicated to staff communication and engagement.

Looking Forward

Looking forward our communications will focus on building awareness of Cancer Fund for Children on both a national and a regional level. Sharing emotive family stories and championing the voices of young people with empathy and compassion are powerful ways to build engagement and support.

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 invest in our website which is a key source of information for service users and donors and is the main referral pathway into our services.

As we grow our staff team to meet the needs of children and young people impacted by cancer, we will continue to develop our internal communications and engage with our staff to understand their communication needs.

People

A key objective within Cancer Fund for Children is to cultivate a well-resourced, positive, and inclusive workplace environment that values and supports our staff and volunteers.

We recognise and value all our employees and their commitment to ensure that 'no child faces cancer alone.' During the past year Cancer Fund for Children has continued to grow which has resulted in an extensive programme of recruitment in Northern Ireland and Ireland with a total of 23 new roles in this period. This has been challenging at times due to the current competitive marketplace.

	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Current Staff Numbers NI	55	19	74
Total - March 2024	55	19	74

Part time staff recorded as any staff who do not work 35 hours per week and new starts included in the totals.

Staff Turnover 9.4%

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	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Current Staff Numbers ROI	11	1	12
Total - March 2024	11	1	12

Part time staff recorded as any staff who do not work 35 hours per week and new starts included in the totals.
Staff Turnover 0%

Achievements & Initiatives

Board Recruitment: This year saw some Board Members come to the end of their tenure, and we have actively been recruiting new members. We now have a Board of thirteen trustees with a diverse range of skills and knowledge and representation from both Northern Ireland and Ireland.

HR System: A review of the current HR system has been completed and approval has been given to upgrade the system. Sage HR has been chosen and onboarding should begin in the first quarter of 24/25 with the aim to be paperless by the fourth quarter of this year. This will improve our recordkeeping and reporting on HR data for Northern Ireland & Ireland employees.

Appraisal Process: The annual appraisal process has been completed for Ireland employees and annual objectives and development plans set for 24/25.

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

Health & Wellbeing Committee: The Health and Wellbeing Committee is now in its fourth 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.

Mental Health Awareness: This year we have trained seven employees as Mental Health First Aiders. These skills will help assess and assist an employee in crisis, providing support and sign posting to appropriate professional help.

Volunteers: An exciting development this year was a Volunteer Coordinator joining Cancer Fund for Children in December 2023. This has enabled us to begin to develop a comprehensive volunteer programme across the island of Ireland providing inductions and training to volunteers who can, in turn, provide valuable support across various departments including Fundraising and Administration. When the Volunteer Coordinator joined the organisation there were 110 volunteers on our database throughout the island of Ireland. In a few months this has now grown to 141 volunteers providing extra support.

We were grateful to the Volunteers who helped support our first Bog run through stewarding at the event. The volunteer fundraising group in Mayo has continued to support grassroots fundraising events throughout the year. Next year the Volunteer Coordinator will work with the team to grow the volunteer pool in fundraising.

GDPR

Cancer Fund for Children 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, this year we have taken significant steps to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

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.

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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.

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 we have introduced a hybrid workplace 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.

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.

Financial Review

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.

Results for the Period

The Cancer Fund for Children's Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 26 of the audited accounts. Total income increased from £3,205,585 in 2022/23 to £3,777,820 in 2023/24, there were also other gains of £50,000 in the year outlined in note 25 of the financial statements. Total expenditure increased from £3,206,821 in 2022/23 to £3,534,748 in 2023/24. The charity therefore generated a net surplus of £293,072 in the period

Reserves Policy and Funds Employed

The Board of Trustees aims to build a reserve of 3 months operating costs over a period of six years beginning in 2017, with trade creditors and the overdraft being reduced over the first three years and reserves generated thereafter. This has been achieved and the charity is now in a position where it is steadily generating funds.

Total reserves of £3.72M as at 31 March 2024 falls into two categories:

Restricted funds

Of the available resources, £30k is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes which are within the overall aims of Cancer Fund for Children.

Unrestricted funds

Of the available resources, £3.7M, which includes tangible fixed assets of £3.1M, 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.

Future Plans

At the end of 2023, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) alongside the Board undertook a review of the current 2021-26 strategic plan. As part of the review, ELT completed a SWOT analysis, assessed progress, and revised objectives considering the evolving nature of Cancer Fund for Children.

Several key areas were identified that we will seek to strengthen and improve to ensure Cancer Fund for Children is best placed to deliver an ambitious growth strategy in NI and Ireland. Areas include how we develop our

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people. We will ensure our teams are effectively resourced, we will improve our governance and reporting and invest in our systems and processes.

We will continue to work to enhance our existing portfolio of core services to include Individual Support, Group Work and Short Breaks.

This year our Services Team undertook a restructure to ensure the charity is best placed to respond to needs and support families throughout their cancer diagnosis. The team has grown in line with our vision to develop our cancer support services on an all-island basis. We have sought to develop and enhance key areas of support for those at end of life, those who are bereaved and direct support for parents.

Due to the growing case load management and the associated tasks, we restructured our Services Team into a Community Team (in person individual & group work NI and ROI) and an 'all-island' Connections Team who are responsible for the onboarding of service users, signposting and ongoing remote support.

Going forward we will develop a 'Model of Practice' in line with our existing work that will set us apart and we will fully implement the introduction of an 'All-island' Connections Team. We will also seek to undertake a full review of groupwork programmes.

By the end of 2024-25 we will have commenced the construction of a second Daisy Lodge, in Co Mayo.

We will also ensure we improve how we engage children and young people. We will support young people to develop and plan their own schools' campaign, 'Cancer's In Our Life, Talk To Us!' alongside launching 'Our Cause Your Way' collaborative art project and the 'Brighten Your Imagination' hospital campaign. Finally, we empower young people to host an All-Island Conference.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

Cancer Fund for Children is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are all volunteers. The directors of Cancer Fund for Children are also directors of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. They have no beneficial interest in either of the companies and receive no remuneration. 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 2023/24.

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)
Gerard Halpenny (Secretary)
Cormac Owens
Donal O'Shaughnessy (retired 27th November 2023)
Joan Ballantine (retired 13th February 2024)
Padraic O'Giollain (Treasurer)
Michelle Hatfield (retired 27th November 2023)
Peter Shields (appointed 1 April 2022)
Dr. Robert Johnston
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)
Rory Best (appointed 15th January 2024)
Alice Nugent (appointed 15th January 2024)
Anne Skeggs (appointed 8th April 2024)
Caroline McGroary (appointed 8th April 2024)
Nuala Reid (appointed 8th April 2024)

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)
Ingrid Blake (Director of Finance and Corporate Services) Resigned 30.07.24

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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
6. HR, Nomination and remuneration- Michelle Hatfield handed to Anne Skeggs

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

Meetings	Board	Audit & Assurance / (Renamed Finance)	Capital Formed Aug 23	Governance & Risk/ Formed Aug 23	Services	Income & Comms	HR, Nominations & Remuneration
Board Members	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 3	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 2	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 2	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 1
Peter O'Brien (Chairperson)	5 (5)					3 (3)	2 (2)
Gerard Halpenny	4 (5)			2 (2)			
Cormac Owens	2 (5)				4 (5)		
Donal O'Shaughnessy (retired 27 th November 2023)	3 (3)						
Joan Ballantine (retired 13 th February 2024)	5 (5)	3 (3)		2 (2)			
Padraic O'Giollain (Treasurer)	5 (5)	3 (3)					
Michelle Hatfield (retired 27 th November 2023)	1 (3)						1 (1)
Peter Shields	5 (5)	5 (5)				3 (3)	
Dr. Robert Johnston	3 (5)				4 (5)		
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)	5 (5)		3 (3)				
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)	4 (5)		3 (3)				
Rory Best (appointed 15 th January 2024)	NA						
Alice Nugent (appointed 15 th January 2024)	NA						
Phil Alexander (CEO)	4 (5)	5 (5)	3 (3)	2 (2)		2 (3)	2 (2)
Siobhan Hanley (Director of Income Generation)	3 (5)	4 (5)				3 (3)	
Neil Symington (Director of Services)	5 (5)				5 (5)		
Ingrid Blake (Director of Finance)	4 (5)	5 (5)	3 (3)				2 (2)

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Board and Board Sub-Committee Meetings

The Board and the Board Sub-Committees met on several occasions in 2023/24.

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.

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 members' 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.

Legal and Operational Structure - All Ireland Charity

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charity registered in both Northern Ireland and 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 alongside supporting children and young people who have a parent with cancer in Northern Ireland.

The charity operates through Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI). 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 Trustees own interests, and the interest 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.

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 recommendation are made to 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.

Induction- 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

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Information about Cancer Fund for Children

- 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'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.

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

Risk No.	Risk Type	Risk Heading
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 and Charity
Risk 3	Environment and external risk	Potential Damage to the public image of the organisation
Risk 4	Operational/ Financial risks	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	Operational 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

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In the past year, Cancer Fund for Children 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 continues to safeguard our mission and protect the communities we serve.

Future plans involve the development of a risk framework that tracks and evaluates risks in real-time, allowing us to respond swiftly to all organisational risks. Further training on risk identification and mitigation will be provided to staff and volunteers to ensure a proactive and informed approach.

Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Public Benefit

Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Employment of Disabled Persons

There are no collective agreements recognised by the charity. The charity is an equal opportunities employer with set policies on health and safety, training and development, disciplinary rules and grievance procedures.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The charity's remuneration policies and practices are designed to attract, retain, and motivate key management personnel while ensuring that resources are used efficiently and in line with the charity's mission and values. The charity's Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the arrangements for setting the remuneration of key management personnel. The charity utilises various benchmarks, parameters, and criteria when determining the remuneration of key management personnel. These include:

- Industry-specific data.
- Comparable remuneration packages in similar organisations within the sector.
- The charity's own performance metrics, financial health, and budgetary considerations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices).

Company law and the law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation;
- observe methods and principles in the charities SORP; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (C'TD)


Statement of Disclosure of Auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


Peter O'Brien Chairperson


Pádraic Ó Giolláin Treasurer

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Cancer Fund for Children for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion:

- give a true and fair view on the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts 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.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trustees and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees' are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 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 accounts 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 (UK) 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 accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Charity.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102).
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 school's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

**THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER
FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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 auditors' 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.

R. I. Peters Gallagher

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**Dr. R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants**

Dated: 27th November 2024
Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 Restated
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments					
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>					
Donations & legacies	3	1,946,062	-	1,946,062	2,018,600
Activities for generating funds	4	263,692	-	263,692	171,557
Income from investments	5	9,478	-	9,478	5,486
Income from charitable activities	6	9,000	1,210,638	1,219,638	720,875
Other income	7	338,950	-	338,950	289,067
Total income and endowments		2,567,182	1,210,638	3,777,820	3,205,585
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds	10	1,036,150	-	1,036,150	880,433
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>					
Daisy Lodge	11	576,946	576,837	1,153,783	1,185,701
Services	12	646,769	639,159	1,285,928	1,088,706
Governance costs	13	58,887	-	58,887	51,981
Total Expenditure		2,318,752	1,215,996	3,534,748	3,206,821
Net Income/(Expenditure)		248,430	(5,358)	243,072	(1,236)
Transfer between funds	26	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains					
Gain on write down of loan	25	50,000	-	50,000	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2023		3,371,419	35,469	3,429,865	3,431,101
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2024	26	3,692,826	30,111	3,722,937	3,429,865

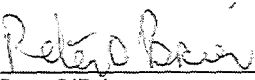
There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above.
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.
The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.


The Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account) is included in note 32 to the financial statements for the prior year ended 31 March 2023.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	<u>3,135,607</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		2,447	2,447
Debtors	15	598,950	319,083
Cash at bank and in hand	16	788,409	1,314,814
		<u>1,389,806</u>	<u>1,636,344</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(302,476)	(635,373)
Net current assets		<u>1,087,330</u>	<u>1,000,971</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		4,222,937	4,234,009
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(500,000)	(804,144)
Net assets		<u>3,722,937</u>	<u>3,429,865</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		3,692,826	3,394,396
Restricted funds		30,111	35,469
Total funds	26	<u>3,722,937</u>	<u>3,429,865</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


 Peter O'Brien Chairperson


 Pádraic O Giolláin Treasurer

The notes on pages 31 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	29	(45,439)		160,681	
Interest paid		<u>(31,602)</u>		<u>(33,490)</u>	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(77,041)		127,191	
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(12,364)	(28,039)		
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-		
Interest received		<u>9,478</u>	<u>4,892</u>		
Net cash generated/(used) in investing activities		(2,886)		(23,147)	
Financing activities					
Repayment of loans		<u>(446,478)</u>	<u>(209,942)</u>		
Net cash used in financing activities		(446,478)		(209,942)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(526,405)		(105,898)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>1,314,814</u>		<u>1,420,712</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u>788,409</u>		<u>1,314,814</u>	
Relating to:					
Bank balances		788,409		1,314,814	

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General Information

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. Its Companies Registration Number is NI 049930. The registered office is Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED.

The Cancer Fund for Children is a public benefit entity. The objectives of the Cancer Fund for Children are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by HMRC (Charity tax number XR 29768) and is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number NIC100532). 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

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard which applies in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.

Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure (see note 15).

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified to expenditure categories on a direct basis where appropriate or allocated in line with managerial and budgetary responsibilities on a number of bases.

Expenditure on raising funds include the costs of events, advertising, producing publications, printing and mailing fundraising material, and staff costs in these areas.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to expenditure incurred on activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include the staffing and associated costs of administering and managing the operational management of the charity.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historic cost, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Land	- not depreciated
Buildings	- 2% straight line
Furniture & Equipment	- 20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 20% straight line

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.

Foreign currency

The functional currency of the Cancer Fund for Children is considered to be sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

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 subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictions are binding upon the charity.

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.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The Company 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.

Taxation status

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status by the HMRC, charity tax number XR 29768.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3. Donations & legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Community & Clubs	278,667		278,667	325,335
Corporate	508,148		508,148	464,983
General Donations	13,405		13,405	14,674
Donor Development – incl. Payroll giving	325,208		325,208	401,874
Families	206,499		206,499	228,948
Major Donors	66,100		66,100	200,890
South Down Regional Fundraising	197,819		197,819	137,419
Schools & Youth	148,641		148,641	70,719
Gifts in Kind	151,473		151,473	155,086
Daisy Lodge	-		-	1,250
Trust & Funds	-		-	17,422
Gift Aid	48,002		48,002	-
Commercial Income	2,100		2,100	-
	<u>1,946,062</u>		<u>1,946,062</u>	<u>2,018,600</u>

4. Income from activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Slieve Donard	-		-	14,792
Marathons	24,806		24,806	-
Skydive/Abseil	36,358		36,358	12,627
Fundraising Events	85,179		85,179	59,172
Santa Clause	15,581		15,581	5,187
Treks	15,705		15,705	28,836
Bog Run	86,063		86,063	50,943
	<u>263,692</u>		<u>263,692</u>	<u>171,557</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>9,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,478</u>	<u>5,486</u>

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6. Income from charitable activities	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Rise		130,640	130,640	90,253
Big Lottery DL		121,235	121,235	96,301
Children in Need		-	-	27,701
Young Lives V Cancer (Clic Sargent)		28,941	28,941	23,153
Community Foundation NI	4,000	423,311	427,311	349,879
Co-Op Grant		-	-	10,000
Government		-	-	14,588
House of Vic Lyn		10,000	10,000	10,000
McClay Foundation		50,000	50,000	50,000
Rank Foundation		29,615	29,615	34,000
St James Foundation		30,000	30,000	15,000
Big Lottery- Dormant Funds		12,146	12,146	
Alan Nappin		50,000	50,000	
Ulster Garden Villages		70,000	70,000	
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	5,000	254,750	259,750	-
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>1,210,638</u>	<u>1,219,638</u>	<u>720,875</u>

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Recharges from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	195,868		195,868	154,981
Donations from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	130,200		130,200	130,000
DFC- Access to Work	12,882		12,882	4,086
Government CJRS				-
	<u>338,950</u>		<u>338,950</u>	<u>289,067</u>

8. Net Movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	109,795	109,610
Employer pension costs	152,246	129,435
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	7,200	5,760

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9. Support costs

Within total expenditure, support costs are as follows:

	Income Generation	Daisy Lodge	Services	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	125,925	215,122	183,641	524,688	286,318
Management & administration	51,044	87,200	74,439	212,684	157,636
Awareness raising	6,894	11,776	10,053	28,723	90,853
Establishment	22,346	38,174	32,588	93,108	78,554
Finance costs	7,584	12,957	11,061	31,602	35,998
Depreciation	26,351	45,016	38,429	109,796	109,610
	<u>240,144</u>	<u>410,246</u>	<u>350,210</u>	<u>1,000,601</u>	<u>758,969</u>

Support costs are not directly attributable to any single activity but provide the organisational infrastructure that enables the charitable activities to take place. Such costs are therefore apportioned to the activity cost categories above. Support costs have been apportioned according to the number of staff in each area.

10. Expenditure on income generation

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	709,780		709,780	526,994
Training and recruitment	3,588		3,588	6,612
Ground rent and cleaning	1,974		1,974	8,178
Volunteering expenses	230		230	2,947
Insurances	5,564		5,564	3,419
Heat and light	4,161		4,161	3,612
Printing, postage and stationery	5,314		5,314	16,775
Telephone	8,371		8,371	5,227
School expenses	1,068		1,068	3,922
Staff meetings	426		426	5,944
Software subscriptions	18,241		18,241	40,494
Corporate expenses				8,768
Repairs and maintenance	66,598		66,598	43,963
Website costs and CRM	18,241		18,241	42,212
Communications and awareness raising	35,102		35,102	28,732
Mortgage interest and bank charges	7,870		7,870	8,640
Global & UK challenge expenses	41,352		41,352	46,469
Collection box / buckets expenditure	3,096		3,096	2,476
Payroll giving expenses	39,581		39,581	10,602
Depreciation	26,351		26,351	26,306
Merchandising	18,748		18,748	10,908
Admin expenses	3,198		3,198	4,488
Cleaning	3,528		3,528	3,113
HR Expenditure	7,594		7,594	5,194
Unrealised currency gains/(losses)				51
Legal and professional	6,174		6,174	2,877
Miscellaneous expenses				11,510
	<u>1,036,150</u>		<u>1,036,150</u>	<u>880,433</u>

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11. Expenditure on charitable activities: Daisy Lodge	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	90,360	576,320	666,163	698,434
Volunteering expenses	336		336	234
Mortgage interest and bank charges	11,477		11,477	14,759
Training and recruitment	5,233		5,233	16,503
Travel	8,598		8,598	3,833
Motor expenses	-		-	534
Printing, postage and stationery	7,749		7,749	2,210
Repairs and maintenance	124,170		90,971	123,180
Telephone	12,208		12,208	16,737
Heat and light	84,864		84,864	62,251
Insurance	8,114		8,114	5,840
Miscellaneous expenses	11,181		11,181	7,130
Communications & awareness raising	33,831		33,831	38,026
Website costs and CRM	26,601		26,601	39,313
Depreciation	37,912	517	38,429	44,940
Cleaning, hygiene & laundry	5,146		5,146	11,747
Narnia Garden Project	2,199		2,199	9,357
Narnia Log Cabin running costs	15,817		15,817	3,964
Food provision	71,073		71,073	38,662
Parental specialist			-	33,959
Other site expenses			-	300
HR Expenditure	11,074		11,074	8,873
Legal and professional	9,003		9,003	4,915
	<u>576,946</u>	<u>576,837</u>	<u>1,153,783</u>	<u>1,185,701</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities: Services

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	302,732	639,159	941,891	775,591
Volunteer expenses	393		393	8,307
Heat and light	2,892		2,892	5,266
Telephone	14,300		14,300	13,659
Printing, postage and stationery	9,078		9,078	10,234
Travel	74,166		74,166	3,771
Training and recruitment	6,130		6,130	9,642
Mortgage interest and bank charges	13,445		13,445	12,599
Communications and awareness raising	39,630		39,630	32,462
Young Shoulders			-	-
Subscriptions			-	264
Website costs and CRM	31,162		31,162	33,560
Insurance	9,505		9,505	4,985
Appeals cost			-	3,858
Services resources and residentials	21,530		21,530	30,500
Sibling Support Programme – activities	44,843		44,843	68,398
Repairs and maintenance	2,400		2,400	9,483
Depreciation	45,016		45,016	38,364
HR Expenditure	12,973		12,973	7,575
Cleaning	6,028		6,028	4,540
Community Services Sessional			-	7,616
Miscellaneous expenses			-	3,836
Legal and professional	10,546		10,546	4,196
	<u>646,769</u>	<u>639,159</u>	<u>1,285,928</u>	<u>1,088,706</u>

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13. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	48,243		48,243	43,152
Employer pension contributions	3,444		3,444	3,069
Auditors' remuneration	7,200		7,200	5,760
	<u>58,887</u>		<u>58,887</u>	<u>51,981</u>

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings	Furniture & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	3,985,104	604,487	68,673	4,658,264
Additions		12,364		12,364
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,985,104</u>	<u>616,851</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>4,670,628</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	838,886	517,667	68,673	1,425,226
Charge for year	79,446	30,349		109,795
At 31 March 2024	<u>918,332</u>	<u>548,016</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>1,535,021</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,066,772</u>	<u>68,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,135,607</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,146,218</u>	<u>86,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>

15. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued income	235,986	17,988
Accounts receivable	18,024	
Prepayments	12,884	13,782
Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) (note 30)	332,056	287,313
	<u>598,950</u>	<u>319,083</u>

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16. Cash at bank, on deposit and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and hand	<u>788,409</u>	<u>1,314,814</u>
	<u>788,409</u>	<u>1,314,814</u>
17. Creditors amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	-	192,334
Trade creditors	9,106	40,877
Other loans	50,000	50,000
Other tax and social security	48,478	42,968
Other creditors and accruals	106,570	64,444
Deferred income	<u>88,322</u>	<u>247,750</u>
	<u>302,476</u>	<u>635,373</u>
18. Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	500,000	550,000
Bank loans	-	254,144
	<u>500,000</u>	<u>804,144</u>
Analysis of maturity of debt:		
Within one year or on demand	50,000	249,320
Between two and five years	200,000	454,144
After five years	<u>300,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
	<u>550,000</u>	<u>1,053,464</u>

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19. Staff costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,050,193	1,721,087
Employer's National Insurance	182,875	167,841
Employer's pension costs	143,731	129,435
	<u>2,376,799</u>	<u>2,018,363</u>

There were two employees with emoluments between £60,000 and £69,999 (2023: 1), none between £70,000 and £79,999 (2023: none), and one between £80,000 and £89,999 (2023: none).

The key management personnel of the charity comprises the trustees and the executive leadership team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £296,323 (2023: £325,680).

The average monthly number of employees for the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Full Time No.	Full Time No.
Daisy Lodge	12	9
Income generation	11	13
Services	22	16
Governance and support	14	6
	<u>59</u>	<u>44</u>
	Part Time No.	Part Time No.
Daisy Lodge	11	16
Income generation	2	5
Services	8	9
Governance and support	1	1
	<u>22</u>	<u>31</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	3,775	10,589
Within two to five years	-	3,775
	<u>3,775</u>	<u>14,365</u>

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21. Taxation

No corporation tax was provided for in 2024 because the income of the charity was within the exemption granted by Sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act (CTA 2010).

22. Trustees remuneration

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023: £NIL). During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023: £NIL).

23. Company limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

24. Gifts in Kind

Income category:	Source	SOFA £	Balance Sheet £	Total £
Gifts in kind	Jamie Johnston	2,000		2,000
Gifts in kind	The Odyssey Trust	3,160		3,160
Gifts in kind	Microsoft	19,178		19,178
Gifts in kind	Nitec	6,966		6,966
Gifts in kind	CHAMP Cloud	3,400		3,400
Gifts in kind	Fibrus	331		331
Gifts in kind	URL Results	1,455		1,455
Gifts in kind	Briefed	7,715		7,715
Gifts in kind	Kingspan Water & Energy	5,069		5,069
Gifts in kind	Titan AC	660		660
Gifts in kind	H&J Martin	35,040		35,040
Gifts in kind	Mercury Security	990		990
Gifts in kind	Vodafone Ireland	925		925
Gifts in kind	Barrington Security	186		186
Gifts in kind	LiteOn	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Gary McConville	1,099		1,099
Gifts in kind	Fire Risk Assessments NI	1,098		1,098
Gifts in kind	JCBcs	1,500		1,500
Gifts in kind	KM Hygiene	515		515
Gifts in kind	Cogent Associates	2,569		2,569
Gifts in kind	Clubs Review	11,904		11,904
Gifts in kind	Carbrooke Meats	7,760		7,760
Gifts in kind	Finnebrogue	2,200		2,200
Gifts in kind	Morrellis	2,000		2,000
Gifts in kind	Ristretto	1,200		1,200
Gifts in kind	Hovis	3,500		3,500
Gifts in kind	McPolin	3,300		3,300
Gifts in kind	Sean Kelly	2,880		2,880
Gifts in kind	MP Repairs service	567		567
Gifts in kind	Richard Dorman	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Premier laundry	1,025		1,025
Gifts in kind	Lady Anthea Forde	3,085		3,085
Gifts in kind	Burrendale Hotel and country club and spa	3,500		3,500
Gifts in kind	Mount Panther farm	3,197		3,197
Gifts in kind	Cocos Children Adventure playground	1,200		1,200
Gifts in kind	Mauds Ice Cream	5,200		5,200
Gifts in kind	Ministry of Agriculture	1,100		1,100
Gifts in kind	Fresh Food Centre Castlewellan	1,600		1,600
Gifts in kind	Add a little Sparkle	400		400
		151,473		151,473

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24. Gifts in Kind cont'd

Expense category	Subcategory	2024	2023
Repairs and Maintenance	Administration and IT	94,855	87,093
Repairs and Maintenance	Daisy Lodge	8,557	48,587
Legal and Professional	HR	-	730
Miscellaneous expenses	Expenditure Website	-	1,455
Communications & Awareness	Maintenance Administration and IT	11,904	-
Food Provision	Food Provision	36,157	17,221
		<u>151,473</u>	<u>155,086</u>

25. Other recognised gains

During the year Heron Brothers kindly agreed to discount the loan amount outstanding by £50,000, reducing the year end liability from £600,000 to £550,000

26. Statement of funds 2024

	At 31 March 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer s	Other gains	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserve	3,394,396	2,567,182	2,318,752		50,000	3,692,826
Restricted reserve						
CFNI	17,915	423,311	441,226	-	-	-
Alan Nappin	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	-	254,750	254,750	-	-	-
Rank	17,037	29,615	16,541	-	-	30,111
Young Lives V Cancer (Clic Sargent)	-	28,941	28,941	-	-	-
Ulster Garden Villages	-	70,000	70,000	-	-	-
The McClay Foundation	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Big Lottery- Dormant Funds	-	12,146	12,146	-	-	-
Big Lottery - Rise	-	130,640	130,640	-	-	-
Big Lottery Fund	-	121,235	121,235	-	-	-
Community Fund DL						
St James Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-
The House of Vic-Ryn	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge Capital	517	-	517	-	-	-
	<u>35,469</u>	<u>1,210,638</u>	<u>1,215,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,111</u>
Total funds	3,429,865	3,777,820	3,534,748	-	50,000	3,722,937

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27. Analysis of assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Current assets/ liabilities £	Creditors > 1year £	Total £
Unrestricted reserve	3,135,607	1,057,219	(500,000)	3,962,826
Restricted reserve	-	30,111	-	30,111
	<u>3,135,607</u>	<u>1,087,330</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>3,722,937</u>

28. Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at the year-end (2023: £NIL).

29. Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income	293,072	(1,236)
Adjustments for:		
Finance costs	31,602	33,490
Investment income	(9,478)	(4,892)
Depreciation net of disposal	109,795	109,610
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	-	8,274
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(279,867)	(142,742)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(190,563)	158,177
Cash generated from operations	<u>(45,439)</u>	<u>160,681</u>

30. Related Party Transactions

Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) 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 £195,868 (2023: £154,981). Invoices and expenses were paid in 2023/23 by CFFC NI for CFFC ROI of £166,003 (2023: £222,888).

During the year CFFC ROI made a charitable donation to CFFC NI of £130,200 (2023: €Nil).

Balances at year end represent amounts payable from CFFC ROI. At the year end the following amounts were outstanding:

There was a payment in transit at 31/03/2024 for €222,578 in respect of the year end balance which settled on 03/04/2024.

	2024 £	2023 £
Due from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI)	332,056	287,313
	<u>332,056</u>	<u>287,313</u>

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31: Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

32: Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th November 2024

The Cancer Fund for Children

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100532

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Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC100532
Company Registration Number: NI 049930
HMRC Number: XR 29768

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Trustees/Directors as at 27th November 2024

Gerard Halpenny
Cormac Owens
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter O'Brien
Peter Shields
Dr. Robert Johnston
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)
Alice Nugent (appointed 15 January 2024)
Rory Best (appointed 15 January 2024)
Nuala Reid (appointed 8 April 2024)
Jennifer Skeggs (appointed 8 April 2024)
Caroline McGroary (appointed 8 April 2024)
Donal O'Shaughnessy (resigned 27 October 2023)
Michelle Hatfield (resigned 27 October 2023)
Joan Ballantine (resigned 13 February 2024)

Directors are appointed in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Chairperson

Peter O'Brien

Treasurer

Pádraic Ó Giolláin

Company Secretary

Gerry Halpenny

Chief Executive

Phil Alexander

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THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Chairperson Statement

We are delighted to present the 2023-24 Annual Report of the Cancer Fund for Children. It was a very special year for the charity as we continued to deliver on our mission that no children should face cancer alone.

We delivered supported a record number of children and their families. We supported a total number of 829 individual families and received 315 new family referrals during the year. 517 families availed of a short break at Daisy Lodge Newcastle. Sadly, there were 66 deaths of family members during the year, and we continue to support these families in coming to terms with this unimaginable grief.

We put a huge emphasis on listening to children and young people and ensure their voice is at the heart of our organisation. Children have an important role to play in advocating for their peers and championing change across cancer services. They are represented on our services committee and are routinely involved in key decision making which help to shape the services we provide.

Three of our Youth Ambassadors met with Secretary of State, Chris Heaton Harris at Daisy Lodge and it was a joy to see how they articulated the work of Cancer Fund for Children and advocated for new funding to further enhance how we support young people and their families.

Cancer Fund for Children continued to support the endeavours of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland, its sister company in the development of services on an island wide basis through its administrative and management support. A hospital and community team are now operational in every county throughout the island alongside an active fundraising team. The development and construction of a second Daisy Lodge will also commence in late 2024.

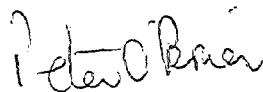
We are so grateful to our volunteers, community and corporate partners who have walked, jumped, ran, cycled, dived, read and sang for us throughout the year in support all children and families impacted by cancer. We continue to develop a funding strategy that ensures the organisation is sustainable and responsive to the changing needs of our children and families.

We continue to focus on governance and ensure that this organisation is run to the highest standards. We carried out a Board skills audit to help us in recruiting new Trustees. We have put in place enhanced Sub Committees which support the Board in appropriate oversight of our services and the money we spend.

Finally, thank you to our amazing team who come to work every day with a passion to support our children and their families. It is very special to see this level of care and attention and it is reflected in the amazing feedback we receive about so many of our staff. What each of you does makes such a difference. Thank you!

Peter O'Brien

Chairperson



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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (C'TD)

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 2024. 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

The Company is established for the relief of need by reason of ill-health amongst children, and the families of children, anywhere in the world, who are adversely affected by cancer through the provision of practical, social and emotional support insofar as is charitable under the law of Northern Ireland and in particular:

Objectives

To provide support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) for all children and young people (0-24 years) diagnosed with cancer, their siblings (0-24 years) and those children and young people (0-24 years) who have a parent or other

1. primary carer diagnosed with cancer alongside their families throughout Northern Ireland & Ireland; with a view to reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and equipping individuals to cope better with the impact of a cancer diagnosis, alongside improving family relationships, reducing stress and anxiety and promoting independence.
2. To provide families dealing with a cancer diagnosis, a palliative/terminal cancer diagnosis, or families bereaved through cancer with relief, care, and support through a range of facilities including our Therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge and residential centre, Narnia. Therapeutic breaks promote rest and relaxation, teamed with unique psychosocial support specifically tailored to each family. They are designed to improve wellbeing, build precious memories, and facilitate families spending quality time together.
3. To provide time sensitive and age-appropriate support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) to children and young people who are dying as a result of cancer, their siblings and those children and young people who have a parent dying from cancer, offering continuity of care through ongoing bereavement support to each family.
4. To provide a range of opportunities for children, young people, and parents/primary carers impacted by cancer to meet one another and share experiences.
5. To provide safe spaces where children, young people and families can talk openly about the impact that cancer has on their lives, and work with them at a local, regional and national level to advocate and lobby for improvements in cancer care and support.
6. To raise public awareness of the impact of childhood cancer and the impact of a parental cancer diagnosis on a child or young person.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (C'TD)

Vision and Mission

Our vision is that no child should face cancer alone. Our mission is to connect, empower, and strengthen children and families so they are better equipped to deal with the emotional impact of cancer:

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

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

Our Values

We connect our people by:

- Bringing them together and building relationships
- Working collaboratively towards a shared vision
- Ensuring that individual views and expectations are valued and respected

We empower our people:

- To be confident in their work and courageous in their approach
- To be open to new ideas and ways of working
- To seek to improve everything we do
- To take responsibility

We strengthen our people by:

- Investing in their development and wellbeing
- Building on their unique skills, expertise and experience
- Valuing every individual
- Working together as a team

Our Organisational Priorities over the next five years:

1. We will continue to offer support to children diagnosed with cancer (0-24 years old) alongside their families.
2. We will continue to offer support to children who have a parent diagnosed with cancer in NI (0-18 years old).
3. We will continue to offer short breaks to families from Ireland in Daisy Lodge, Co. Down.
4. We will develop a range of service that support children diagnosed with cancer (aged 0-24 years old) and their families in the hospital and community setting throughout Ireland.
5. We will build a second Daisy Lodge in Co. Mayo and ensure it is supported with a sustainable fundraising programme.
6. We will ensure the voices of children and young people are at the heart of Cancer Fund for Children. Children have an important role to play in advocating for their peers and championing change across cancer services.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (C'TD)

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.

Review of Strategy 2021-2025

At the end of 2023, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) undertook a review of the 2021-26 Strategy. As part of the review, ELT completed a SWOT analysis, assessed progress, and revised objectives considering the evolving nature of Cancer Fund for Children.

Several key areas were identified that would ensure Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Cancer Fund for Children Strategic Pillars					
Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4	Pillar 5	Pillar 6
Services Development	Engagement	Funding	Awareness	People	Governance
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.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Services Development

The year 2023/24 has been one of major significance, growth, change and development across services in N. Ireland.

Over the past two years we have developed a range of services to better meet the needs of children, young people and their wider families. This has included enhanced support for families attending short breaks at Daisy Lodge with quicker access for those who are at end of life or with a palliative diagnosis and ongoing follow up where needed.

We have developed new and enhanced services for parents both in the community and at Daisy Lodge, with dedicated 1:1 support and groupwork on offer, as well as ongoing peer connection opportunities. We have sought to do the same for those that are bereaved as a result of cancer and have further developed our groupwork programmes for young people and launched a unique video which highlights this specific area of our support.

We have also developed our service offer to teenagers and young adults during their time in Hospital.

This year was about learning from our experience, seeking to bring more clarity to our work, how we deliver it and how we best manage the resource we have whilst maximising the impact it has for young people and their families.

We are acutely aware that one of the key and unique aspects of our service is in our holistic and wide-reaching support. Whether young people or parents are requiring support at home, in the community, at hospital or through a stay at Daisy Lodge or Narnia, our support exists to meet this need and for some they will need all aspects.

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 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 charity we are well connected across the cancer sector, we have been a founding member of the newly established Cancer Coalition in N. Ireland, as well as an active member of the TYA Service in NI.

We are actively involved in a partnership initiative led by Marie Curie and other representatives in seeking to improve the support offered to bereaved young people within school settings and have recently joined the NI Bereavement Network Children and Young people's sub group in the goal of the development of a 'Bereavement Charter' for NI.

Ensuring children and young people are at the heart of our organization/service continues to be a firm commitment and we have developed our youth engagement team to help us in meeting this obligation and vision.

Overall, our support meets children, young people and families 'where they are' and with sensitivity, warmth, compassion and flexibility. It is focused on building connections, relationships, trust and rapport as we strive to ensure that we can provide the support needed.

Our staff and volunteer team are the most valuable resource and this year they have brought an exceptional amount of compassion, commitment, hard work and creativity to managing the demand for support, in meeting the complex needs of young people and families and in working together as a collective service to multiple our holistic support.

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Hospital Based Support

Our work with teenagers and young adults in hospitals across Northern Ireland took a major step forward this year. We now have two Youth Support Workers providing support in all hospitals in N. Ireland where adolescents and young adults (AYA's) are being treated for cancer. We provide much needed age-specific support during their stay in hospital, and have introduced monthly groupwork programme, as well as a short break to enable young adults to meet with others. We do this working alongside our charity partners.

Supporting Young People and Parents in the Community

Our support in the community takes place on a one to one/individual basis, when and where children, young people and parents most need it. It is person centred, informal, therapeutic support, e.g. providing a space for children/young people/parents to feel comfortable, to develop a trusting relationship, to better understand the emotional impact of cancer and to develop better ways to cope going forward. This flexible approach helps us ensure that the support is based on the needs, interest and learning style of the individual.

We also recognise the power and value of peer support and connection. This year we have run a range of groupwork programmes for young people of all ages. We have also run a range of programmes for both young people and parents who have been bereaved through cancer, as well as monthly coffee morning. We have also introduced monthly coffee morning for parents and their partners with cancer and parents who have a child with cancer.

Our Carefree Choir continues to meet fortnightly and have grown in size to around 55 regular attendees.

Finally, our team have worked alongside a range of other organisations, partners and supporters to run a wide number of diverse events: e.g. family summer event at the Jungle NI, Family Christmas event at W5 and multiple opportunities with the Belfast Giants.

Support in the community in numbers:

Initial Visit and assessment	436
Individual support sessions with young people	686
Parental support sessions	179
Family support sessions	208
Residential runs at Narnia/Daisy Lodge	23 (144 Participants)
Number of day/evening events for young people	17 (89 Participants)
Key Community Events	6 (851 Participants)
Coffee Mornings for those bereaved of a partner	9 (39 Participants)
Parents with cancer/parents of diagnosed children	12 (65 Participants)
Bereavement boxes given out this year	40
Hospital Based support sessions across NI	596

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Feedback

"Our son absolutely loved his time with his Cancer Support Specialist, he especially enjoyed the residential. They have been a support to both us as parents and our son, providing valuable advice and during this very challenging period in our lives. I think our son will be better prepared for the future. Thank you."

"I can't express enough how grateful we are our Cancer Support Specialist. My child looked forward to every session with him. Don't underestimate the mixed emotions that the children will be feeling and the benefits of being able to express them in a safe environment with professional support."

"It gave me an outlet to talk about what was going on in my family when it wasn't being done at home. Being able to come to terms with my own anxiety and learn to allow myself to work through those issues before it harms my mental and physical state. My Cancer Support Specialist has done an amazing job in supporting myself and members of my family in coming to terms with the impact cancer is having in our family. Being there whenever you needed her to help, it has made a real and lasting impact on our family."

Supporting families through therapeutic short breaks – Daisy Lodge

The true impact of our work can be measured by the family responses we receive on their experiences of our short breaks. Families are clear on the benefits, the opportunities to connect with not only their own families, but in connecting with others in similar situations. They also highlight their gratitude and appreciation for the staff, the setting and services offered whilst staying with us. Leaving feeling more relaxed, often more connected and with a greater sense energy for what may lay ahead.

As we enter our 10th Anniversary year we have provided a total of 3868 families that have benefited from a therapeutic short break in Daisy Lodge during this time. This year we have supported 517 families through short breaks, the most we have supported across our 10 years.

Daisy Lodge has provided families with a vital opportunity to be together in a dedicated supportive space, providing at times an escape from the challenges of cancer and at times the space to deal directly with it, to have challenging conversations and plan for the future.

Number of family breaks	517
Total Occupants	1906
Number of H&WB overnights	19
Number of DL CSS workshop sessions	1162
Number of CT therapies delivered	1326
Meals provided	15248

A short summary of the feedback comments from the 517 families who stayed at Daisy Lodge on a therapeutic short break during the year of 2023/24

In analysis we received 100% feedback from these families staying on a therapeutic short break and here are the short summary points: here are the key findings:

- 90% of families felt more hopeful about their future following their short break.
- 95% felt better able to manage their family situation.
- 96% of families stated time together has strengthened their relationship as a family
- 91% Developed their connection as a family
- 97% combined feedback figure for all our Hospitality Services, including catering, diet and experience on offer at Daisy Lodge.

Feedback on Short Breaks

"Our break was the perfect balance of family time and group activities. Sometimes it's hard to include yourself in the 'cancer world' but I can't recommend this facility enough. At no point do you feel defined by a diagnosis. It's all joy and light-hearted fun."

"Daisy Lodge has given us the space and opportunity to finally spend time together as a family. We haven't had to worry about visitors or hospital trips - it has given us a sense of normality."

"Keep up the fabulous work and hospitality. It is so uplifting to see such goodness on offer at Daisy Lodge by the entire team to us as a family coping with childhood cancer in our family."

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Youth Engagement

One of our strategic pillars within the charity is our commitment and willingness to be a strong and active voice for young people. The role of our youth engagement team is to drive this ambition and to ensure that where possible the voice of young people is at the heart of the charity and is best placed to influence policy and practice in relation to young people and the impact of cancer on their lives.

Youth engagement activity in numbers:

- Community Days: 49
- Residential: 2
- Individual sessions: 60
- Events attended/organised: 11
- Training sessions completed: 10 (*teamwork, advocacy and representing others, leadership, recruitment & selection, events planning, presentation skills and Young Ambassador training*)

This year young people involved in our youth engagement groups, completed training in 'recruitment and selection' and this year have now begun to form part of our interview panels. (young people were on interview panels for 4 roles in this year)

Three of our young ambassadors hosted a visit with the NI Secretary of State in Daisy Lodge in June 2023, sharing their own personal stories of being impacted by cancer, the support offered by CFFC and their own reasons for becoming young ambassadors.

Feedback from the Secretary of state and the NIO: *"The NIO has done quite a lot of events and engagements this year involving a number of young advocates from a variety of backgrounds and issues, some related to integrated education, young voices in politics, the Belfast Good Friday Agreement anniversary among other things and your young ambassadors were as good as any I have ever listened to."*

Service Highlight

This year Cancer Fund for Children have been worked in partnership with Parenting NI to better understand the unique experiences of Parents & Anxiety. Parents who use CFFC services were recruited and participated in focus groups, 1:1 interviews and online questionnaires, all with a view to gain more insight and the needs of parents. The Research report launch took place in Belfast Castle on 8 June 2023. The report can be found on our website:

https://cancerfundforchildren.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Parental-Anxiety-Report_web.pdf

Members of our team spent quality time with a group of bereaved young people and captured a video of the support received here at CFFC. 'Say their name' has become the name of our bereaved groupwork for young people. Link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBkQQZ74Sio&t=151s>

The community team worked closely with the Daisy Lodge team to host our first Grief Retreat in Daisy Lodge for 15 parents whose partner have died. This was a space where these individuals could come together to talk about their loved one and to reflect on and explore their own journey with grief, with others who are walking a similar path.

The range of groupwork that has happened over the last year has enabled us to be as creative and responsive as possible in meeting the needs of young people and parents alike. These opportunities provide unique experiences of connection, as well as opportunities to learn from others.

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Fundraising

2023/24 was another year of incredible support from our valued supporters, partners and funders. Our work is not possible without the generous support from the public who, together with us, are helping to ensure that no child faces cancer alone.

Throughout 2023/24 the local community throughout Northern Ireland has gone above and beyond to help support children impacted by cancer. We have had so many different types of fundraising events from marathons all over the world, skydives, football tournaments and tractor run to Golf days, Cycles, Coffee mornings and Mountain climbs.

Partnerships with the Irish Football Association, Down GAA, Shine Productions and the Belfast Giants not only continue to raise a great amount of funds but also helped promote the work and raise awareness of Cancer Fund for Children. Our partnership with Boys Brigade NI raised an incredible £21,430 through organisations across Northern Ireland.

We would like to commend our support groups in South Belfast, Armagh, Newtownards and Causeway who have continued raise vital funds and awareness, giving their time so generously.

It's been another busy year for our family fundraising who not only take part in our core events – marathons, bog run, skydive and abseils, but also add their own creativity to organise their own events in their communities. These inspiring families have been impacted by cancer and have been supported through our services. Their events in the past year included a Gala Ball, coffee mornings, a fishing competition, cycle challenges, a dog show, tractor runs, fun days, head shaves, walking and running challenges and even a spectacular Strictly come dancing event.

Over the last year we have received support from over 150 schools and youth organisations across Northern Ireland. This has included participation in our core schools' events, i.e. Hats & Shades, Santa

Cause (Presents for Pounds, Jumper Day) and ReadOn, as well as schools creating and delivering their own activities. ReadOn continues to be one of our most popular events and has raised £73,469 in the last year.

In 2023/24, the key highlight in our events and campaigns portfolio was our annual Bog Run event. Our team hosted the 7th Bog Run in Castlewellan Forest Park, Co. Down in October 2023. Selling out for the 2nd year in a row, the 2023 event was also our biggest to date with just under 700 people taking part in the boggiest 5k around and raising over £100,000. We remain incredibly grateful to all who took part and for their generous support.

We remain grateful to our individual donors that continue to support us through Direct Debits, with 43% of our donors giving monthly for over ten years. Direct Debit's provide a sustainable and planned form of giving and enable us to plan our work more effectively as a result. Payroll Giving also continues to grow steadily, and these regular income streams are so important to enabling us to plan ahead more effectively in our work.

Our corporate partners continue to inspire us through their commitment to supporting families across Northern Ireland. Our long-term partnership with the incredible Henderson's Group reached a key milestone as we celebrated an amazing £1.6million raised to date. We are so grateful to all our corporate partners over the past year that collectively have raised over £500,000 for our work in Northern Ireland. We were also delighted to have the support of major donors and be part of a collaborative event with our sector colleagues to raise £80,000 at the Oval Ball last October. These funds were split between Cancer Fund for Children and two other charities. We remain hugely grateful to Callow Events for their continued support through the year.

We commit to the highest standards of supporter care and to our supporter charter and work to ensure the highest standards of compliance to fundraising legislation and guidance. Complaints received by the Supporter Care Team remain at a minimum level, <10 for 2023/2024 and were managed in compliance with our Complaints Policy. All complaints have been resolved successfully.

We remain so grateful to our key funders, The Ireland Funds, The Big Lottery Fund, St James Place Foundation, ARN Foundation, Rank Foundation, and other funders who have requested to remain private.

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Looking Ahead

The external context in which we operate is ever changing with increased competition in raising funds, and changing priorities of funders as well as economic fluctuations and so we need to ensure our strategies are agile and improve our ability to adapt and respond effectively to change and challenges, as well as respond quickly to new opportunities.

We look forward to reviewing our public funding strategic priorities as we reach midway through our Organisation Strategy and will strengthen and adapt our priorities to ensure they are relevant and meet the changing needs of our organisation. We are excited to develop individual giving initiatives, build our philanthropy programme, and continue to strengthen our corporate partnerships. We look forward to developing more incredible community fundraising partnerships and community activities, whilst ensuring our events and campaign portfolio continues to evolve and meet the needs of our supporters and fundraising programme. We have also learnt that investment in funding partnerships and building relationships with key foundations will also be critical to our success in the years ahead as we aim to balance our income portfolio and build, over time, more sustainable income streams.

In the coming year we will review and strengthen our fundraising policies and ensure that new team members have a clear understanding of them. Our learnings over the past couple of years, point to the need to continue to strengthen our processes to ensure the best delivery of supporter care and we will invest in our resources to do that. Our supporters and volunteers are at the heart of all we do, we will work to ensure they feel their value and are kept updated regularly on the impact of their generous donations and support.

Communications & Marketing

As we continue to develop our residential and community services, 2023 was a year dedicated to growing awareness of the support Cancer Fund for Children provides to children and young people impacted by cancer and their families.

Building our brand awareness and engagement regionally and nationally was a key priority for us. Our Communications Team continues to work closely with our Services Team to ensure we tell family stories with empathy, honesty and compassion. Total media reach for earned coverage was 76.6 million. This included 695 print articles, 653 online articles, and nine TV pieces. Radio interviews reached 5.5 million listeners.

Social media provides Cancer Fund for Children with the opportunity to tell our story, raise awareness and build engagement with our stakeholders including families, staff, volunteers, supporters and the wider public. In 2023 we launched our new social media strategy which focused on the three content pillars that resonate and inspire our audience - family stories, brand updates and large events. We also produced more video and reel content to connect with our audience and share our mission.

Following this strategy, we experienced growth across our core channels including Facebook, Instagram and Linked In. Growth across X (formerly Twitter) slowed which is consistent with the current social media landscape. This year we also launched our TikTok channel to reach a younger audience. Whilst follower numbers are small, engagement on TikTok has been high with the team capitalizing on trends to share our message. Overall engagement across Cancer Fund for Children's platforms has been higher than the industry average and our total reach across all platforms exceeded 648.8K users.

Our website had over 90,000 visits in 2023. This was an increase of 57% on the previous year.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September marks Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. This is an international campaign to raise awareness of childhood cancer and its impact. This year we focused our campaign on the theme of growth – growing awareness, growing connection, and growing support.

One of our young ambassador's Charlotte fronted our campaign, sharing her experience of childhood cancer. Media activity with Charlotte during September included an interview with Belfast Live, Newsletter and regional titles and a social campaign which reached 341K social media users. National and regional PR during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month help us reach over 340k people.

We also partnered with two charities Childhood Cancer Ireland and the Children's Cancer Unit Charity to raise awareness by lighting Belfast Gold during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Prominent landmarks including Belfast City Hall and Parliament Buildings in Stormont turned gold for as part of the "Light Up Gold" initiative. We also attended the Children's Cancer Unit at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, bringing colour and joy to children, young people and their families.

ReadOn Media Partnership

As detailed earlier, ReadOn is our flagship schools fundraising initiative. This year we invested in a media partnership with Cool FM to promote ReadOn ahead of World Book Day on 7th March. Cool FM activity reached over 278k people across radio and social media and helped us to double sign ups from 39 in March 2022 to 78 in March 2023.

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Ambassadors

Our Youth Ambassadors play a vital role in raising awareness and help ensure that the voices of children and young people are at the heart of our campaigns. Throughout the year our young ambassadors took part in a range of media interviews and spoke at events, from gala balls to conferences sharing their experiences of cancer and our support.

Our celebrity ambassador Rory Best took on the incredible challenge of walking over 330km from Dublin to Mayo raising vital funds and gaining media and public attention for our cause. Once again, we were blown away by the support and time our ambassadors dedicate to Cancer Fund for Children.

Internal Communications

As Cancer Fund for Children develops our services across the island of Ireland, engaging with our internal stakeholders has become a growing focus. Our Health and Wellbeing committee launched several initiatives in 2023 including coffee roulette, encouraging staff to connect with each other, and a range of health, fitness and mindfulness programs. We are also grateful to be involved with and deliver the Northern Ireland Chest, Heart and Stroke 'Live Well, Work Well' Programme across our organisation.

We also held quarterly Town Hall meetings and increased communications through our staff Microsoft Team channel to ensure they feel informed and we are aligned on our shared purpose. In 2024 we plan to launch an internal communications staff survey to evaluate how staff prefer to be communicated with and launch an Internal Communications Working Group dedicated to staff communication and engagement.

Looking Forward

Looking forward our communications will focus on building awareness of Cancer Fund for Children on both a national and a regional level. Sharing emotive family stories and championing the voices of young people with empathy and compassion are powerful ways to build engagement and support.

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 invest in our website which is a key source of information for service users and donors and is the main referral pathway into our services.

As we grow our staff team to meet the needs of children and young people impacted by cancer, we will continue to develop our internal communications and engage with our staff to understand their communication needs.

People

A key objective within Cancer Fund for Children is to cultivate a well-resourced, positive, and inclusive workplace environment that values and supports our staff and volunteers.

We recognise and value all our employees and their commitment to ensure that 'no child faces cancer alone.' During the past year Cancer Fund for Children has continued to grow which has resulted in an extensive programme of recruitment in Northern Ireland and Ireland with a total of 23 new roles in this period. This has been challenging at times due to the current competitive marketplace.

	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Current Staff Numbers NI	55	19	74
Total - March 2024	55	19	74

Part time staff recorded as any staff who do not work 35 hours per week and new starts included in the totals.

Staff Turnover 9.4%

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	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Current Staff Numbers ROI	11	1	12
Total - March 2024	11	1	12

Part time staff recorded as any staff who do not work 35 hours per week and new starts included in the totals.
Staff Turnover 0%

Achievements & Initiatives

Board Recruitment: This year saw some Board Members come to the end of their tenure, and we have actively been recruiting new members. We now have a Board of thirteen trustees with a diverse range of skills and knowledge and representation from both Northern Ireland and Ireland.

HR System: A review of the current HR system has been completed and approval has been given to upgrade the system. Sage HR has been chosen and onboarding should begin in the first quarter of 24/25 with the aim to be paperless by the fourth quarter of this year. This will improve our recordkeeping and reporting on HR data for Northern Ireland & Ireland employees.

Appraisal Process: The annual appraisal process has been completed for Ireland employees and annual objectives and development plans set for 24/25.

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

Health & Wellbeing Committee: The Health and Wellbeing Committee is now in its fourth 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.

Mental Health Awareness: This year we have trained seven employees as Mental Health First Aiders. These skills will help assess and assist an employee in crisis, providing support and sign posting to appropriate professional help.

Volunteers: An exciting development this year was a Volunteer Coordinator joining Cancer Fund for Children in December 2023. This has enabled us to begin to develop a comprehensive volunteer programme across the island of Ireland providing inductions and training to volunteers who can, in turn, provide valuable support across various departments including Fundraising and Administration. When the Volunteer Coordinator joined the organisation there were 110 volunteers on our database throughout the island of Ireland. In a few months this has now grown to 141 volunteers providing extra support.

We were grateful to the Volunteers who helped support our first Bog run through stewarding at the event. The volunteer fundraising group in Mayo has continued to support grassroots fundraising events throughout the year. Next year the Volunteer Coordinator will work with the team to grow the volunteer pool in fundraising.

GDPR

Cancer Fund for Children 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, this year we have taken significant steps to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

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.

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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.

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 we have introduced a hybrid workplace 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.

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.

Financial Review

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.

Results for the Period

The Cancer Fund for Children's Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 26 of the audited accounts. Total income increased from £3,205,585 in 2022/23 to £3,777,820 in 2023/24, there were also other gains of £50,000 in the year outlined in note 25 of the financial statements. Total expenditure increased from £3,206,821 in 2022/23 to £3,534,748 in 2023/24. The charity therefore generated a net surplus of £293,072 in the period

Reserves Policy and Funds Employed

The Board of Trustees aims to build a reserve of 3 months operating costs over a period of six years beginning in 2017, with trade creditors and the overdraft being reduced over the first three years and reserves generated thereafter. This has been achieved and the charity is now in a position where it is steadily generating funds.

Total reserves of £3.72M as at 31 March 2024 falls into two categories:

Restricted funds

Of the available resources, £30k is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes which are within the overall aims of Cancer Fund for Children.

Unrestricted funds

Of the available resources, £3.7M, which includes tangible fixed assets of £3.1M, 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.

Future Plans

At the end of 2023, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) alongside the Board undertook a review of the current 2021-26 strategic plan. As part of the review, ELT completed a SWOT analysis, assessed progress, and revised objectives considering the evolving nature of Cancer Fund for Children.

Several key areas were identified that we will seek to strengthen and improve to ensure Cancer Fund for Children is best placed to deliver an ambitious growth strategy in NI and Ireland. Areas include how we develop our

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people. We will ensure our teams are effectively resourced, we will improve our governance and reporting and invest in our systems and processes.

We will continue to work to enhance our existing portfolio of core services to include Individual Support, Group Work and Short Breaks.

This year our Services Team undertook a restructure to ensure the charity is best placed to respond to needs and support families throughout their cancer diagnosis. The team has grown in line with our vision to develop our cancer support services on an all-island basis. We have sought to develop and enhance key areas of support for those at end of life, those who are bereaved and direct support for parents.

Due to the growing case load management and the associated tasks, we restructured our Services Team into a Community Team (in person individual & group work NI and ROI) and an 'all-island' Connections Team who are responsible for the onboarding of service users, signposting and ongoing remote support.

Going forward we will develop a 'Model of Practice' in line with our existing work that will set us apart and we will fully implement the introduction of an 'All-island' Connections Team. We will also seek to undertake a full review of groupwork programmes.

By the end of 2024-25 we will have commenced the construction of a second Daisy Lodge, in Co Mayo.

We will also ensure we improve how we engage children and young people. We will support young people to develop and plan their own schools' campaign, 'Cancer's In Our Life, Talk To Us!' alongside launching 'Our Cause Your Way' collaborative art project and the 'Brighten Your Imagination' hospital campaign. Finally, we empower young people to host an All-Island Conference.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

Cancer Fund for Children is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are all volunteers. The directors of Cancer Fund for Children are also directors of Cancer Fund for Children Ireland. They have no beneficial interest in either of the companies and receive no remuneration. 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 2023/24.

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)
Gerard Halpenny (Secretary)
Cormac Owens
Donal O'Shaughnessy (retired 27th November 2023)
Joan Ballantine (retired 13th February 2024)
Padraic O'Giollain (Treasurer)
Michelle Hatfield (retired 27th November 2023)
Peter Shields (appointed 1 April 2022)
Dr. Robert Johnston
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)
Rory Best (appointed 15th January 2024)
Alice Nugent (appointed 15th January 2024)
Anne Skeggs (appointed 8th April 2024)
Caroline McGroary (appointed 8th April 2024)
Nuala Reid (appointed 8th April 2024)

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)
Ingrid Blake (Director of Finance and Corporate Services) Resigned 30.07.24

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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
6. HR, Nomination and remuneration- Michelle Hatfield handed to Anne Skeggs

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

Meetings	Board	Audit & Assurance / (Renamed Finance)	Capital Formed Aug 23	Governance & Risk/ Formed Aug 23	Services	Income & Comms	HR, Nominations & Remuneration
Board Members	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 3	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 2	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 5	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 2	<i>Attended (Eligible)</i> 1
Peter O'Brien (Chairperson)	5 (5)					3 (3)	2 (2)
Gerard Halpenny	4 (5)			2 (2)			
Cormac Owens	2 (5)				4 (5)		
Donal O'Shaughnessy (retired 27 th November 2023)	3 (3)						
Joan Ballantine (retired 13 th February 2024)	5 (5)	3 (3)		2 (2)			
Padraic O'Giollain (Treasurer)	5 (5)	3 (3)					
Michelle Hatfield (retired 27 th November 2023)	1 (3)						1 (1)
Peter Shields	5 (5)	5 (5)				3 (3)	
Dr. Robert Johnston	3 (5)				4 (5)		
Robin McCormick (appointed 3 May 2023)	5 (5)		3 (3)				
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3 May 2023)	4 (5)		3 (3)				
Rory Best (appointed 15 th January 2024)	NA						
Alice Nugent (appointed 15 th January 2024)	NA						
Phil Alexander (CEO)	4 (5)	5 (5)	3 (3)	2 (2)		2 (3)	2 (2)
Siobhan Hanley (Director of Income Generation)	3 (5)	4 (5)				3 (3)	
Neil Symington (Director of Services)	5 (5)				5 (5)		
Ingrid Blake (Director of Finance)	4 (5)	5 (5)	3 (3)				2 (2)

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Board and Board Sub-Committee Meetings

The Board and the Board Sub-Committees met on several occasions in 2023/24.

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.

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 members' 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.

Legal and Operational Structure - All Ireland Charity

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charity registered in both Northern Ireland and 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 alongside supporting children and young people who have a parent with cancer in Northern Ireland.

The charity operates through Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI). 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 Trustees own interests, and the interest 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.

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 recommendation are made to 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.

Induction- 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

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Information about Cancer Fund for Children

- 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'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.

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

Risk No.	Risk Type	Risk Heading
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 and Charity
Risk 3	Environment and external risk	Potential Damage to the public image of the organisation
Risk 4	Operational/ Financial risks	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	Operational 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

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In the past year, Cancer Fund for Children 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 continues to safeguard our mission and protect the communities we serve.

Future plans involve the development of a risk framework that tracks and evaluates risks in real-time, allowing us to respond swiftly to all organisational risks. Further training on risk identification and mitigation will be provided to staff and volunteers to ensure a proactive and informed approach.

Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Public Benefit

Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Employment of Disabled Persons

There are no collective agreements recognised by the charity. The charity is an equal opportunities employer with set policies on health and safety, training and development, disciplinary rules and grievance procedures.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The charity's remuneration policies and practices are designed to attract, retain, and motivate key management personnel while ensuring that resources are used efficiently and in line with the charity's mission and values. The charity's Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the arrangements for setting the remuneration of key management personnel. The charity utilises various benchmarks, parameters, and criteria when determining the remuneration of key management personnel. These include:

- Industry-specific data.
- Comparable remuneration packages in similar organisations within the sector.
- The charity's own performance metrics, financial health, and budgetary considerations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices).

Company law and the law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation;
- observe methods and principles in the charities SORP; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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Statement of Disclosure of Auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


Peter O'Brien Chairperson


Pádraic Ó Giolláin Treasurer

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Cancer Fund for Children for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion:

- give a true and fair view on the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts 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.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trustees and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees' are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 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 accounts 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 (UK) 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 accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Charity.

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Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102).
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 school's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER
FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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 auditors' 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.

R. I. Peters Gallagher

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**Dr. R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants**

Dated: 27th November 2024
Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 Restated
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments					
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>					
Donations & legacies	3	1,946,062	-	1,946,062	2,018,600
Activities for generating funds	4	263,692	-	263,692	171,557
Income from investments	5	9,478	-	9,478	5,486
Income from charitable activities	6	9,000	1,210,638	1,219,638	720,875
Other income	7	338,950	-	338,950	289,067
Total income and endowments		2,567,182	1,210,638	3,777,820	3,205,585
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds	10	1,036,150	-	1,036,150	880,433
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>					
Daisy Lodge	11	576,946	576,837	1,153,783	1,185,701
Services	12	646,769	639,159	1,285,928	1,088,706
Governance costs	13	58,887	-	58,887	51,981
Total Expenditure		2,318,752	1,215,996	3,534,748	3,206,821
Net Income/(Expenditure)		248,430	(5,358)	243,072	(1,236)
Transfer between funds	26	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains					
Gain on write down of loan	25	50,000	-	50,000	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2023		3,371,419	35,469	3,429,865	3,431,101
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2024	26	3,692,826	30,111	3,722,937	3,429,865

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

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

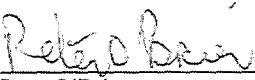
The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.


The Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account) is included in note 32 to the financial statements for the prior year ended 31 March 2023.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	<u>3,135,607</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		2,447	2,447
Debtors	15	598,950	319,083
Cash at bank and in hand	16	788,409	1,314,814
		<u>1,389,806</u>	<u>1,636,344</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(302,476)	(635,373)
Net current assets		<u>1,087,330</u>	<u>1,000,971</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		4,222,937	4,234,009
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(500,000)	(804,144)
Net assets		<u>3,722,937</u>	<u>3,429,865</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		3,692,826	3,394,396
Restricted funds		30,111	35,469
Total funds	26	<u>3,722,937</u>	<u>3,429,865</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:


 Peter O'Brien Chairperson


 Pádraic O Giolláin Treasurer

The notes on pages 31 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	29	(45,439)		160,681	
Interest paid		<u>(31,602)</u>		<u>(33,490)</u>	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(77,041)		127,191	
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(12,364)	(28,039)		
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-		
Interest received		<u>9,478</u>	<u>4,892</u>		
Net cash generated/(used) in investing activities		(2,886)		(23,147)	
Financing activities					
Repayment of loans		<u>(446,478)</u>	<u>(209,942)</u>		
Net cash used in financing activities		(446,478)		(209,942)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(526,405)		(105,898)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>1,314,814</u>		<u>1,420,712</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u>788,409</u>		<u>1,314,814</u>	
Relating to:					
Bank balances		788,409		1,314,814	

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General Information

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. Its Companies Registration Number is NI 049930. The registered office is Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED.

The Cancer Fund for Children is a public benefit entity. The objectives of the Cancer Fund for Children are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by HMRC (Charity tax number XR 29768) and is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number NIC100532). 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

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard which applies in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.

Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure (see note 15).

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified to expenditure categories on a direct basis where appropriate or allocated in line with managerial and budgetary responsibilities on a number of bases.

Expenditure on raising funds include the costs of events, advertising, producing publications, printing and mailing fundraising material, and staff costs in these areas.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to expenditure incurred on activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include the staffing and associated costs of administering and managing the operational management of the charity.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historic cost, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Land	- not depreciated
Buildings	- 2% straight line
Furniture & Equipment	- 20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 20% straight line

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.

Foreign currency

The functional currency of the Cancer Fund for Children is considered to be sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

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2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

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 subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictions are binding upon the charity.

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.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The Company 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.

Taxation status

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status by the HMRC, charity tax number XR 29768.

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3. Donations & legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Community & Clubs	278,667		278,667	325,335
Corporate	508,148		508,148	464,983
General Donations	13,405		13,405	14,674
Donor Development – incl. Payroll giving	325,208		325,208	401,874
Families	206,499		206,499	228,948
Major Donors	66,100		66,100	200,890
South Down Regional Fundraising	197,819		197,819	137,419
Schools & Youth	148,641		148,641	70,719
Gifts in Kind	151,473		151,473	155,086
Daisy Lodge	-		-	1,250
Trust & Funds	-		-	17,422
Gift Aid	48,002		48,002	-
Commercial Income	2,100		2,100	-
	<u>1,946,062</u>		<u>1,946,062</u>	<u>2,018,600</u>

4. Income from activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Slieve Donard	-		-	14,792
Marathons	24,806		24,806	-
Skydive/Abseil	36,358		36,358	12,627
Fundraising Events	85,179		85,179	59,172
Santa Clause	15,581		15,581	5,187
Treks	15,705		15,705	28,836
Bog Run	86,063		86,063	50,943
	<u>263,692</u>		<u>263,692</u>	<u>171,557</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>9,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,478</u>	<u>5,486</u>

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6. Income from charitable activities	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Rise		130,640	130,640	90,253
Big Lottery DL		121,235	121,235	96,301
Children in Need		-	-	27,701
Young Lives V Cancer (Clic Sargent)		28,941	28,941	23,153
Community Foundation NI	4,000	423,311	427,311	349,879
Co-Op Grant		-	-	10,000
Government		-	-	14,588
House of Vic Lyn		10,000	10,000	10,000
McClay Foundation		50,000	50,000	50,000
Rank Foundation		29,615	29,615	34,000
St James Foundation		30,000	30,000	15,000
Big Lottery- Dormant Funds		12,146	12,146	
Alan Nappin		50,000	50,000	
Ulster Garden Villages		70,000	70,000	
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	5,000	254,750	259,750	-
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>1,210,638</u>	<u>1,219,638</u>	<u>720,875</u>

7. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Recharges from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	195,868		195,868	154,981
Donations from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	130,200		130,200	130,000
DFC- Access to Work	12,882		12,882	4,086
Government CJRS				-
	<u>338,950</u>		<u>338,950</u>	<u>289,067</u>

8. Net Movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	109,795	109,610
Employer pension costs	152,246	129,435
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	7,200	5,760

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9. Support costs

Within total expenditure, support costs are as follows:

	Income Generation	Daisy Lodge	Services	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	125,925	215,122	183,641	524,688	286,318
Management & administration	51,044	87,200	74,439	212,684	157,636
Awareness raising	6,894	11,776	10,053	28,723	90,853
Establishment	22,346	38,174	32,588	93,108	78,554
Finance costs	7,584	12,957	11,061	31,602	35,998
Depreciation	26,351	45,016	38,429	109,796	109,610
	<u>240,144</u>	<u>410,246</u>	<u>350,210</u>	<u>1,000,601</u>	<u>758,969</u>

Support costs are not directly attributable to any single activity but provide the organisational infrastructure that enables the charitable activities to take place. Such costs are therefore apportioned to the activity cost categories above. Support costs have been apportioned according to the number of staff in each area.

10. Expenditure on income generation

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	709,780		709,780	526,994
Training and recruitment	3,588		3,588	6,612
Ground rent and cleaning	1,974		1,974	8,178
Volunteering expenses	230		230	2,947
Insurances	5,564		5,564	3,419
Heat and light	4,161		4,161	3,612
Printing, postage and stationery	5,314		5,314	16,775
Telephone	8,371		8,371	5,227
School expenses	1,068		1,068	3,922
Staff meetings	426		426	5,944
Software subscriptions	18,241		18,241	40,494
Corporate expenses				8,768
Repairs and maintenance	66,598		66,598	43,963
Website costs and CRM	18,241		18,241	42,212
Communications and awareness raising	35,102		35,102	28,732
Mortgage interest and bank charges	7,870		7,870	8,640
Global & UK challenge expenses	41,352		41,352	46,469
Collection box / buckets expenditure	3,096		3,096	2,476
Payroll giving expenses	39,581		39,581	10,602
Depreciation	26,351		26,351	26,306
Merchandising	18,748		18,748	10,908
Admin expenses	3,198		3,198	4,488
Cleaning	3,528		3,528	3,113
HR Expenditure	7,594		7,594	5,194
Unrealised currency gains/(losses)				51
Legal and professional	6,174		6,174	2,877
Miscellaneous expenses				11,510
	<u>1,036,150</u>		<u>1,036,150</u>	<u>880,433</u>

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11. Expenditure on charitable activities: Daisy Lodge	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	90,360	576,320	666,163	698,434
Volunteering expenses	336		336	234
Mortgage interest and bank charges	11,477		11,477	14,759
Training and recruitment	5,233		5,233	16,503
Travel	8,598		8,598	3,833
Motor expenses	-		-	534
Printing, postage and stationery	7,749		7,749	2,210
Repairs and maintenance	124,170		90,971	123,180
Telephone	12,208		12,208	16,737
Heat and light	84,864		84,864	62,251
Insurance	8,114		8,114	5,840
Miscellaneous expenses	11,181		11,181	7,130
Communications & awareness raising	33,831		33,831	38,026
Website costs and CRM	26,601		26,601	39,313
Depreciation	37,912	517	38,429	44,940
Cleaning, hygiene & laundry	5,146		5,146	11,747
Narnia Garden Project	2,199		2,199	9,357
Narnia Log Cabin running costs	15,817		15,817	3,964
Food provision	71,073		71,073	38,662
Parental specialist			-	33,959
Other site expenses			-	300
HR Expenditure	11,074		11,074	8,873
Legal and professional	9,003		9,003	4,915
	<u>576,946</u>	<u>576,837</u>	<u>1,153,783</u>	<u>1,185,701</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities: Services

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Gross Salary costs	302,732	639,159	941,891	775,591
Volunteer expenses	393		393	8,307
Heat and light	2,892		2,892	5,266
Telephone	14,300		14,300	13,659
Printing, postage and stationery	9,078		9,078	10,234
Travel	74,166		74,166	3,771
Training and recruitment	6,130		6,130	9,642
Mortgage interest and bank charges	13,445		13,445	12,599
Communications and awareness raising	39,630		39,630	32,462
Young Shoulders			-	-
Subscriptions			-	264
Website costs and CRM	31,162		31,162	33,560
Insurance	9,505		9,505	4,985
Appeals cost			-	3,858
Services resources and residentials	21,530		21,530	30,500
Sibling Support Programme – activities	44,843		44,843	68,398
Repairs and maintenance	2,400		2,400	9,483
Depreciation	45,016		45,016	38,364
HR Expenditure	12,973		12,973	7,575
Cleaning	6,028		6,028	4,540
Community Services Sessional			-	7,616
Miscellaneous expenses			-	3,836
Legal and professional	10,546		10,546	4,196
	<u>646,769</u>	<u>639,159</u>	<u>1,285,928</u>	<u>1,088,706</u>

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13. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	48,243		48,243	43,152
Employer pension contributions	3,444		3,444	3,069
Auditors' remuneration	7,200		7,200	5,760
	<u>58,887</u>		<u>58,887</u>	<u>51,981</u>

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Land & buildings	Furniture & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	3,985,104	604,487	68,673	4,658,264
Additions		12,364		12,364
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,985,104</u>	<u>616,851</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>4,670,628</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	838,886	517,667	68,673	1,425,226
Charge for year	79,446	30,349		109,795
At 31 March 2024	<u>918,332</u>	<u>548,016</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>1,535,021</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,066,772</u>	<u>68,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,135,607</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,146,218</u>	<u>86,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>

15. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued income	235,986	17,988
Accounts receivable	18,024	
Prepayments	12,884	13,782
Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) (note 30)	332,056	287,313
	<u>598,950</u>	<u>319,083</u>

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16. Cash at bank, on deposit and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and hand	<u>788,409</u>	<u>1,314,814</u>
	<u>788,409</u>	<u>1,314,814</u>
17. Creditors amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	-	192,334
Trade creditors	9,106	40,877
Other loans	50,000	50,000
Other tax and social security	48,478	42,968
Other creditors and accruals	106,570	64,444
Deferred income	<u>88,322</u>	<u>247,750</u>
	<u>302,476</u>	<u>635,373</u>
18. Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	500,000	550,000
Bank loans	-	254,144
	<u>500,000</u>	<u>804,144</u>
Analysis of maturity of debt:		
Within one year or on demand	50,000	249,320
Between two and five years	200,000	454,144
After five years	<u>300,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
	<u>550,000</u>	<u>1,053,464</u>

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19. Staff costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,050,193	1,721,087
Employer's National Insurance	182,875	167,841
Employer's pension costs	143,731	129,435
	<u>2,376,799</u>	<u>2,018,363</u>

There were two employees with emoluments between £60,000 and £69,999 (2023: 1), none between £70,000 and £79,999 (2023: none), and one between £80,000 and £89,999 (2023: none).

The key management personnel of the charity comprises the trustees and the executive leadership team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £296,323 (2023: £325,680).

The average monthly number of employees for the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Full Time No.	Full Time No.
Daisy Lodge	12	9
Income generation	11	13
Services	22	16
Governance and support	14	6
	<u>59</u>	<u>44</u>
	Part Time No.	Part Time No.
Daisy Lodge	11	16
Income generation	2	5
Services	8	9
Governance and support	1	1
	<u>22</u>	<u>31</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	3,775	10,589
Within two to five years	-	3,775
	<u>3,775</u>	<u>14,365</u>

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21. Taxation

No corporation tax was provided for in 2024 because the income of the charity was within the exemption granted by Sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act (CTA 2010).

22. Trustees remuneration

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023: £NIL). During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023: £NIL).

23. Company limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

24. Gifts in Kind

Income category:	Source	SOFA £	Balance Sheet £	Total £
Gifts in kind	Jamie Johnston	2,000		2,000
Gifts in kind	The Odyssey Trust	3,160		3,160
Gifts in kind	Microsoft	19,178		19,178
Gifts in kind	Nitec	6,966		6,966
Gifts in kind	CHAMP Cloud	3,400		3,400
Gifts in kind	Fibrus	331		331
Gifts in kind	URL Results	1,455		1,455
Gifts in kind	Briefed	7,715		7,715
Gifts in kind	Kingspan Water & Energy	5,069		5,069
Gifts in kind	Titan AC	660		660
Gifts in kind	H&J Martin	35,040		35,040
Gifts in kind	Mercury Security	990		990
Gifts in kind	Vodafone Ireland	925		925
Gifts in kind	Barrington Security	186		186
Gifts in kind	LiteOn	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Gary McConville	1,099		1,099
Gifts in kind	Fire Risk Assessments NI	1,098		1,098
Gifts in kind	JCBcs	1,500		1,500
Gifts in kind	KM Hygiene	515		515
Gifts in kind	Cogent Associates	2,569		2,569
Gifts in kind	Clubs Review	11,904		11,904
Gifts in kind	Carbrooke Meats	7,760		7,760
Gifts in kind	Finnebrogue	2,200		2,200
Gifts in kind	Morrellis	2,000		2,000
Gifts in kind	Ristretto	1,200		1,200
Gifts in kind	Hovis	3,500		3,500
Gifts in kind	McPolin	3,300		3,300
Gifts in kind	Sean Kelly	2,880		2,880
Gifts in kind	MP Repairs service	567		567
Gifts in kind	Richard Dorman	1,000		1,000
Gifts in kind	Premier laundry	1,025		1,025
Gifts in kind	Lady Anthea Forde	3,085		3,085
Gifts in kind	Burrendale Hotel and country club and spa	3,500		3,500
Gifts in kind	Mount Panther farm	3,197		3,197
Gifts in kind	Cocos Children Adventure playground	1,200		1,200
Gifts in kind	Mauds Ice Cream	5,200		5,200
Gifts in kind	Ministry of Agriculture	1,100		1,100
Gifts in kind	Fresh Food Centre Castlewellan	1,600		1,600
Gifts in kind	Add a little Sparkle	400		400
		151,473		151,473

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24. Gifts in Kind cont'd

Expense category	Subcategory	2024	2023
Repairs and Maintenance	Administration and IT	94,855	87,093
Repairs and Maintenance	Daisy Lodge	8,557	48,587
Legal and Professional	HR	-	730
Miscellaneous expenses	Expenditure Website	-	1,455
Communications & Awareness	Maintenance Administration and IT	11,904	-
Food Provision	Food Provision	36,157	17,221
		<u>151,473</u>	<u>155,086</u>

25. Other recognised gains

During the year Heron Brothers kindly agreed to discount the loan amount outstanding by £50,000, reducing the year end liability from £600,000 to £550,000

26. Statement of funds 2024

	At 31 March 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer s	Other gains	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserve	3,394,396	2,567,182	2,318,752		50,000	3,692,826
Restricted reserve						
CFNI	17,915	423,311	441,226	-	-	-
Alan Nappin	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	-	254,750	254,750	-	-	-
Rank	17,037	29,615	16,541	-	-	30,111
Young Lives V Cancer (Clic Sargent)	-	28,941	28,941	-	-	-
Ulster Garden Villages	-	70,000	70,000	-	-	-
The McClay Foundation	-	50,000	50,000	-	-	-
Big Lottery- Dormant Funds	-	12,146	12,146	-	-	-
Big Lottery - Rise	-	130,640	130,640	-	-	-
Big Lottery Fund	-	121,235	121,235	-	-	-
Community Fund DL						
St James Foundation	-	30,000	30,000	-	-	-
The House of Vic-Ryn	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge Capital	517	-	517	-	-	-
	<u>35,469</u>	<u>1,210,638</u>	<u>1,215,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,111</u>
Total funds	3,429,865	3,777,820	3,534,748	-	50,000	3,722,937

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27. Analysis of assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Current assets/ liabilities £	Creditors > 1year £	Total £
Unrestricted reserve	3,135,607	1,057,219	(500,000)	3,962,826
Restricted reserve	-	30,111	-	30,111
	<u>3,135,607</u>	<u>1,087,330</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>3,722,937</u>

28. Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at the year-end (2023: £NIL).

29. Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income	293,072	(1,236)
Adjustments for:		
Finance costs	31,602	33,490
Investment income	(9,478)	(4,892)
Depreciation net of disposal	109,795	109,610
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	-	8,274
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(279,867)	(142,742)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(190,563)	158,177
Cash generated from operations	<u>(45,439)</u>	<u>160,681</u>

30. Related Party Transactions

Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) 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 £195,868 (2023: £154,981). Invoices and expenses were paid in 2023/23 by CFFC NI for CFFC ROI of £166,003 (2023: £222,888).

During the year CFFC ROI made a charitable donation to CFFC NI of £130,200 (2023: €Nil).

Balances at year end represent amounts payable from CFFC ROI. At the year end the following amounts were outstanding:

There was a payment in transit at 31/03/2024 for €222,578 in respect of the year end balance which settled on 03/04/2024.

	2024 £	2023 £
Due from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI)	332,056	287,313
	<u>332,056</u>	<u>287,313</u>

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31: Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

32: Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th November 2024

The Cancer Fund for Children

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100532

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC100532
Company Registration Number: NI 049930
HMRC Number: XR 29768

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Trustees/Directors as at 27th November 2023

Peter O'Brien
Joan Ballantine
Gerry Halpenny
Dr Robert Johnston
Michelle Hatfield
Donal O'Shaughnessy
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)
Cormac Owens (appointed 1st April 2022)
Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3rd May 2023)
Kate Marshall (Chair, resigned 3rd May 2023)
Kenneth Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)
David Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)
Lisa Collins (resigned 12th August 2022)

Directors are appointed in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Chairperson

Peter O'Brien

Treasurer

Joan Ballantine

Company Secretary

Gerry Halpenny

Chief Executive

Phil Alexander

Registered Office

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Board of Trustees (who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared based on 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 2015).

The following Trustees have held office since 1 April 2022:

Peter O'Brien
Joan Ballantine
Gerry Halpenny
Dr Robert Johnston
Michelle Hatfield
Donal O'Shaughnessy
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)
Cormac Owens (appointed 1st April 2022)
Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)
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Lisa Collins (resigned 12th August 2022)
Kate Marshall (resigned 3rd May 2023)
Kenneth Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)
David Robert Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)

Reference & Administrative Details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on the initial page of the financial statements.

Objectives & Activities

The Company is established for the relief of need by reason of ill-health amongst children, and the families of children, anywhere in the world, who are adversely affected by cancer through the provision of practical, social and emotional support insofar as is charitable under the law of Northern Ireland and in particular:

1. To provide support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) for all children and young people (0-24 years) diagnosed with cancer, their siblings (0-24 years) and those children and young people (0-24 years) who have a parent or other primary carer diagnosed with cancer alongside their families throughout Northern Ireland & Ireland; with a view to reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and equipping individuals to cope better with the impact of a cancer diagnosis, alongside improving family relationships, reducing stress and anxiety and promoting independence.
2. To provide families dealing with a cancer diagnosis, a palliative/terminal cancer diagnosis, or families bereaved through cancer with relief, care, and support through a range of facilities including our Therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge and residential centre, Narnia. Therapeutic breaks promote rest and relaxation, teamed with unique psychosocial support specifically tailored to each family. They are designed to improve wellbeing, build precious memories, and facilitate families spending quality time together.
3. To provide time sensitive and age-appropriate support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) to children and young people who are dying as a result of cancer, their siblings and those children and young people who have a parent dying from cancer, offering continuity of care through ongoing bereavement support to each family.
4. To provide a range of opportunities for children, young people, and parents/primary carers impacted by cancer to meet one another and share experiences.
5. To provide safe spaces where children, young people and families can talk openly about the impact that cancer has on their lives, and work with them at a local, regional and national level to advocate and lobby for improvements in cancer care and support.
6. To raise public awareness of the impact of childhood cancer and the impact of a parental cancer diagnosis on a child or young person.

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Achievements & Performance

Our vision is that no child faces cancer alone. At Cancer Fund for Children, we connect, empower, and strengthen children, young people and families struggling to cope with the emotional impact of cancer.

It's a testament to the relentless drive and unwavering compassion of our entire team, from our tireless staff to our dedicated volunteers that we remain on track to deliver on our 5-year strategy that will take us to 2026. Key pillars of this strategy include the ongoing improvement of services, youth engagement, the development of services across the Republic of Ireland (ROI), developing our people and culture, growing awareness of our work, financial sustainability and continuing on our journey to good governance.

We understand that the journey through cancer is a daunting one, filled with uncertainty and fear. But we also know that with the right support, resilience, and a network of support, these challenges can be transformed into opportunities for growth and connection.

Over the past year, our team has risen to unforeseen challenges. The global pandemic continued to bring uncertainty, impacting the lives of countless families already facing the heavy burden of cancer. Despite these challenges, our team has not only persevered but also thrived. They responded with agility and determination to the increased referrals, recognizing the urgent need to ensure no child would face cancer alone, especially during these trying times.

Progress Update

In line with our commitment to growth and sustainability, we initiated the recruitment of an executive leadership team. This strategic move will enable us to expand our reach, enhance our impact, and provide even more comprehensive support to those who rely on us. The executive leadership team of Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) has continued to provide administrative support to the Board of its sister charity in the Republic of Ireland, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI).

Services Update

This year has been an important and impactful year across the services within Cancer Fund for Children.

As like last year we have seen a significant growth in children, young people and families seeking support, and in response we have been able to lead on several key developments to help meet this need.

At its core our support meets children, young people, and families with a strong degree of sensitivity, warmth, compassion, and flexibility. It centres around the importance of connection, relationship, building trust and rapport, and then tries to ensure the support offered is what is needed. This year more than any other we have done this, and we look to strengthen it in the years ahead.

Our developmental roles within the areas of parental, palliative family-based support and bereavement support have been instrumental and have delivered a range of individual support, specialist sessions, bespoke groupwork both in-person and online for both children, young people and parents, parental coffee mornings, bereaved coffee mornings, as well as carrying out a study into 'parental anxiety' during family life with cancer. This work is helping to ensure families get a more holistic level of support and the developmental nature of the work allows us to think, reflect and learn, all in aid of helping to shape our services longer term.

Our residential groupwork programmes were back in full swing, as well as our opportunity for young people to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award. We worked with a range of stakeholders to help provide opportunities for diagnosed teenagers to avail of UK wide residentials, sailing trips and conferences and families throughout the year availed up our Care Free Choir and continual events/opportunities.

We continued to develop our short breaks at Daisy Lodge, Newcastle, Co Down, with improved working practices to ensure families could continue to get the appropriate support at a time in which they needed it. The team continued to work tirelessly to ensure families felt safe. The team enhanced the mid-week offer of support by providing more rest and relaxation overnights for parents/guardians which have been a real success this year. Families from the Republic of Ireland also continued to avail of the provision of therapeutic short breaks at Daisy Lodge (2022/23 – 63 families).

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Our work with teenagers and young adults in hospitals across Northern Ireland (NI) also took a major step forward. Following the introduction of a regional ward-based Cancer Support Specialist last year, in September of this financial year we also introduced a Belfast hospital-based Cancer Support Specialist and as part of the Teenagers and Young Adults (TYA) Service for NI we now provide support in all hospital settings, providing much needed age specific support to young people and young adults when they most need it.

This year within the charity (both CFFC NI and CFFC ROI) we also went through a complete overhaul of our IT and database systems, moving our referral process online with a fully holistic and integrative database system. This was done in line with updating our website, literature and streamlining our systems, processes and quality standards.

Youth Engagement

One of the priorities of our five-year strategy is to ensure that the voice of children and young people is at the heart of our organisation, and they play an active role in championing change across cancer services.

Following the successful development of our Youth Engagement strategy last year, this year we began the real day to day work of supporting children and young people to have a real and lasting voice within the charity and beyond.

We recruited 2 new groups of children and young people aged 8-11 and 12-17, who would become our youth engagement groups, and following a period of induction these young people have attended numerous meeting days, residentials and events. They have attended fundraising events, meetings, worked together to plan for a 'Young Peoples celebration Event' and carried out the first youth led review of our services.

Young Ambassadors

This year we also launched opportunities to be Young Ambassadors with Cancer Fund for Children. Young Ambassadors are young people who have been supported by Cancer Fund for Children who would like to be public ambassadors sharing their story, partaking in media, speaking at events and publicly about the impact of cancer on children and young people. Specific training and support was provided to 4 young people this year and they have already attended a number of engagements.

In July 2022, we recruited 2 peer facilitators to help support the work across this team and work directly with children and young people. Both peer facilitators are former service users of the charity and their employment as youth apprenticeships was made possible through funding from the Department of Communities through the Rank Foundation.

#iWill Project

In May 2022, young people involved in our bereaved advocacy project launched their very own 'Youth Led' resource for schools. The 'Bereavement Support Plan' and accompanying guidance booklet for schools was designed specifically by young people for young people to help better support bereaved students. Their experience and research showed that the level of support offered varied vastly between different schools and that most often, young people were not involved in the decisions around how they were supported post-bereavement.

The aim of their resource was "*to ensure that schools are a safe, comfortable and supportive place for bereaved students in Northern Ireland*".

Over the summer the resource and teacher guidance was sent to every post primary school in Northern Ireland and throughout the year we have received additional requests for the resource.

Services Impact

During 2022-23, Cancer Fund for Children, had a **30% increase** in referrals, receiving **324** new family referrals from a range of Health Care Professionals/self-referrals across Northern Ireland. Alongside this, we continued to support families in ROI to avail of short breaks as well as hospital based support. This figure alongside the existing family caseload meant Cancer Fund for Children directly supported over **800 families this year**.

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Individual tailored support remained an integral part of the overall package offered to the children and young people. In total **1147 individual support sessions** were delivered in Northern Ireland with a further **240 support sessions** offered within CHI at Crumlin by our sister charity Cancer Fund For Children Ireland.

Residential group work fully recommenced in Narnia, at Daisy Lodge, and children and young people were able to benefit again from peer connection and the support they find through the residential activities. There were 22 residential in total.

In December, the team supported a significant number of families in financial distress to access support. They planned and organised Christmas events, as well as helping to provide families with direct personalised video messages from Santa.

1,737 children and their parents/carers had the opportunity to spend time away from hospital and home life to rest and recharge at Daisy Lodge, our therapeutic short break centre. An increase of 15% compared to previous year. Overall, our residential services have achieved more short breaks than any other time, with 453 families availing of short breaks at Daisy Lodge, 38 bereaved families availing of self-catering weekends, and 180 parents/guardians availing of overnight rest and relaxation breaks at Daisy Lodge.

Group sessions encouraged participants to reflect, cope with stress and connect with others living through cancer. The team used a variety of creative activities to engage families. They delivered 659 workshops with families and individuals. With over 1000 complementary therapies also offered to family members.

A short summary of the feedback comments from families who stayed at Daisy Lodge on a therapeutic short break during the year 2022/23 is provided below:

- 90% of families felt more hopeful about their future following their short break.
- 94% felt better able to manage their family situation.
- 91% of families stated time together has strengthened their relationship as a family
- 88% Developed their connection as a family

Some quotes taken throughout this year:

“Thanks so much for today – Lucy had an absolute ball!! Love her vision board! Days like this does her the world of good & are priceless – thanks so much.”

“Thank you all so much, Erin is home so full of confidence and so proud of herself for staying two nights, thank you for giving her this opportunity.”

“Jack seemed to be two feet taller, this experience is the first time he has stayed away from home on his own. So proud of him and the confidence he has is amazing.”

“You lot are worth your weight in gold.”

“We were able to spend quality time with each other in a stress-free environment. We really enjoyed the activities and games room. The complimentary therapy was just lovely! We discovered that we enjoyed art activities together. We had a fun art session with Esther and are taking home a unique piece of art that we will display with pride. Thanks so much.”

“A super break from home and a weekend spent together as a family. A break from hospital and cancer routine.”

“We could be closer together in new environment for the first time without daddy/ husband. Important lesson how to build new and happy memories in new family situation.”

“We gained quality family time, making new memories in memory of our loved one.”

“We have had an amazing few days being able to relax and step away from all the hard times and stresses that a cancer diagnosis brings it's like being able to step away into a different world a truly magical experience.”

“Rest and refreshment in beautiful surroundings with lovely, caring staff.”

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Income Generation

We undertook a restructure within the income generation and communication team. In January 2023, a director was appointed to oversee the department. The team have developed a revised strategy to ensure the organisation can deliver on its strategic objectives across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for their unparalleled support throughout the past year and for their compassion and generosity. We want to also thank the many families who courageously shared their personal stories of family life and cancer to highlight the essential support they have received from Cancer Fund for Children.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the clubs, schools, businesses, corporate partners, who go the extra mile for Cancer Fund for Children. We are fortunate to have such an amazing community of supporters and we feel confident that with their continued support we will be able to deliver on our mission to ensure that no child has to face cancer alone.

We would like to thank the Department of Health, Community Foundation, National Lottery Community Fund, Ulster Garden Village, The Ireland Funds, Children in Need, ARN Foundation and Co-op for providing funding and support to make our work possible.

Raising Awareness of Cancer Fund for Children

As we develop our brand and services across the Island of Ireland our digital presence is more important than ever, serving as a way for us to communicate our impact to new and existing supporters.

Over the last year our digital communications strategy has focused on sharing the content pillars that resonate with our audience which includes services content, large scale events and brand updates and to engage with our followers to increase engagement with our content.

The Communication Team continue to work closely with the Services Team to ensure growing awareness of the impact of cancer on children and young people. Family stories have been shared alongside blog posts and articles in newspapers.

Social Media

Facebook Followers: 21.1K

Facebook Reach: 469k (+59.6% on previous year)

Instagram Followers: 5.6K

Instagram Reach: 62k (+139.6% on previous year)

Twitter Followers: 6.3K followers

Twitter Reach: 64.4k impressions

Linked In Followers: 2.7K

Linked in Reach: 82.4k impressions

Website

62k users (+44% on previous year)

90k website sessions (+ 57.8% on previous year)

PR and Media

Over this period Cancer Fund for Children's (Island of Ireland) media coverage included:

- 382 print articles (13.6 million reach)
- 253 online articles (6.9 million reach)
- 13 radio interviews/mentions (598K reach)

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Similar to our digital content pillars included media coverage included services content, large scale events and brand updates such as the official opening of our new Narnia Garden, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and impactful family stories.

Key milestones throughout the year

Narnia Garden Opening

In April, we officially opened our new Narnia Garden in the grounds of Daisy Lodge, Newcastle. Following a consultation with young people we support, and with the help of the National Lottery Community Fund and the Northern Ireland Prison Service an overgrown and neglected area of land behind our residential log cabin was transformed into a magical garden for children and young people impacted by cancer. The garden includes an archery lane, nightline, decked seating area with benches for workshops and discussions, atmospheric lighting and a gravelled seating area for reflection and peer support activities.

Parental Support Webinars

In June, we hosted a series of webinars in partnership with Parenting NI and the Community Foundation designed to support parents as they navigate cancer with their children. 44 parents/guardians attended webinars delivered by expert speakers covering topics including emotional health, strategies to reduce stress, self-care, compassion, and self-awareness and talking to children about cancer.

“I am glad I attended, and I felt more empowered to talk to my children”

Hospital Based Cancer Support Specialists in Dublin and Belfast

In May, our sister charity, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) recruited its first Cancer Support Specialist on the paediatric cancer ward at Children’s Health Ireland, Crumlin in Dublin. The role provides informal social and emotional support to families during their child’s treatment.

We also recruited a Cancer Support Specialist for teenagers and young adults (age 14-24) in Belfast. Based at the Royal Victoria Hospital and Belfast City Hospital the role works alongside our existing Cancer Support Specialist who provides support to young cancer patients in regional hospitals across Northern Ireland.

Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co Mayo Update

In early 2023/24, our sister charity, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland began work to clear the site of Daisy Lodge, Cong, a therapeutic short break centre, similar to Daisy Lodge, Newcastle. The site clearance work is in preparation for construction projected to commence in 2024/25. Under the supervision of an archaeologist and ecologist a sub-base has been laid for a new access road, car park and the footprint of the building. The site has also been cleared to allow for a play area.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September is a time when the world unites to increase awareness of paediatric cancer and shine a light on the unique challenges faced by families impacted by childhood cancer. Two young people, Jacob and Annabel shared their experience as part of our #MoreThanAMonth campaign.

“The one thing we would like other families to know about childhood cancer is that you are not alone. It’s a rollercoaster of a journey but there’s lots of support on offer to help you along the way. Don’t be afraid to ask for help.”

Volunteers

Volunteers remain a central pillar of Cancer Fund for Children, unfortunately following Covid we have been unable to use volunteers in the way we have done previously. A new Volunteer strategy will be developed in 2023/24 and funding has been secured to employ a volunteer coordinator.

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Financial Review

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.

Results for the Period

The Cancer Fund for Children's Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 19 of the audited accounts. Total income increased from £2,639,873 (restated) in 2021/22 to £3,205,585 in 2022/23. Total expenditure increased from £2,410,601 in 2021/22 to £3,206,821 in 2022/23. The charity therefore generated net expenditure for the year of (£1,236).

Reserves Policy and Funds Employed

The Board of Trustees aims to build a reserve of 3 months operating costs over a period of six years beginning in 2017, with trade creditors and the overdraft being reduced over the first three years and reserves generated thereafter. This has been achieved and the charity is now in a position where it is steadily generating funds.

Total reserves of £3.43M as at 31 March 2023 falls into two categories:

Restricted funds

Of the available resources, £35k is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes which are within the overall aims of Cancer Fund for Children.

Unrestricted funds

Of the available resources, £3.39M, which includes tangible fixed assets of £3.2M, 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.

Plans for Future Periods

The Board launched the 2021-26 strategy, the charity's strategic plan for the next five years.

The six major elements of the plan are as follows:

1. Ensure that all children impacted by cancer across the Island of Ireland have access to our services and that they receive the right emotional and therapeutic support to help them cope better with cancer.
2. Build and open our second therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co. Mayo, allowing more families to access therapeutic short breaks regardless of where they live in Ireland.
3. Ensure that children and young people are at the heart of our organisation and are an active voice in championing change across cancer services.
4. Build a more sustainable and financially resilient organisation by diversifying our fundraising and developing and nurturing lasting relationships with our supporters so they are with us now and in the future.
5. Grow and nurture a positive and inclusive culture where our staff, supporters, and service users feel valued, supported, and listened to.
6. Demonstrate the impact and value of our vital services, whilst raising awareness of Cancer Fund for Children (NI and ROI).

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Articles and Memorandum of Association, which were revised and approved by the Board in September 2021, form the governing documents of the Charity which is constituted as a company limited by guarantee in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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Organisational Structure

The current subscribers and trustees of the charity as of 27th November 2023 are set out on page 3.

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

Whilst strategic decisions are taken by the Board of Trustees, responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Charity across the Island of Ireland has been delegated to the Chief Executive and the executive leadership team of Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI). Please see section below “*Legal and Operational Structure – All Ireland Charity*” for further information.

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

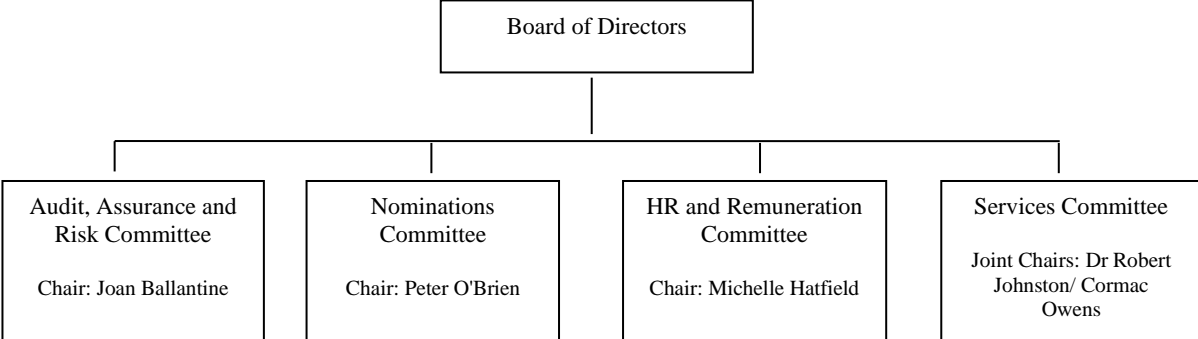
- Peter O’Brien (Chairperson)
- Gerard Halpenny (Secretary)
- Cormac Owens
- Daniel O’Shaughnessy
- Joan Ballantine
- Pádraic Ó Giolláin
- Michelle Hatfield
- Dr. Robert Johnston
- Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)
- Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)
- Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3rd May 2023)
- David Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Kate Marshall (Chair, resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Kenneth Sydney Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Lisa Collins (resigned 22nd August 2022)

Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees are non-executive, 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 2022/23.

Governance Structure

The Board is supported by a Board Sub-Committee structure that deals effectively with specific aspects of the charity’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.



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Board and Board Sub-Committee Meetings

The Board and the Board Sub-Committees met on several occasions in 2022/23. Attendance by each board member at these meetings is set out in the table below:

	Board	Audit, Risk and Assurance	Nominations Committee	HR and Remuneration Committee	Services Committee
Number of Meetings:	4	3	1	2	4
Kenneth Brundle	2(4)				
Joan Ballantine	4(4)	3(3)			
Michelle Hatfield	2(4)		1(1)	2(2)	
Dr Robert Johnston	2(4)				4(4)
Gerard Halpenny	3(4)				
Donal O'Shaughnessy	4(4)				
Padraic O'Giollain	4(4)				
Peter O'Brien	4(4)		1(1)		
Peter Shields	4(4)	2(3)			
Cormac Owens	2(4)				4(4)
Kate Marshall (Chair)	4(4)		1(1)		
David Sterling	3(4)	2(3)			
Lisa Collins	0(0)				

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 offices and providing them with a comprehensive induction pack which includes organisational and Board information and materials.

The individual performance of Board members is appraised in annual one-to-ones with the Chair, while Board performance as a whole is assessed by means of board members' 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.

Legal and Operational Structure – All Ireland Charity

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charity registered in both the Republic of 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 (CFFC NI) and sister charity Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI). 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. Please see 'note 30 Related Party Transactions' for additional information.

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

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Risk Management

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

The Trustees, who carry the responsibility for risk management, work with the executive leadership team to maintain a comprehensive Risk Register. This document identifies a number of risks in the operating environment, including financial, reputational 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.

Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Public Benefit

Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Employment of Disabled Persons

There are no collective agreements recognised by the charity. The charity is an equal opportunities employer with set policies on health and safety, training and development, disciplinary rules and grievance procedures.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The charity's remuneration policies and practices are designed to attract, retain, and motivate key management personnel while ensuring that resources are used efficiently and in line with the charity's mission and values.

The charity's Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the arrangements for setting the remuneration of key management personnel. The charity utilises various benchmarks, parameters, and criteria when determining the remuneration of key management personnel. These include:

- Industry-specific data.
- Comparable remuneration packages in similar organisations within the sector.
- The charity's own performance metrics, financial health, and budgetary considerations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices).

Company law and the law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation;
- observe methods and principles in the charities SORP; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (C'TD)

Statement of Disclosure of Auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter O'Brien
Chairperson



Joan Ballentine
Treasurer

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Cancer Fund for Children for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion:

- give a true and fair view on the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate;
- or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts 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.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trustees and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees' are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 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 accounts 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 (UK) 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 accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Charity.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 school's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

**THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER
FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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 auditors' 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.

R. I. Peters Gallagher

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**Dr. R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants**

Dated: 27th November 2023
Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments					
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>					
Donations & legacies	3	2,017,350	1,250	2,018,600	1,684,201
Activities for generating funds	4	171,557	-	171,557	587,143
Income from investments	5	5,486	-	5,486	462
Income from charitable activities	6	14,588	706,287	720,875	331,222
Support Group income	7	-	-	-	31,569
Other income	8	289,067	-	289,067	5,276
Total income and endowments		2,498,048	707,537	3,205,585	2,639,873
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds	11	880,433	-	880,433	787,491
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>					
Daisy Lodge	12	693,480	492,221	1,185,701	903,640
Services	13	782,414	306,292	1,088,706	647,678
Governance costs	14	51,981	-	51,981	71,792
Total Expenditure		2,408,308	798,513	3,206,821	2,410,601
Net Income/(Expenditure)	31	89,740	(90,976)	(1,236)	229,272
Transfer between funds	26	(66,763)	66,763	-	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2022		3,371,419	59,682	3,431,101	3,201,829
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2023	26	3,394,396	35,469	3,429,865	3,431,101


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 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account) is included in note 32 to the financial statements for the prior year ended 31 March 2022.


THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	Restated £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	<u>3,233,038</u>	<u>3,314,609</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		2,447	10,721
Debtors	16	319,083	176,341
Cash at bank and in hand	17	1,314,814	1,420,712
		<u>1,636,344</u>	<u>1,607,774</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(635,373)	(478,082)
Net current assets		<u>1,000,971</u>	<u>1,129,692</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		4,234,009	4,444,301
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(804,144)	(1,013,200)
Net assets		<u>3,429,865</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		3,394,396	3,371,419
Restricted funds		35,469	59,682
Total funds	26	<u>3,429,865</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:



 Peter O'Brien Chairperson



 Joan Ballantine Treasurer

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	Restated £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	29	160,681	389,971
Interest paid		<u>(33,490)</u>	<u>(22,501)</u>
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities		127,191	367,470
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(28,039)	(48,526)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Interest received		4,892	462
Net cash generated/(used) in investing activities		<u>(23,147)</u>	<u>(48,064)</u>
Financing activities			
Repayment of loans		<u>(209,056)</u>	<u>(201,785)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		(209,056)	(201,785)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(105,012)</u>	<u>117,621</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of		1,220,506	1,102,885
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u><u>1,115,494</u></u>	<u><u>1,220,506</u></u>
Relating to:			
Bank balances		1,314,814	1,420,712
Bank overdrafts		<u>(199,320)</u>	<u>(200,206)</u>

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General Information

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. Its Companies Registration Number is NI 049930. The registered office is Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED.

The Cancer Fund for Children is a public benefit entity. The objectives of the Cancer Fund for Children are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by HMRC (Charity tax number XR 29768) and is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number NIC100532). 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

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard which applies in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.

Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure (see note 15).

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified to expenditure categories on a direct basis where appropriate or allocated in line with managerial and budgetary responsibilities on a number of bases.

Expenditure on raising funds include the costs of events, advertising, producing publications, printing and mailing fundraising material, and staff costs in these areas.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to expenditure incurred on activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include the staffing and associated costs of administering and managing the operational management of the charity.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historic cost, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Land	- not depreciated
Buildings	- 2% straight line
Furniture & Equipment	- 20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 20% straight line

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.

Foreign currency

The functional currency of the Cancer Fund for Children is considered to be sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

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 subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictions are binding upon the charity.

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.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The Company 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.

Taxation status

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status by the HMRC, charity tax number XR 29768.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3. Donations & legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Community & Clubs	325,335	-	325,335	281,790
Corporate	464,983	-	464,983	350,943
General Donations	14,674	-	14,674	48,813
Donor Development – incl. Payroll Giving	401,874	-	401,874	333,618
Families	228,948	-	228,948	160,975
Major Donors	200,890	-	200,890	190,890
Managed Events	137,419	-	137,419	150,522
Schools & Youth	70,719	-	70,719	96,921
Gifts in Kind	155,086	-	155,086	59,292
Daisy Lodge	-	1,250	1,250	-
Trust & Funds	17,422	-	17,422	10,437
	<u>2,017,350</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>2,018,600</u>	<u>1,684,201</u>

**4. Income from activities for
generating funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Slieve Donard	14,792	-	14,792	14,471
School READON	-	-	-	71,646
Schools Other Events	-	-	-	38,113
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	9,055
Abseil	12,627	-	12,627	17,206
Fundraising Events	59,172	-	59,172	385,709
Santa Cause	5,187	-	5,187	-
Treks	28,836	-	28,836	360
Bog Run	50,943	-	50,943	50,583
	<u>171,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171,557</u>	<u>587,143</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>5,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,486</u>	<u>462</u>

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Rise	-	90,253	90,253	-
Big Lottery DL	-	96,301	96,301	-
Children in Need	-	27,701	27,701	-
Clic Sargent	-	23,153	23,153	-
Community Foundation NI	-	349,879	349,879	71,490
Co-Op Grant	-	10,000	10,000	-
Government	14,588	-	14,588	-
House of Vic Lyn	-	10,000	10,000	-
McClay Foundation	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Rank Foundation	-	34,000	34,000	-
St James	-	15,000	15,000	-
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	-	-	-	209,732
	<u>14,588</u>	<u>706,287</u>	<u>720,875</u>	<u>331,222</u>

7. Support Group Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Support Group income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,569</u>

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Recharges from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	154,981	-	154,981	-
Donations from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	130,000	-	130,000	-
DFC- Access to Work	4,086	-	4,086	4,647
Government CJRS	-	-	-	629
	<u>289,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,067</u>	<u>5,276</u>

9. Net Movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	109,610	107,078
Employer pension costs	129,435	104,877
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	<u>5,760</u>	<u>5,760</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

10. Support costs

Within total expenditure, support costs are as follows:

	Income Generation £	Daisy Lodge £	Services £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 Restated £
Salaries	68,716	117,390	100,212	286,318	184,591
Management & administration	37,833	64,631	55,172	157,636	42,724
Awareness raising	21,804	37,250	31,799	90,853	59,132
Establishment	18,853	32,209	27,492	78,554	91,303
Finance costs	8,640	14,759	12,599	35,998	28,757
Depreciation	26,306	44,940	38,364	109,610	109,610
	<u>182,152</u>	<u>311,179</u>	<u>265,638</u>	<u>758,969</u>	<u>513,588</u>

Support costs are not directly attributable to any single activity but provide the organisational infrastructure that enables the charitable activities to take place. Such costs are therefore apportioned to the activity cost categories above. Support costs have been apportioned according to the number of staff in each area.

11. Expenditure on income generation

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 Restated £
Salaries and wages	494,635	-	494,635	477,995
Employer pension contributions	32,359	-	32,359	27,268
Training and recruitment	6,612	-	6,612	2,800
Ground rent and cleaning	8,178	-	8,178	8,182
Volunteering expenses	2,947	-	2,947	6,240
Insurances	3,419	-	3,419	3,214
Heat and light	3,612	-	3,612	2,801
Printing, postage and stationery	16,775	-	16,775	11,031
Telephone	5,227	-	5,227	4,773
School expenses	3,922	-	3,922	2,604
Staff meetings	5,944	-	5,944	649
Software subscriptions	40,494	-	40,494	6,368
Corporate expenses	8,768	-	8,768	22,801
Repairs and maintenance	43,963	-	43,963	32,022
Website costs and CRM	42,212	-	42,212	30,687
Communications and awareness raising	28,732	-	28,732	17,072
Mortgage interest and bank charges	8,640	-	8,640	7,477
Global & UK challenge expenses	46,469	-	46,469	27,261
Collection box / buckets expenditure	2,476	-	2,476	1,828
Payroll giving expenses	10,602	-	10,602	-
Depreciation	26,306	-	26,306	27,841
Merchandising	10,908	-	10,908	21,876
Admin expenses	4,488	-	4,488	825
Cleaning	3,113	-	3,113	4,005
HR Expenditure	5,194	-	5,194	3,782
Unrealised currency gains/(losses)	51	-	51	13
Legal and professional	2,877	-	2,877	1,606
Miscellaneous expenses	11,510	-	11,510	34,470
	<u>880,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880,433</u>	<u>787,491</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities: Daisy Lodge

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	170,268	482,864	653,132	477,856
Employer pension contributions	45,302	-	45,302	48,243
Volunteering expenses	234	-	234	322
Mortgage interest and bank charges	14,759	-	14,759	13,228
Training and recruitment	16,503	-	16,503	4,954
Travel and outings	3,833	-	3,833	7,323
Motor expenses	534	-	534	2,651
Printing, postage and stationery	2,210	-	2,210	8,332
Repairs and maintenance	123,180	-	123,180	106,733
Telephone	16,737	-	16,737	16,694
Heat and light	62,251	-	62,251	43,737
Insurance	5,840	-	5,840	5,687
Miscellaneous expenses	7,130	-	7,130	11,258
Communications & awareness raising	38,026	-	38,026	27,443
Website costs and CRM	39,313	-	39,313	4,844
Depreciation	44,940	-	44,940	49,257
Cleaning, hygiene & laundry	11,747	-	11,747	11,768
Narnia Garden Project	-	9,357	9,357	22,114
Narnia Log Cabin running costs	3,964	-	3,964	2,577
Food provision	38,662	-	38,662	13,042
Parental specialist	33,959	-	33,959	16,044
Other site expenses	300	-	300	-
HR Expenditure	8,873	-	8,873	6,692
Legal and professional	4,915	-	4,915	2,841
	693,480	492,221	1,185,701	903,640

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13. Expenditure on charitable activities: Services

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	420,594	306,292	726,886	476,915
Employer pension contributions	48,705	-	48,705	29,366
Volunteer expenses	8,307	-	8,307	1,110
Heat and light	5,266	-	5,266	3,017
Telephone	13,659	-	13,659	5,756
Printing, postage and stationery	10,234	-	10,234	5,034
Travel and outings	3,771	-	3,771	1,844
Training and recruitment	9,642	-	9,642	3,015
Mortgage interest and bank charges	12,599	-	12,599	8,052
Communications and awareness raising	32,462	-	32,462	21,057
Young Shoulders	-	-	-	2,097
Subscriptions	264	-	264	795
Website costs and CRM	33,560	-	33,560	2,949
Insurance	4,985	-	4,985	3,462
Appeals cost	3,858	-	3,858	5,083
Services resources and residentials	30,500	-	30,500	19,192
Sibling Support Programme – activities	68,398	-	68,398	6,293
Repairs and maintenance	9,483	-	9,483	2,838
Depreciation	38,364	-	38,364	29,983
HR Expenditure	7,575	-	7,575	4,073
Cleaning	4,540	-	4,540	4,313
Community Services Sessional	7,616	-	7,616	-
Miscellaneous expenses	3,836	-	3,836	9,705
Legal and professional	4,196	-	4,196	1,729
	<u>782,414</u>	<u>306,292</u>	<u>1,088,706</u>	<u>647,678</u>

14. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	43,152	-	43,152	61,362
Employer pension contributions	3,069	-	3,069	4,400
Legal and professional costs*	-	-	-	-
Auditors' remuneration	5,760	-	5,760	5,760
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	270
	<u>51,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,981</u>	<u>71,792</u>

**Legal and professional costs from 2022 were reallocated to support costs.*

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15. Tangible fixed assets	Land & buildings	Furniture & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	3,985,104	576,448	68,673	4,563,807
Additions	-	28,039	-	28,039
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,985,104</u>	<u>604,487</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>4,658,264</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	759,440	487,503	68,673	1,208,477
Charge for year	79,446	30,164	-	109,610
At 31 March 2023	<u>838,886</u>	<u>517,667</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>1,425,226</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,146,218</u>	<u>86,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,225,664</u>	<u>88,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,314,609</u>
16. Debtors			2023	2022
			£	£
Accrued income			17,988	72,115
Prepayments			13,782	68,189
Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) (note 30)			287,313	36,037
			<u>319,083</u>	<u>176,341</u>
17. Cash at bank, on deposit and in hand			2023	2022
			£	£
Cash at bank and hand			1,314,814	1,420,712
			<u>1,314,814</u>	<u>1,420,712</u>
18. Creditors amounts falling due within one year			2023	2022
			£	Restated
				£
Bank loans			199,320	200,206
Trade creditors			40,877	62,992
Other loans			50,000	50,000
Other tax and social security			42,968	31,565
Other creditors and accruals			57,458	15,828
Deferred income			247,750	117,491
			<u>635,373</u>	<u>478,082</u>

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19. Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	550,000	600,000
Bank loans	254,144	413,200
	<u>804,144</u>	<u>1,013,200</u>
Analysis of maturity of debt:		
Within one year or on demand	249,320	250,206
Between two and five years	454,144	613,200
After five years	350,000	400,000
	<u>1,053,464</u>	<u>1,263,406</u>

Bank loans are secured by a legal mortgage over property at Unit 2 Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Belfast and a legal charge over property at Daisy Lodge, 124a Bryansford Road, Newcastle, Co. Down.

20. Staff costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,721,087	1,372,157
Employer's National Insurance	167,841	124,754
Employer's pension costs	129,435	104,877
	<u>2,018,363</u>	<u>1,601,788</u>

There was one employee with emoluments between £60,000 and £70,000 (2022: nil), none between £70,000 and £80,000 (2022: nil), and none between £80,000 and £90,000 (2022: nil).

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the executive leadership team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £356,790 (2022: £325,680).

The average monthly number of employees for the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Full Time No.	Full Time No.
Daisy Lodge	9	12
Income generation	13	10
Services	16	11
Governance and support	6	8
	<u>44</u>	<u>41</u>
	Part Time No.	Part Time No.
Daisy Lodge	16	16
Income generation	5	12
Services	9	1
Governance and support	1	-
	<u>31</u>	<u>19</u>

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21. Operating lease commitments

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	10,589	16,092
Within two to five years	3,775	14,185
	<u>14,365</u>	<u>30,277</u>

22. Taxation

No corporation tax was provided for in 2023 because the income of the charity was within the exemption granted by Sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act (CTA 2010).

23. Trustees remuneration

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022: £NIL). During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022: £NIL).

24. Company limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

25. Gifts in Kind

		SOFA	Balance Sheet	Total
		£	£	£
Income category:	Source			
Gifts in kind	H&J Martin	37,733	-	37,733
Gifts in kind	Microsoft	19,068	-	19,068
Gifts in kind	Nitec	8,025	-	8,025
Gifts in kind	URL Results	1,455	-	1,455
Gifts in kind	KM Hygiene	396	-	396
Gifts in kind	Kingspan Water & Energy	5,069	-	5,069
Gifts in kind	CHAMP	60,000	-	60,000
Gifts in kind	Briefed	480	-	480
Gifts in kind	KCC	45	-	45
Gifts in kind	Lighton	701	-	701
Gifts in kind	Mivan	1,353	-	1,353
Gifts in kind	LRC Fire Safety Group	624	-	624
Gifts in kind	MCA	120	-	120
Gifts in kind	Taylor Group	100	-	100
Gifts in kind	Housekeepers & Go Getters	56	-	56
Gifts in kind	Stephen Synott	750	-	750
Gifts in kind	Mercury Security	990	-	990
Gifts in kind	Titan AC	900	-	900
Gifts in kind	Carbrooke meats	2,881	-	2,881
Gifts in kind	Finnebrogue	1,280	-	1,280
Gifts in kind	Morrellis Ice cream	2,990	-	2,990
Gifts in kind	Ristretto coffee	900	-	900
Gifts in kind	Hovis	3,600	-	3,600
Gifts in kind	McPolin eggs	1,750	-	1,750
Gifts in kind	Moypark	1,500	-	1,500
Gifts in kind	Cresbol = 10	2,320	-	2,320
		<u>155,086</u>	-	<u>155,086</u>
Expense category	Subcategory			
Repairs and maintenance	Administration and IT	87,093	-	87,093
Repairs and maintenance	Daisy Lodge	48,587	-	48,587
Legal and professional	HR Expenditure	730	-	730
Miscellaneous expenses	Website Maintenance	1,455	-	1,455
Food provision	Food provision	17,221	-	17,221
		<u>155,086</u>	-	<u>155,086</u>

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26. Statement of funds 2023

	At 31 March 2022 (Restated)	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Other gains	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserve	3,371,419	2,498,048	(2,408,308)	(66,763)	-	3,394,396
Restricted reserve						
Big Lottery DL	-	96,301	(96,301)	-	-	-
Big Lottery Rise	-	90,253	(101,377)	11,124	-	-
Children in Need	-	27,701	(38,218)	10,517	-	-
Clic Sargent	-	23,153	(40,130)	16,977	-	-
Community Foundation NI	-	349,879	(331,964)	-	-	17,915
Community Services*	13,779	-	(13,779)	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge	41,430	1,250	(42,680)	-	-	-
Co-Op Grant	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge Capital**	4,473	50,000	(53,956)	-	-	517
House of Vic Lyn	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
Rank Foundation	-	34,000	(16,963)	-	-	17,037
St James	-	15,000	(43,145)	28,145	-	-
	59,682	707,537	(798,513)	66,763	-	35,469
Total funds	3,431,101	3,205,585	(3,206,821)	-	-	3,429,865

Statement of funds 2022 (Restated)

	At 31 March 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Other gains	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted reserve	3,142,147	2,303,375	(2,074,103)	-	-	3,371,419
Restricted reserve						
Community Services*	13,779	71,490	(71,490)	-	-	13,779
Daisy Lodge	41,430	-	-	-	-	41,430
Daisy Lodge Capital**	4,473	50,000	(50,000)	-	-	4,473
Trusts and Charitable Foundations	-	209,732	(209,732)	-	-	-
	59,682	336,498	(331,222)	-	-	59,682
Total funds	3,201,829	2,634,597	(2,405,325)	-	-	3,431,101

*Community Services relates to monies received to fund residential youth and family activities.

**Daisy Lodge Capital relates to funds received for the re-development of Shimna Valley House. The transfers above relate to the release of restricted funds in line with the construction, operation and financing of Daisy Lodge. To assist with the repayment of loans relating to the construction of Daisy Lodge, the McClay Foundation has arranged to donate £50,000 per annum over 10 years starting in 2015.

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27. Analysis of assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Current assets/ liabilities £	Creditors > 1year £	Total £
Unrestricted reserve	3,233,038	965,502	(804,144)	3,394,396
Restricted reserve	-	35,469	-	35,469
	3,233,038	1,000,377	(804,144)	3,429,865

28. Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at the year-end (2022: £NIL).

29. Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022 Restated
	£	£
Net income	(1,236)	229,272
Adjustments for:		
Finance costs	33,490	22,501
Investment income	(4,892)	(462)
Depreciation net of disposal	109,610	107,181
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	8,274	(3,293)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(142,742)	90,919
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	158,177	125,691
Cash generated from operations	160,681	389,971

30. Related Party Transactions

Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) 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 £154,981(2022: £Nil). Invoices and expenses were paid in 2022/23 by CFFC NI for CFFC ROI of £222,888 (2022: £36,551).

During the year CFFC ROI made a charitable donation to CFFC NI of £130,000 (2022: €Nil).

Balances at year end represent amounts payable from CFFC ROI. At the year end the following amounts were outstanding:

	2023	2022 Restated
	£	£
Due from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI)	287,313	36,037
	287,313	36,037

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31. Prior year restatement

Reconciliation of funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
	£	£	£
Funds as previously reported	3,488,910	59,682	3,548,592
Adjustments arising from overstatement of income	(117,491)	-	(117,491)
Funds reported	<u>3,371,419</u>	<u>59,682</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>

Reconciliation of movement in funds for the financial period	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds as previously reported	346,763	-	346,763
Adjustments arising from overstatement of income	(117,491)	-	(117,491)
Surplus reported	<u>229,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,272</u>

The accounts include a prior year restatement due to income being overstated by £117,491 in 2022. This should have been included as a creditor in deferred income.

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32: Prior year Statement of Financial Activities (Restated)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments				
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>				
Donations & legacies	1,684,201	-	1,684,201	1,356,866
Activities for generating funds	587,143	-	587,143	88,262
Income from investments	462	-	462	564
Income from charitable activities	-	331,222	331,222	386,544
Support Group income	31,569	-	31,569	35,523
Other income	-	5,276	5,276	1,439,395
Total income and endowments	2,303,375	336,498	2,639,873	3,307,154
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds	787,491	-	787,491	565,801
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>				
Daisy Lodge	863,208	40,432	903,640	729,397
Services	351,612	296,066	647,678	542,712
Governance costs	71,792	-	71,792	64,502
Total Expenditure	2,074,103	336,498	2,410,601	1,902,412
Net Income/(Expenditure)	229,272	-	229,272	1,404,742
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	3,142,147	59,682	3,201,829	1,797,087
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2022	3,371,419	59,682	3,431,101	3,201,829

33: Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

34: Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th November 2023.

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Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC100532
Company Registration Number: NI 049930
HMRC Number: XR 29768

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Trustees/Directors as at 27th November 2023

Peter O'Brien
Joan Ballantine
Gerry Halpenny
Dr Robert Johnston
Michelle Hatfield
Donal O'Shaughnessy
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)
Cormac Owens (appointed 1st April 2022)
Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3rd May 2023)
Kate Marshall (Chair, resigned 3rd May 2023)
Kenneth Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)
David Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)
Lisa Collins (resigned 12th August 2022)

Directors are appointed in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Chairperson

Peter O'Brien

Treasurer

Joan Ballantine

Company Secretary

Gerry Halpenny

Chief Executive

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Board of Trustees (who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared based on 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 2015).

The following Trustees have held office since 1 April 2022:

Peter O'Brien

Joan Ballantine

Gerry Halpenny

Dr Robert Johnston

Michelle Hatfield

Donal O'Shaughnessy

Pádraic Ó Giolláin

Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)

Cormac Owens (appointed 1st April 2022)

Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)

Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3rd May 2023)

Lisa Collins (resigned 12th August 2022)

Kate Marshall (resigned 3rd May 2023)

Kenneth Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)

David Robert Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)

Reference & Administrative Details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on the initial page of the financial statements.

Objectives & Activities

The Company is established for the relief of need by reason of ill-health amongst children, and the families of children, anywhere in the world, who are adversely affected by cancer through the provision of practical, social and emotional support insofar as is charitable under the law of Northern Ireland and in particular:

1. To provide support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) for all children and young people (0-24 years) diagnosed with cancer, their siblings (0-24 years) and those children and young people (0-24 years) who have a parent or other primary carer diagnosed with cancer alongside their families throughout Northern Ireland & Ireland; with a view to reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and equipping individuals to cope better with the impact of a cancer diagnosis, alongside improving family relationships, reducing stress and anxiety and promoting independence.
2. To provide families dealing with a cancer diagnosis, a palliative/terminal cancer diagnosis, or families bereaved through cancer with relief, care, and support through a range of facilities including our Therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge and residential centre, Narnia. Therapeutic breaks promote rest and relaxation, teamed with unique psychosocial support specifically tailored to each family. They are designed to improve wellbeing, build precious memories, and facilitate families spending quality time together.
3. To provide time sensitive and age-appropriate support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) to children and young people who are dying as a result of cancer, their siblings and those children and young people who have a parent dying from cancer, offering continuity of care through ongoing bereavement support to each family.
4. To provide a range of opportunities for children, young people, and parents/primary carers impacted by cancer to meet one another and share experiences.
5. To provide safe spaces where children, young people and families can talk openly about the impact that cancer has on their lives, and work with them at a local, regional and national level to advocate and lobby for improvements in cancer care and support.
6. To raise public awareness of the impact of childhood cancer and the impact of a parental cancer diagnosis on a child or young person.

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Achievements & Performance

Our vision is that no child faces cancer alone. At Cancer Fund for Children, we connect, empower, and strengthen children, young people and families struggling to cope with the emotional impact of cancer.

It's a testament to the relentless drive and unwavering compassion of our entire team, from our tireless staff to our dedicated volunteers that we remain on track to deliver on our 5-year strategy that will take us to 2026. Key pillars of this strategy include the ongoing improvement of services, youth engagement, the development of services across the Republic of Ireland (ROI), developing our people and culture, growing awareness of our work, financial sustainability and continuing on our journey to good governance.

We understand that the journey through cancer is a daunting one, filled with uncertainty and fear. But we also know that with the right support, resilience, and a network of support, these challenges can be transformed into opportunities for growth and connection.

Over the past year, our team has risen to unforeseen challenges. The global pandemic continued to bring uncertainty, impacting the lives of countless families already facing the heavy burden of cancer. Despite these challenges, our team has not only persevered but also thrived. They responded with agility and determination to the increased referrals, recognizing the urgent need to ensure no child would face cancer alone, especially during these trying times.

Progress Update

In line with our commitment to growth and sustainability, we initiated the recruitment of an executive leadership team. This strategic move will enable us to expand our reach, enhance our impact, and provide even more comprehensive support to those who rely on us. The executive leadership team of Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) has continued to provide administrative support to the Board of its sister charity in the Republic of Ireland, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI).

Services Update

This year has been an important and impactful year across the services within Cancer Fund for Children.

As like last year we have seen a significant growth in children, young people and families seeking support, and in response we have been able to lead on several key developments to help meet this need.

At its core our support meets children, young people, and families with a strong degree of sensitivity, warmth, compassion, and flexibility. It centres around the importance of connection, relationship, building trust and rapport, and then tries to ensure the support offered is what is needed. This year more than any other we have done this, and we look to strengthen it in the years ahead.

Our developmental roles within the areas of parental, palliative family-based support and bereavement support have been instrumental and have delivered a range of individual support, specialist sessions, bespoke groupwork both in-person and online for both children, young people and parents, parental coffee mornings, bereaved coffee mornings, as well as carrying out a study into 'parental anxiety' during family life with cancer. This work is helping to ensure families get a more holistic level of support and the developmental nature of the work allows us to think, reflect and learn, all in aid of helping to shape our services longer term.

Our residential groupwork programmes were back in full swing, as well as our opportunity for young people to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award. We worked with a range of stakeholders to help provide opportunities for diagnosed teenagers to avail of UK wide residentials, sailing trips and conferences and families throughout the year availed up our Care Free Choir and continual events/opportunities.

We continued to develop our short breaks at Daisy Lodge, Newcastle, Co Down, with improved working practices to ensure families could continue to get the appropriate support at a time in which they needed it. The team continued to work tirelessly to ensure families felt safe. The team enhanced the mid-week offer of support by providing more rest and relaxation overnights for parents/guardians which have been a real success this year. Families from the Republic of Ireland also continued to avail of the provision of therapeutic short breaks at Daisy Lodge (2022/23 – 63 families).

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Our work with teenagers and young adults in hospitals across Northern Ireland (NI) also took a major step forward. Following the introduction of a regional ward-based Cancer Support Specialist last year, in September of this financial year we also introduced a Belfast hospital-based Cancer Support Specialist and as part of the Teenagers and Young Adults (TYA) Service for NI we now provide support in all hospital settings, providing much needed age specific support to young people and young adults when they most need it.

This year within the charity (both CFFC NI and CFFC ROI) we also went through a complete overhaul of our IT and database systems, moving our referral process online with a fully holistic and integrative database system. This was done in line with updating our website, literature and streamlining our systems, processes and quality standards.

Youth Engagement

One of the priorities of our five-year strategy is to ensure that the voice of children and young people is at the heart of our organisation, and they play an active role in championing change across cancer services.

Following the successful development of our Youth Engagement strategy last year, this year we began the real day to day work of supporting children and young people to have a real and lasting voice within the charity and beyond.

We recruited 2 new groups of children and young people aged 8-11 and 12-17, who would become our youth engagement groups, and following a period of induction these young people have attended numerous meeting days, residentials and events. They have attended fundraising events, meetings, worked together to plan for a 'Young Peoples celebration Event' and carried out the first youth led review of our services.

Young Ambassadors

This year we also launched opportunities to be Young Ambassadors with Cancer Fund for Children. Young Ambassadors are young people who have been supported by Cancer Fund for Children who would like to be public ambassadors sharing their story, partaking in media, speaking at events and publicly about the impact of cancer on children and young people. Specific training and support was provided to 4 young people this year and they have already attended a number of engagements.

In July 2022, we recruited 2 peer facilitators to help support the work across this team and work directly with children and young people. Both peer facilitators are former service users of the charity and their employment as youth apprenticeships was made possible through funding from the Department of Communities through the Rank Foundation.

#iWill Project

In May 2022, young people involved in our bereaved advocacy project launched their very own 'Youth Led' resource for schools. The 'Bereavement Support Plan' and accompanying guidance booklet for schools was designed specifically by young people for young people to help better support bereaved students. Their experience and research showed that the level of support offered varied vastly between different schools and that most often, young people were not involved in the decisions around how they were supported post-bereavement.

The aim of their resource was "*to ensure that schools are a safe, comfortable and supportive place for bereaved students in Northern Ireland*".

Over the summer the resource and teacher guidance was sent to every post primary school in Northern Ireland and throughout the year we have received additional requests for the resource.

Services Impact

During 2022-23, Cancer Fund for Children, had a **30% increase** in referrals, receiving **324** new family referrals from a range of Health Care Professionals/self-referrals across Northern Ireland. Alongside this, we continued to support families in ROI to avail of short breaks as well as hospital based support. This figure alongside the existing family caseload meant Cancer Fund for Children directly supported over **800 families this year**.

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Individual tailored support remained an integral part of the overall package offered to the children and young people. In total **1147 individual support sessions** were delivered in Northern Ireland with a further **240 support sessions** offered within CHI at Crumlin by our sister charity Cancer Fund For Children Ireland.

Residential group work fully recommenced in Narnia, at Daisy Lodge, and children and young people were able to benefit again from peer connection and the support they find through the residential activities. There were 22 residential in total.

In December, the team supported a significant number of families in financial distress to access support. They planned and organised Christmas events, as well as helping to provide families with direct personalised video messages from Santa.

1,737 children and their parents/carers had the opportunity to spend time away from hospital and home life to rest and recharge at Daisy Lodge, our therapeutic short break centre. An increase of 15% compared to previous year. Overall, our residential services have achieved more short breaks than any other time, with 453 families availing of short breaks at Daisy Lodge, 38 bereaved families availing of self-catering weekends, and 180 parents/guardians availing of overnight rest and relaxation breaks at Daisy Lodge.

Group sessions encouraged participants to reflect, cope with stress and connect with others living through cancer. The team used a variety of creative activities to engage families. They delivered 659 workshops with families and individuals. With over 1000 complementary therapies also offered to family members.

A short summary of the feedback comments from families who stayed at Daisy Lodge on a therapeutic short break during the year 2022/23 is provided below:

- 90% of families felt more hopeful about their future following their short break.
- 94% felt better able to manage their family situation.
- 91% of families stated time together has strengthened their relationship as a family
- 88% Developed their connection as a family

Some quotes taken throughout this year:

“Thanks so much for today – Lucy had an absolute ball!! Love her vision board! Days like this does her the world of good & are priceless – thanks so much.”

“Thank you all so much, Erin is home so full of confidence and so proud of herself for staying two nights, thank you for giving her this opportunity.”

“Jack seemed to be two feet taller, this experience is the first time he has stayed away from home on his own. So proud of him and the confidence he has is amazing.”

“You lot are worth your weight in gold.”

“We were able to spend quality time with each other in a stress-free environment. We really enjoyed the activities and games room. The complimentary therapy was just lovely! We discovered that we enjoyed art activities together. We had a fun art session with Esther and are taking home a unique piece of art that we will display with pride. Thanks so much.”

“A super break from home and a weekend spent together as a family. A break from hospital and cancer routine.”

“We could be closer together in new environment for the first time without daddy/ husband. Important lesson how to build new and happy memories in new family situation.”

“We gained quality family time, making new memories in memory of our loved one.”

“We have had an amazing few days being able to relax and step away from all the hard times and stresses that a cancer diagnosis brings it's like being able to step away into a different world a truly magical experience.”

“Rest and refreshment in beautiful surroundings with lovely, caring staff.”

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Income Generation

We undertook a restructure within the income generation and communication team. In January 2023, a director was appointed to oversee the department. The team have developed a revised strategy to ensure the organisation can deliver on its strategic objectives across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for their unparalleled support throughout the past year and for their compassion and generosity. We want to also thank the many families who courageously shared their personal stories of family life and cancer to highlight the essential support they have received from Cancer Fund for Children.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the clubs, schools, businesses, corporate partners, who go the extra mile for Cancer Fund for Children. We are fortunate to have such an amazing community of supporters and we feel confident that with their continued support we will be able to deliver on our mission to ensure that no child has to face cancer alone.

We would like to thank the Department of Health, Community Foundation, National Lottery Community Fund, Ulster Garden Village, The Ireland Funds, Children in Need, ARN Foundation and Co-op for providing funding and support to make our work possible.

Raising Awareness of Cancer Fund for Children

As we develop our brand and services across the Island of Ireland our digital presence is more important than ever, serving as a way for us to communicate our impact to new and existing supporters.

Over the last year our digital communications strategy has focused on sharing the content pillars that resonate with our audience which includes services content, large scale events and brand updates and to engage with our followers to increase engagement with our content.

The Communication Team continue to work closely with the Services Team to ensure growing awareness of the impact of cancer on children and young people. Family stories have been shared alongside blog posts and articles in newspapers.

Social Media

Facebook Followers: 21.1K

Facebook Reach: 469k (+59.6% on previous year)

Instagram Followers: 5.6K

Instagram Reach: 62k (+139.6% on previous year)

Twitter Followers: 6.3K followers

Twitter Reach: 64.4k impressions

Linked In Followers: 2.7K

Linked in Reach: 82.4k impressions

Website

62k users (+44% on previous year)

90k website sessions (+ 57.8% on previous year)

PR and Media

Over this period Cancer Fund for Children's (Island of Ireland) media coverage included:

- 382 print articles (13.6 million reach)
- 253 online articles (6.9 million reach)
- 13 radio interviews/mentions (598K reach)

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Similar to our digital content pillars included media coverage included services content, large scale events and brand updates such as the official opening of our new Narnia Garden, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and impactful family stories.

Key milestones throughout the year

Narnia Garden Opening

In April, we officially opened our new Narnia Garden in the grounds of Daisy Lodge, Newcastle. Following a consultation with young people we support, and with the help of the National Lottery Community Fund and the Northern Ireland Prison Service an overgrown and neglected area of land behind our residential log cabin was transformed into a magical garden for children and young people impacted by cancer. The garden includes an archery lane, nightline, decked seating area with benches for workshops and discussions, atmospheric lighting and a gravelled seating area for reflection and peer support activities.

Parental Support Webinars

In June, we hosted a series of webinars in partnership with Parenting NI and the Community Foundation designed to support parents as they navigate cancer with their children. 44 parents/guardians attended webinars delivered by expert speakers covering topics including emotional health, strategies to reduce stress, self-care, compassion, and self-awareness and talking to children about cancer.

“I am glad I attended, and I felt more empowered to talk to my children”

Hospital Based Cancer Support Specialists in Dublin and Belfast

In May, our sister charity, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) recruited its first Cancer Support Specialist on the paediatric cancer ward at Children's Health Ireland, Crumlin in Dublin. The role provides informal social and emotional support to families during their child's treatment.

We also recruited a Cancer Support Specialist for teenagers and young adults (age 14-24) in Belfast. Based at the Royal Victoria Hospital and Belfast City Hospital the role works alongside our existing Cancer Support Specialist who provides support to young cancer patients in regional hospitals across Northern Ireland.

Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co Mayo Update

In early 2023/24, our sister charity, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland began work to clear the site of Daisy Lodge, Cong, a therapeutic short break centre, similar to Daisy Lodge, Newcastle. The site clearance work is in preparation for construction projected to commence in 2024/25. Under the supervision of an archaeologist and ecologist a sub-base has been laid for a new access road, car park and the footprint of the building. The site has also been cleared to allow for a play area.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September is a time when the world unites to increase awareness of paediatric cancer and shine a light on the unique challenges faced by families impacted by childhood cancer. Two young people, Jacob and Annabel shared their experience as part of our #MoreThanAMonth campaign.

“The one thing we would like other families to know about childhood cancer is that you are not alone. It's a rollercoaster of a journey but there's lots of support on offer to help you along the way. Don't be afraid to ask for help.”

Volunteers

Volunteers remain a central pillar of Cancer Fund for Children, unfortunately following Covid we have been unable to use volunteers in the way we have done previously. A new Volunteer strategy will be developed in 2023/24 and funding has been secured to employ a volunteer coordinator.

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Financial Review

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.

Results for the Period

The Cancer Fund for Children's Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 19 of the audited accounts. Total income increased from £2,639,873 (restated) in 2021/22 to £3,205,585 in 2022/23. Total expenditure increased from £2,410,601 in 2021/22 to £3,206,821 in 2022/23. The charity therefore generated net expenditure for the year of (£1,236).

Reserves Policy and Funds Employed

The Board of Trustees aims to build a reserve of 3 months operating costs over a period of six years beginning in 2017, with trade creditors and the overdraft being reduced over the first three years and reserves generated thereafter. This has been achieved and the charity is now in a position where it is steadily generating funds.

Total reserves of £3.43M as at 31 March 2023 falls into two categories:

Restricted funds

Of the available resources, £35k is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes which are within the overall aims of Cancer Fund for Children.

Unrestricted funds

Of the available resources, £3.39M, which includes tangible fixed assets of £3.2M, 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.

Plans for Future Periods

The Board launched the 2021-26 strategy, the charity's strategic plan for the next five years.

The six major elements of the plan are as follows:

1. Ensure that all children impacted by cancer across the Island of Ireland have access to our services and that they receive the right emotional and therapeutic support to help them cope better with cancer.
2. Build and open our second therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co. Mayo, allowing more families to access therapeutic short breaks regardless of where they live in Ireland.
3. Ensure that children and young people are at the heart of our organisation and are an active voice in championing change across cancer services.
4. Build a more sustainable and financially resilient organisation by diversifying our fundraising and developing and nurturing lasting relationships with our supporters so they are with us now and in the future.
5. Grow and nurture a positive and inclusive culture where our staff, supporters, and service users feel valued, supported, and listened to.
6. Demonstrate the impact and value of our vital services, whilst raising awareness of Cancer Fund for Children (NI and ROI).

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Articles and Memorandum of Association, which were revised and approved by the Board in September 2021, form the governing documents of the Charity which is constituted as a company limited by guarantee in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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Organisational Structure

The current subscribers and trustees of the charity as of 27th November 2023 are set out on page 3.

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

Whilst strategic decisions are taken by the Board of Trustees, responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Charity across the Island of Ireland has been delegated to the Chief Executive and the executive leadership team of Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI). Please see section below “*Legal and Operational Structure – All Ireland Charity*” for further information.

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

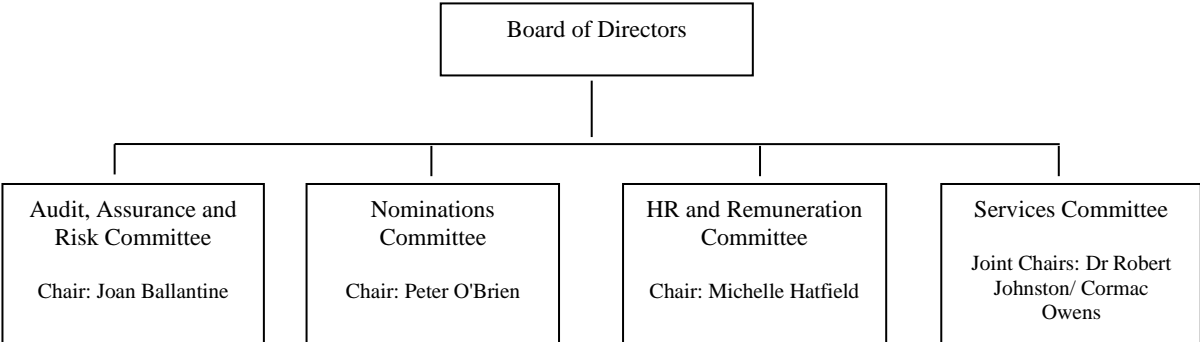
- Peter O’Brien (Chairperson)
- Gerard Halpenny (Secretary)
- Cormac Owens
- Daniel O’Shaughnessy
- Joan Ballantine
- Pádraic Ó Giolláin
- Michelle Hatfield
- Dr. Robert Johnston
- Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)
- Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)
- Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3rd May 2023)
- David Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Kate Marshall (Chair, resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Kenneth Sydney Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Lisa Collins (resigned 22nd August 2022)

Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees are non-executive, 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 2022/23.

Governance Structure

The Board is supported by a Board Sub-Committee structure that deals effectively with specific aspects of the charity’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.



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Board and Board Sub-Committee Meetings

The Board and the Board Sub-Committees met on several occasions in 2022/23. Attendance by each board member at these meetings is set out in the table below:

	Board	Audit, Risk and Assurance	Nominations Committee	HR and Remuneration Committee	Services Committee
Number of Meetings:	4	3	1	2	4
Kenneth Brundle	2(4)				
Joan Ballantine	4(4)	3(3)			
Michelle Hatfield	2(4)		1(1)	2(2)	
Dr Robert Johnston	2(4)				4(4)
Gerard Halpenny	3(4)				
Donal O'Shaughnessy	4(4)				
Padraic O'Giollain	4(4)				
Peter O'Brien	4(4)		1(1)		
Peter Shields	4(4)	2(3)			
Cormac Owens	2(4)				4(4)
Kate Marshall (Chair)	4(4)		1(1)		
David Sterling	3(4)	2(3)			
Lisa Collins	0(0)				

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 offices and providing them with a comprehensive induction pack which includes organisational and Board information and materials.

The individual performance of Board members is appraised in annual one-to-ones with the Chair, while Board performance as a whole is assessed by means of board members' 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.

Legal and Operational Structure – All Ireland Charity

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charity registered in both the Republic of 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 (CFFC NI) and sister charity Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI). 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. Please see 'note 30 Related Party Transactions' for additional information.

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

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Risk Management

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

The Trustees, who carry the responsibility for risk management, work with the executive leadership team to maintain a comprehensive Risk Register. This document identifies a number of risks in the operating environment, including financial, reputational 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.

Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Public Benefit

Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Employment of Disabled Persons

There are no collective agreements recognised by the charity. The charity is an equal opportunities employer with set policies on health and safety, training and development, disciplinary rules and grievance procedures.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The charity's remuneration policies and practices are designed to attract, retain, and motivate key management personnel while ensuring that resources are used efficiently and in line with the charity's mission and values.

The charity's Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the arrangements for setting the remuneration of key management personnel. The charity utilises various benchmarks, parameters, and criteria when determining the remuneration of key management personnel. These include:

- Industry-specific data.
- Comparable remuneration packages in similar organisations within the sector.
- The charity's own performance metrics, financial health, and budgetary considerations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices).

Company law and the law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation;
- observe methods and principles in the charities SORP; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement of Disclosure of Auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter O'Brien
Chairperson



Joan Ballentine
Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Cancer Fund for Children for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion:

- give a true and fair view on the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts 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.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trustees and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees' are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 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 accounts 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 (UK) 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 accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Charity.

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Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102).
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 school's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

**THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER
FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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 auditors' 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.

R. I. Peters Gallagher

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Dr. R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 27th November 2023
Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments					
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>					
Donations & legacies	3	2,017,350	1,250	2,018,600	1,684,201
Activities for generating funds	4	171,557	-	171,557	587,143
Income from investments	5	5,486	-	5,486	462
Income from charitable activities	6	14,588	706,287	720,875	331,222
Support Group income	7	-	-	-	31,569
Other income	8	289,067	-	289,067	5,276
Total income and endowments		2,498,048	707,537	3,205,585	2,639,873
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds	11	880,433	-	880,433	787,491
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>					
Daisy Lodge	12	693,480	492,221	1,185,701	903,640
Services	13	782,414	306,292	1,088,706	647,678
Governance costs	14	51,981	-	51,981	71,792
Total Expenditure		2,408,308	798,513	3,206,821	2,410,601
Net Income/(Expenditure)	31	89,740	(90,976)	(1,236)	229,272
Transfer between funds	26	(66,763)	66,763	-	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2022		3,371,419	59,682	3,431,101	3,201,829
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2023	26	3,394,396	35,469	3,429,865	3,431,101


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 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account) is included in note 32 to the financial statements for the prior year ended 31 March 2022.


THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	Restated £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	<u>3,233,038</u>	<u>3,314,609</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		2,447	10,721
Debtors	16	319,083	176,341
Cash at bank and in hand	17	1,314,814	1,420,712
		<u>1,636,344</u>	<u>1,607,774</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(635,373)	(478,082)
Net current assets		<u>1,000,971</u>	<u>1,129,692</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		4,234,009	4,444,301
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(804,144)	(1,013,200)
Net assets		<u>3,429,865</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		3,394,396	3,371,419
Restricted funds		35,469	59,682
Total funds	26	<u>3,429,865</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:



 Peter O'Brien Chairperson



 Joan Ballantine Treasurer

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	Restated £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	29	160,681	389,971
Interest paid		<u>(33,490)</u>	<u>(22,501)</u>
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities		127,191	367,470
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(28,039)	(48,526)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Interest received		4,892	462
Net cash generated/(used) in investing activities		<u>(23,147)</u>	<u>(48,064)</u>
Financing activities			
Repayment of loans		<u>(209,056)</u>	<u>(201,785)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		(209,056)	(201,785)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(105,012)</u>	<u>117,621</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of		1,220,506	1,102,885
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u><u>1,115,494</u></u>	<u><u>1,220,506</u></u>
Relating to:			
Bank balances		1,314,814	1,420,712
Bank overdrafts		<u>(199,320)</u>	<u>(200,206)</u>

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General Information

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. Its Companies Registration Number is NI 049930. The registered office is Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED.

The Cancer Fund for Children is a public benefit entity. The objectives of the Cancer Fund for Children are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by HMRC (Charity tax number XR 29768) and is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number NIC100532). 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

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard which applies in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.

Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure (see note 15).

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified to expenditure categories on a direct basis where appropriate or allocated in line with managerial and budgetary responsibilities on a number of bases.

Expenditure on raising funds include the costs of events, advertising, producing publications, printing and mailing fundraising material, and staff costs in these areas.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to expenditure incurred on activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include the staffing and associated costs of administering and managing the operational management of the charity.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historic cost, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Land	- not depreciated
Buildings	- 2% straight line
Furniture & Equipment	- 20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 20% straight line

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.

Foreign currency

The functional currency of the Cancer Fund for Children is considered to be sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

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 subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictions are binding upon the charity.

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.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The Company 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.

Taxation status

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status by the HMRC, charity tax number XR 29768.

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3. Donations & legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Community & Clubs	325,335	-	325,335	281,790
Corporate	464,983	-	464,983	350,943
General Donations	14,674	-	14,674	48,813
Donor Development – incl. Payroll Giving	401,874	-	401,874	333,618
Families	228,948	-	228,948	160,975
Major Donors	200,890	-	200,890	190,890
Managed Events	137,419	-	137,419	150,522
Schools & Youth	70,719	-	70,719	96,921
Gifts in Kind	155,086	-	155,086	59,292
Daisy Lodge	-	1,250	1,250	-
Trust & Funds	17,422	-	17,422	10,437
	<u>2,017,350</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>2,018,600</u>	<u>1,684,201</u>

4. Income from activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Slieve Donard	14,792	-	14,792	14,471
School READON	-	-	-	71,646
Schools Other Events	-	-	-	38,113
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	9,055
Abseil	12,627	-	12,627	17,206
Fundraising Events	59,172	-	59,172	385,709
Santa Cause	5,187	-	5,187	-
Treks	28,836	-	28,836	360
Bog Run	50,943	-	50,943	50,583
	<u>171,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171,557</u>	<u>587,143</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>5,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,486</u>	<u>462</u>

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6. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Rise	-	90,253	90,253	-
Big Lottery DL	-	96,301	96,301	-
Children in Need	-	27,701	27,701	-
Clic Sargent	-	23,153	23,153	-
Community Foundation NI	-	349,879	349,879	71,490
Co-Op Grant	-	10,000	10,000	-
Government	14,588	-	14,588	-
House of Vic Lyn	-	10,000	10,000	-
McClay Foundation	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Rank Foundation	-	34,000	34,000	-
St James	-	15,000	15,000	-
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	-	-	-	209,732
	<u>14,588</u>	<u>706,287</u>	<u>720,875</u>	<u>331,222</u>

7. Support Group Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Support Group income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,569</u>

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Recharges from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	154,981	-	154,981	-
Donations from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	130,000	-	130,000	-
DFC- Access to Work	4,086	-	4,086	4,647
Government CJRS	-	-	-	629
	<u>289,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,067</u>	<u>5,276</u>

9. Net Movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	109,610	107,078
Employer pension costs	129,435	104,877
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	<u>5,760</u>	<u>5,760</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

10. Support costs

Within total expenditure, support costs are as follows:

	Income Generation	Daisy Lodge	Services	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restate d
	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	68,716	117,390	100,212	286,318	184,591
Management & administration	37,833	64,631	55,172	157,636	42,724
Awareness raising	21,804	37,250	31,799	90,853	59,132
Establishment	18,853	32,209	27,492	78,554	91,303
Finance costs	8,640	14,759	12,599	35,998	28,757
Depreciation	26,306	44,940	38,364	109,610	109,610
	<u>182,152</u>	<u>311,179</u>	<u>265,638</u>	<u>758,969</u>	<u>513,588</u>

Support costs are not directly attributable to any single activity but provide the organisational infrastructure that enables the charitable activities to take place. Such costs are therefore apportioned to the activity cost categories above. Support costs have been apportioned according to the number of staff in each area.

11. Expenditure on income generation

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	494,635	-	494,635	477,995
Employer pension contributions	32,359	-	32,359	27,268
Training and recruitment	6,612	-	6,612	2,800
Ground rent and cleaning	8,178	-	8,178	8,182
Volunteering expenses	2,947	-	2,947	6,240
Insurances	3,419	-	3,419	3,214
Heat and light	3,612	-	3,612	2,801
Printing, postage and stationery	16,775	-	16,775	11,031
Telephone	5,227	-	5,227	4,773
School expenses	3,922	-	3,922	2,604
Staff meetings	5,944	-	5,944	649
Software subscriptions	40,494	-	40,494	6,368
Corporate expenses	8,768	-	8,768	22,801
Repairs and maintenance	43,963	-	43,963	32,022
Website costs and CRM	42,212	-	42,212	30,687
Communications and awareness raising	28,732	-	28,732	17,072
Mortgage interest and bank charges	8,640	-	8,640	7,477
Global & UK challenge expenses	46,469	-	46,469	27,261
Collection box / buckets expenditure	2,476	-	2,476	1,828
Payroll giving expenses	10,602	-	10,602	-
Depreciation	26,306	-	26,306	27,841
Merchandising	10,908	-	10,908	21,876
Admin expenses	4,488	-	4,488	825
Cleaning	3,113	-	3,113	4,005
HR Expenditure	5,194	-	5,194	3,782
Unrealised currency gains/(losses)	51	-	51	13
Legal and professional	2,877	-	2,877	1,606
Miscellaneous expenses	11,510	-	11,510	34,470
	<u>880,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880,433</u>	<u>787,491</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

12. Expenditure on charitable activities: Daisy Lodge

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	170,268	482,864	653,132	477,856
Employer pension contributions	45,302	-	45,302	48,243
Volunteering expenses	234	-	234	322
Mortgage interest and bank charges	14,759	-	14,759	13,228
Training and recruitment	16,503	-	16,503	4,954
Travel and outings	3,833	-	3,833	7,323
Motor expenses	534	-	534	2,651
Printing, postage and stationery	2,210	-	2,210	8,332
Repairs and maintenance	123,180	-	123,180	106,733
Telephone	16,737	-	16,737	16,694
Heat and light	62,251	-	62,251	43,737
Insurance	5,840	-	5,840	5,687
Miscellaneous expenses	7,130	-	7,130	11,258
Communications & awareness raising	38,026	-	38,026	27,443
Website costs and CRM	39,313	-	39,313	4,844
Depreciation	44,940	-	44,940	49,257
Cleaning, hygiene & laundry	11,747	-	11,747	11,768
Narnia Garden Project	-	9,357	9,357	22,114
Narnia Log Cabin running costs	3,964	-	3,964	2,577
Food provision	38,662	-	38,662	13,042
Parental specialist	33,959	-	33,959	16,044
Other site expenses	300	-	300	-
HR Expenditure	8,873	-	8,873	6,692
Legal and professional	4,915	-	4,915	2,841
	693,480	492,221	1,185,701	903,640

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13. Expenditure on charitable activities: Services

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	420,594	306,292	726,886	476,915
Employer pension contributions	48,705	-	48,705	29,366
Volunteer expenses	8,307	-	8,307	1,110
Heat and light	5,266	-	5,266	3,017
Telephone	13,659	-	13,659	5,756
Printing, postage and stationery	10,234	-	10,234	5,034
Travel and outings	3,771	-	3,771	1,844
Training and recruitment	9,642	-	9,642	3,015
Mortgage interest and bank charges	12,599	-	12,599	8,052
Communications and awareness raising	32,462	-	32,462	21,057
Young Shoulders	-	-	-	2,097
Subscriptions	264	-	264	795
Website costs and CRM	33,560	-	33,560	2,949
Insurance	4,985	-	4,985	3,462
Appeals cost	3,858	-	3,858	5,083
Services resources and residentials	30,500	-	30,500	19,192
Sibling Support Programme – activities	68,398	-	68,398	6,293
Repairs and maintenance	9,483	-	9,483	2,838
Depreciation	38,364	-	38,364	29,983
HR Expenditure	7,575	-	7,575	4,073
Cleaning	4,540	-	4,540	4,313
Community Services Sessional	7,616	-	7,616	-
Miscellaneous expenses	3,836	-	3,836	9,705
Legal and professional	4,196	-	4,196	1,729
	<u>782,414</u>	<u>306,292</u>	<u>1,088,706</u>	<u>647,678</u>

14. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	43,152	-	43,152	61,362
Employer pension contributions	3,069	-	3,069	4,400
Legal and professional costs*	-	-	-	-
Auditors' remuneration	5,760	-	5,760	5,760
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	270
	<u>51,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,981</u>	<u>71,792</u>

**Legal and professional costs from 2022 were reallocated to support costs.*

THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

15. Tangible fixed assets	Land & buildings	Furniture & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	3,985,104	576,448	68,673	4,563,807
Additions	-	28,039	-	28,039
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,985,104</u>	<u>604,487</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>4,658,264</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	759,440	487,503	68,673	1,208,477
Charge for year	79,446	30,164	-	109,610
At 31 March 2023	<u>838,886</u>	<u>517,667</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>1,425,226</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,146,218</u>	<u>86,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,225,664</u>	<u>88,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,314,609</u>
16. Debtors			2023	2022
			£	£
Accrued income			17,988	72,115
Prepayments			13,782	68,189
Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) (note 30)			287,313	36,037
			<u>319,083</u>	<u>176,341</u>
17. Cash at bank, on deposit and in hand			2023	2022
			£	£
Cash at bank and hand			1,314,814	1,420,712
			<u>1,314,814</u>	<u>1,420,712</u>
18. Creditors amounts falling due within one year			2023	2022
			£	Restated
				£
Bank loans			199,320	200,206
Trade creditors			40,877	62,992
Other loans			50,000	50,000
Other tax and social security			42,968	31,565
Other creditors and accruals			57,458	15,828
Deferred income			247,750	117,491
			<u>635,373</u>	<u>478,082</u>

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19. Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	550,000	600,000
Bank loans	254,144	413,200
	<u>804,144</u>	<u>1,013,200</u>
Analysis of maturity of debt:		
Within one year or on demand	249,320	250,206
Between two and five years	454,144	613,200
After five years	350,000	400,000
	<u>1,053,464</u>	<u>1,263,406</u>

Bank loans are secured by a legal mortgage over property at Unit 2 Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Belfast and a legal charge over property at Daisy Lodge, 124a Bryansford Road, Newcastle, Co. Down.

20. Staff costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,721,087	1,372,157
Employer's National Insurance	167,841	124,754
Employer's pension costs	129,435	104,877
	<u>2,018,363</u>	<u>1,601,788</u>

There was one employee with emoluments between £60,000 and £70,000 (2022: nil), none between £70,000 and £80,000 (2022: nil), and none between £80,000 and £90,000 (2022: nil).

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the executive leadership team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £356,790 (2022: £325,680).

The average monthly number of employees for the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Full Time No.	Full Time No.
Daisy Lodge	9	12
Income generation	13	10
Services	16	11
Governance and support	6	8
	<u>44</u>	<u>41</u>
	Part Time No.	Part Time No.
Daisy Lodge	16	16
Income generation	5	12
Services	9	1
Governance and support	1	-
	<u>31</u>	<u>19</u>

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21. Operating lease commitments

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	10,589	16,092
Within two to five years	3,775	14,185
	<u>14,365</u>	<u>30,277</u>

22. Taxation

No corporation tax was provided for in 2023 because the income of the charity was within the exemption granted by Sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act (CTA 2010).

23. Trustees remuneration

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022: £NIL). During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022: £NIL).

24. Company limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

25. Gifts in Kind

		SOFA	Balance Sheet	Total
		£	£	£
Income category:	Source			
Gifts in kind	H&J Martin	37,733	-	37,733
Gifts in kind	Microsoft	19,068	-	19,068
Gifts in kind	Nitec	8,025	-	8,025
Gifts in kind	URL Results	1,455	-	1,455
Gifts in kind	KM Hygiene	396	-	396
Gifts in kind	Kingspan Water & Energy	5,069	-	5,069
Gifts in kind	CHAMP	60,000	-	60,000
Gifts in kind	Briefed	480	-	480
Gifts in kind	KCC	45	-	45
Gifts in kind	Lighton	701	-	701
Gifts in kind	Mivan	1,353	-	1,353
Gifts in kind	LRC Fire Safety Group	624	-	624
Gifts in kind	MCA	120	-	120
Gifts in kind	Taylor Group	100	-	100
Gifts in kind	Housekeepers & Go Getters	56	-	56
Gifts in kind	Stephen Synott	750	-	750
Gifts in kind	Mercury Security	990	-	990
Gifts in kind	Titan AC	900	-	900
Gifts in kind	Carbrooke meats	2,881	-	2,881
Gifts in kind	Finnebrogue	1,280	-	1,280
Gifts in kind	Morrellis Ice cream	2,990	-	2,990
Gifts in kind	Ristretto coffee	900	-	900
Gifts in kind	Hovis	3,600	-	3,600
Gifts in kind	McPolin eggs	1,750	-	1,750
Gifts in kind	Moypark	1,500	-	1,500
Gifts in kind	Cresbol = 10	2,320	-	2,320
		<u>155,086</u>	-	<u>155,086</u>
Expense category	Subcategory			
Repairs and maintenance	Administration and IT	87,093	-	87,093
Repairs and maintenance	Daisy Lodge	48,587	-	48,587
Legal and professional	HR Expenditure	730	-	730
Miscellaneous expenses	Website Maintenance	1,455	-	1,455
Food provision	Food provision	17,221	-	17,221
		<u>155,086</u>	-	<u>155,086</u>

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26. Statement of funds 2023

	At 31 March 2022 (Restated) £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Other gains £	At 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted reserve	3,371,419	2,498,048	(2,408,308)	(66,763)	-	3,394,396
Restricted reserve						
Big Lottery DL	-	96,301	(96,301)	-	-	-
Big Lottery Rise	-	90,253	(101,377)	11,124	-	-
Children in Need	-	27,701	(38,218)	10,517	-	-
Clic Sargent	-	23,153	(40,130)	16,977	-	-
Community Foundation NI	-	349,879	(331,964)	-	-	17,915
Community Services*	13,779	-	(13,779)	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge	41,430	1,250	(42,680)	-	-	-
Co-Op Grant	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge Capital**	4,473	50,000	(53,956)	-	-	517
House of Vic Lyn	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
Rank Foundation	-	34,000	(16,963)	-	-	17,037
St James	-	15,000	(43,145)	28,145	-	-
	59,682	707,537	(798,513)	66,763	-	35,469
Total funds	3,431,101	3,205,585	(3,206,821)	-	-	3,429,865

Statement of funds 2022 (Restated)

	At 31 March 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Other gains £	At 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted reserve	3,142,147	2,303,375	(2,074,103)	-	-	3,371,419
Restricted reserve						
Community Services*	13,779	71,490	(71,490)	-	-	13,779
Daisy Lodge	41,430	-	-	-	-	41,430
Daisy Lodge Capital**	4,473	50,000	(50,000)	-	-	4,473
Trusts and Charitable Foundations	-	209,732	(209,732)	-	-	-
	59,682	336,498	(331,222)	-	-	59,682
Total funds	3,201,829	2,634,597	(2,405,325)	-	-	3,431,101

*Community Services relates to monies received to fund residential youth and family activities.

**Daisy Lodge Capital relates to funds received for the re-development of Shimna Valley House. The transfers above relate to the release of restricted funds in line with the construction, operation and financing of Daisy Lodge. To assist with the repayment of loans relating to the construction of Daisy Lodge, the McClay Foundation has arranged to donate £50,000 per annum over 10 years starting in 2015.

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27. Analysis of assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Current assets/ liabilities £	Creditors > 1year £	Total £
Unrestricted reserve	3,233,038	965,502	(804,144)	3,394,396
Restricted reserve	-	35,469	-	35,469
	3,233,038	1,000,377	(804,144)	3,429,865

28. Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at the year-end (2022: £NIL).

29. Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022 Restated
	£	£
Net income	(1,236)	229,272
Adjustments for:		
Finance costs	33,490	22,501
Investment income	(4,892)	(462)
Depreciation net of disposal	109,610	107,181
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	8,274	(3,293)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(142,742)	90,919
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	158,177	125,691
Cash generated from operations	160,681	389,971

30. Related Party Transactions

Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) 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 £154,981(2022: £Nil). Invoices and expenses were paid in 2022/23 by CFFC NI for CFFC ROI of £222,888 (2022: £36,551).

During the year CFFC ROI made a charitable donation to CFFC NI of £130,000 (2022: €Nil).

Balances at year end represent amounts payable from CFFC ROI. At the year end the following amounts were outstanding:

	2023	2022 Restated
	£	£
Due from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI)	287,313	36,037
	287,313	36,037

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31. Prior year restatement

Reconciliation of funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
	£	£	£
Funds as previously reported	3,488,910	59,682	3,548,592
Adjustments arising from overstatement of income	(117,491)	-	(117,491)
Funds reported	<u>3,371,419</u>	<u>59,682</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>

Reconciliation of movement in funds for the financial period	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds as previously reported	346,763	-	346,763
Adjustments arising from overstatement of income	(117,491)	-	(117,491)
Surplus reported	<u>229,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,272</u>

The accounts include a prior year restatement due to income being overstated by £117,491 in 2022. This should have been included as a creditor in deferred income.

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32: Prior year Statement of Financial Activities (Restated)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments				
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>				
Donations & legacies	1,684,201	-	1,684,201	1,356,866
Activities for generating funds	587,143	-	587,143	88,262
Income from investments	462	-	462	564
Income from charitable activities	-	331,222	331,222	386,544
Support Group income	31,569	-	31,569	35,523
Other income	-	5,276	5,276	1,439,395
Total income and endowments	2,303,375	336,498	2,639,873	3,307,154
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds	787,491	-	787,491	565,801
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>				
Daisy Lodge	863,208	40,432	903,640	729,397
Services	351,612	296,066	647,678	542,712
Governance costs	71,792	-	71,792	64,502
Total Expenditure	2,074,103	336,498	2,410,601	1,902,412
Net Income/(Expenditure)	229,272	-	229,272	1,404,742
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	3,142,147	59,682	3,201,829	1,797,087
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2022	3,371,419	59,682	3,431,101	3,201,829

33: Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

34: Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th November 2023.

The Cancer Fund for Children

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100532

Annual return



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Northern Ireland Charity Number: NIC100532
Company Registration Number: NI 049930
HMRC Number: XR 29768

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Trustees/Directors as at 27th November 2023

Peter O'Brien
Joan Ballantine
Gerry Halpenny
Dr Robert Johnston
Michelle Hatfield
Donal O'Shaughnessy
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)
Cormac Owens (appointed 1st April 2022)
Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3rd May 2023)
Kate Marshall (Chair, resigned 3rd May 2023)
Kenneth Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)
David Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)
Lisa Collins (resigned 12th August 2022)

Directors are appointed in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Chairperson

Peter O'Brien

Treasurer

Joan Ballantine

Company Secretary

Gerry Halpenny

Chief Executive

Phil Alexander

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Board of Trustees (who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared based on 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 2015).

The following Trustees have held office since 1 April 2022:

Peter O'Brien
Joan Ballantine
Gerry Halpenny
Dr Robert Johnston
Michelle Hatfield
Donal O'Shaughnessy
Pádraic Ó Giolláin
Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)
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Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)
Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3rd May 2023)
Lisa Collins (resigned 12th August 2022)
Kate Marshall (resigned 3rd May 2023)
Kenneth Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)
David Robert Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)

Reference & Administrative Details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on the initial page of the financial statements.

Objectives & Activities

The Company is established for the relief of need by reason of ill-health amongst children, and the families of children, anywhere in the world, who are adversely affected by cancer through the provision of practical, social and emotional support insofar as is charitable under the law of Northern Ireland and in particular:

1. To provide support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) for all children and young people (0-24 years) diagnosed with cancer, their siblings (0-24 years) and those children and young people (0-24 years) who have a parent or other primary carer diagnosed with cancer alongside their families throughout Northern Ireland & Ireland; with a view to reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and equipping individuals to cope better with the impact of a cancer diagnosis, alongside improving family relationships, reducing stress and anxiety and promoting independence.
2. To provide families dealing with a cancer diagnosis, a palliative/terminal cancer diagnosis, or families bereaved through cancer with relief, care, and support through a range of facilities including our Therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge and residential centre, Narnia. Therapeutic breaks promote rest and relaxation, teamed with unique psychosocial support specifically tailored to each family. They are designed to improve wellbeing, build precious memories, and facilitate families spending quality time together.
3. To provide time sensitive and age-appropriate support (including but not limited to practical, emotional and psychosocial support) to children and young people who are dying as a result of cancer, their siblings and those children and young people who have a parent dying from cancer, offering continuity of care through ongoing bereavement support to each family.
4. To provide a range of opportunities for children, young people, and parents/primary carers impacted by cancer to meet one another and share experiences.
5. To provide safe spaces where children, young people and families can talk openly about the impact that cancer has on their lives, and work with them at a local, regional and national level to advocate and lobby for improvements in cancer care and support.
6. To raise public awareness of the impact of childhood cancer and the impact of a parental cancer diagnosis on a child or young person.

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Achievements & Performance

Our vision is that no child faces cancer alone. At Cancer Fund for Children, we connect, empower, and strengthen children, young people and families struggling to cope with the emotional impact of cancer.

It's a testament to the relentless drive and unwavering compassion of our entire team, from our tireless staff to our dedicated volunteers that we remain on track to deliver on our 5-year strategy that will take us to 2026. Key pillars of this strategy include the ongoing improvement of services, youth engagement, the development of services across the Republic of Ireland (ROI), developing our people and culture, growing awareness of our work, financial sustainability and continuing on our journey to good governance.

We understand that the journey through cancer is a daunting one, filled with uncertainty and fear. But we also know that with the right support, resilience, and a network of support, these challenges can be transformed into opportunities for growth and connection.

Over the past year, our team has risen to unforeseen challenges. The global pandemic continued to bring uncertainty, impacting the lives of countless families already facing the heavy burden of cancer. Despite these challenges, our team has not only persevered but also thrived. They responded with agility and determination to the increased referrals, recognizing the urgent need to ensure no child would face cancer alone, especially during these trying times.

Progress Update

In line with our commitment to growth and sustainability, we initiated the recruitment of an executive leadership team. This strategic move will enable us to expand our reach, enhance our impact, and provide even more comprehensive support to those who rely on us. The executive leadership team of Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) has continued to provide administrative support to the Board of its sister charity in the Republic of Ireland, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI).

Services Update

This year has been an important and impactful year across the services within Cancer Fund for Children.

As like last year we have seen a significant growth in children, young people and families seeking support, and in response we have been able to lead on several key developments to help meet this need.

At its core our support meets children, young people, and families with a strong degree of sensitivity, warmth, compassion, and flexibility. It centres around the importance of connection, relationship, building trust and rapport, and then tries to ensure the support offered is what is needed. This year more than any other we have done this, and we look to strengthen it in the years ahead.

Our developmental roles within the areas of parental, palliative family-based support and bereavement support have been instrumental and have delivered a range of individual support, specialist sessions, bespoke groupwork both in-person and online for both children, young people and parents, parental coffee mornings, bereaved coffee mornings, as well as carrying out a study into 'parental anxiety' during family life with cancer. This work is helping to ensure families get a more holistic level of support and the developmental nature of the work allows us to think, reflect and learn, all in aid of helping to shape our services longer term.

Our residential groupwork programmes were back in full swing, as well as our opportunity for young people to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award. We worked with a range of stakeholders to help provide opportunities for diagnosed teenagers to avail of UK wide residentials, sailing trips and conferences and families throughout the year availed up our Care Free Choir and continual events/opportunities.

We continued to develop our short breaks at Daisy Lodge, Newcastle, Co Down, with improved working practices to ensure families could continue to get the appropriate support at a time in which they needed it. The team continued to work tirelessly to ensure families felt safe. The team enhanced the mid-week offer of support by providing more rest and relaxation overnights for parents/guardians which have been a real success this year. Families from the Republic of Ireland also continued to avail of the provision of therapeutic short breaks at Daisy Lodge (2022/23 – 63 families).

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Our work with teenagers and young adults in hospitals across Northern Ireland (NI) also took a major step forward. Following the introduction of a regional ward-based Cancer Support Specialist last year, in September of this financial year we also introduced a Belfast hospital-based Cancer Support Specialist and as part of the Teenagers and Young Adults (TYA) Service for NI we now provide support in all hospital settings, providing much needed age specific support to young people and young adults when they most need it.

This year within the charity (both CFFC NI and CFFC ROI) we also went through a complete overhaul of our IT and database systems, moving our referral process online with a fully holistic and integrative database system. This was done in line with updating our website, literature and streamlining our systems, processes and quality standards.

Youth Engagement

One of the priorities of our five-year strategy is to ensure that the voice of children and young people is at the heart of our organisation, and they play an active role in championing change across cancer services.

Following the successful development of our Youth Engagement strategy last year, this year we began the real day to day work of supporting children and young people to have a real and lasting voice within the charity and beyond.

We recruited 2 new groups of children and young people aged 8-11 and 12-17, who would become our youth engagement groups, and following a period of induction these young people have attended numerous meeting days, residentials and events. They have attended fundraising events, meetings, worked together to plan for a 'Young Peoples celebration Event' and carried out the first youth led review of our services.

Young Ambassadors

This year we also launched opportunities to be Young Ambassadors with Cancer Fund for Children. Young Ambassadors are young people who have been supported by Cancer Fund for Children who would like to be public ambassadors sharing their story, partaking in media, speaking at events and publicly about the impact of cancer on children and young people. Specific training and support was provided to 4 young people this year and they have already attended a number of engagements.

In July 2022, we recruited 2 peer facilitators to help support the work across this team and work directly with children and young people. Both peer facilitators are former service users of the charity and their employment as youth apprenticeships was made possible through funding from the Department of Communities through the Rank Foundation.

#iWill Project

In May 2022, young people involved in our bereaved advocacy project launched their very own 'Youth Led' resource for schools. The 'Bereavement Support Plan' and accompanying guidance booklet for schools was designed specifically by young people for young people to help better support bereaved students. Their experience and research showed that the level of support offered varied vastly between different schools and that most often, young people were not involved in the decisions around how they were supported post-bereavement.

The aim of their resource was "*to ensure that schools are a safe, comfortable and supportive place for bereaved students in Northern Ireland*".

Over the summer the resource and teacher guidance was sent to every post primary school in Northern Ireland and throughout the year we have received additional requests for the resource.

Services Impact

During 2022-23, Cancer Fund for Children, had a **30% increase** in referrals, receiving **324** new family referrals from a range of Health Care Professionals/self-referrals across Northern Ireland. Alongside this, we continued to support families in ROI to avail of short breaks as well as hospital based support. This figure alongside the existing family caseload meant Cancer Fund for Children directly supported over **800 families this year**.

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Individual tailored support remained an integral part of the overall package offered to the children and young people. In total **1147 individual support sessions** were delivered in Northern Ireland with a further **240 support sessions** offered within CHI at Crumlin by our sister charity Cancer Fund For Children Ireland.

Residential group work fully recommenced in Narnia, at Daisy Lodge, and children and young people were able to benefit again from peer connection and the support they find through the residential activities. There were 22 residentials in total.

In December, the team supported a significant number of families in financial distress to access support. They planned and organised Christmas events, as well as helping to provide families with direct personalised video messages from Santa.

1,737 children and their parents/carers had the opportunity to spend time away from hospital and home life to rest and recharge at Daisy Lodge, our therapeutic short break centre. An increase of 15% compared to previous year. Overall, our residential services have achieved more short breaks than any other time, with 453 families availing of short breaks at Daisy Lodge, 38 bereaved families availing of self-catering weekends, and 180 parents/guardians availing of overnight rest and relaxation breaks at Daisy Lodge.

Group sessions encouraged participants to reflect, cope with stress and connect with others living through cancer. The team used a variety of creative activities to engage families. They delivered 659 workshops with families and individuals. With over 1000 complementary therapies also offered to family members.

A short summary of the feedback comments from families who stayed at Daisy Lodge on a therapeutic short break during the year 2022/23 is provided below:

- 90% of families felt more hopeful about their future following their short break.
- 94% felt better able to manage their family situation.
- 91% of families stated time together has strengthened their relationship as a family
- 88% Developed their connection as a family

Some quotes taken throughout this year:

“Thanks so much for today – Lucy had an absolute ball!! Love her vision board! Days like this does her the world of good & are priceless – thanks so much.”

“Thank you all so much, Erin is home so full of confidence and so proud of herself for staying two nights, thank you for giving her this opportunity.”

“Jack seemed to be two feet taller, this experience is the first time he has stayed away from home on his own. So proud of him and the confidence he has is amazing.”

“You lot are worth your weight in gold.”

“We were able to spend quality time with each other in a stress-free environment. We really enjoyed the activities and games room. The complimentary therapy was just lovely! We discovered that we enjoyed art activities together. We had a fun art session with Esther and are taking home a unique piece of art that we will display with pride. Thanks so much.”

“A super break from home and a weekend spent together as a family. A break from hospital and cancer routine.”

“We could be closer together in new environment for the first time without daddy/ husband. Important lesson how to build new and happy memories in new family situation.”

“We gained quality family time, making new memories in memory of our loved one.”

“We have had an amazing few days being able to relax and step away from all the hard times and stresses that a cancer diagnosis brings it's like being able to step away into a different world a truly magical experience.”

“Rest and refreshment in beautiful surroundings with lovely, caring staff.”

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Income Generation

We undertook a restructure within the income generation and communication team. In January 2023, a director was appointed to oversee the department. The team have developed a revised strategy to ensure the organisation can deliver on its strategic objectives across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for their unparalleled support throughout the past year and for their compassion and generosity. We want to also thank the many families who courageously shared their personal stories of family life and cancer to highlight the essential support they have received from Cancer Fund for Children.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the clubs, schools, businesses, corporate partners, who go the extra mile for Cancer Fund for Children. We are fortunate to have such an amazing community of supporters and we feel confident that with their continued support we will be able to deliver on our mission to ensure that no child has to face cancer alone.

We would like to thank the Department of Health, Community Foundation, National Lottery Community Fund, Ulster Garden Village, The Ireland Funds, Children in Need, ARN Foundation and Co-op for providing funding and support to make our work possible.

Raising Awareness of Cancer Fund for Children

As we develop our brand and services across the Island of Ireland our digital presence is more important than ever, serving as a way for us to communicate our impact to new and existing supporters.

Over the last year our digital communications strategy has focused on sharing the content pillars that resonate with our audience which includes services content, large scale events and brand updates and to engage with our followers to increase engagement with our content.

The Communication Team continue to work closely with the Services Team to ensure growing awareness of the impact of cancer on children and young people. Family stories have been shared alongside blog posts and articles in newspapers.

Social Media

Facebook Followers: 21.1K

Facebook Reach: 469k (+59.6% on previous year)

Instagram Followers: 5.6K

Instagram Reach: 62k (+139.6% on previous year)

Twitter Followers: 6.3K followers

Twitter Reach: 64.4k impressions

Linked In Followers: 2.7K

Linked in Reach: 82.4k impressions

Website

62k users (+44% on previous year)

90k website sessions (+ 57.8% on previous year)

PR and Media

Over this period Cancer Fund for Children's (Island of Ireland) media coverage included:

- 382 print articles (13.6 million reach)
- 253 online articles (6.9 million reach)
- 13 radio interviews/mentions (598K reach)

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Similar to our digital content pillars included media coverage included services content, large scale events and brand updates such as the official opening of our new Narnia Garden, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and impactful family stories.

Key milestones throughout the year

Narnia Garden Opening

In April, we officially opened our new Narnia Garden in the grounds of Daisy Lodge, Newcastle. Following a consultation with young people we support, and with the help of the National Lottery Community Fund and the Northern Ireland Prison Service an overgrown and neglected area of land behind our residential log cabin was transformed into a magical garden for children and young people impacted by cancer. The garden includes an archery lane, nightline, decked seating area with benches for workshops and discussions, atmospheric lighting and a gravelled seating area for reflection and peer support activities.

Parental Support Webinars

In June, we hosted a series of webinars in partnership with Parenting NI and the Community Foundation designed to support parents as they navigate cancer with their children. 44 parents/guardians attended webinars delivered by expert speakers covering topics including emotional health, strategies to reduce stress, self-care, compassion, and self-awareness and talking to children about cancer.

“I am glad I attended, and I felt more empowered to talk to my children”

Hospital Based Cancer Support Specialists in Dublin and Belfast

In May, our sister charity, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) recruited its first Cancer Support Specialist on the paediatric cancer ward at Children’s Health Ireland, Crumlin in Dublin. The role provides informal social and emotional support to families during their child’s treatment.

We also recruited a Cancer Support Specialist for teenagers and young adults (age 14-24) in Belfast. Based at the Royal Victoria Hospital and Belfast City Hospital the role works alongside our existing Cancer Support Specialist who provides support to young cancer patients in regional hospitals across Northern Ireland.

Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co Mayo Update

In early 2023/24, our sister charity, Cancer Fund for Children Ireland began work to clear the site of Daisy Lodge, Cong, a therapeutic short break centre, similar to Daisy Lodge, Newcastle. The site clearance work is in preparation for construction projected to commence in 2024/25. Under the supervision of an archaeologist and ecologist a sub-base has been laid for a new access road, car park and the footprint of the building. The site has also been cleared to allow for a play area.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September is a time when the world unites to increase awareness of paediatric cancer and shine a light on the unique challenges faced by families impacted by childhood cancer. Two young people, Jacob and Annabel shared their experience as part of our #MoreThanAMonth campaign.

“The one thing we would like other families to know about childhood cancer is that you are not alone. It’s a rollercoaster of a journey but there’s lots of support on offer to help you along the way. Don’t be afraid to ask for help.”

Volunteers

Volunteers remain a central pillar of Cancer Fund for Children, unfortunately following Covid we have been unable to use volunteers in the way we have done previously. A new Volunteer strategy will be developed in 2023/24 and funding has been secured to employ a volunteer coordinator.

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Financial Review

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.

Results for the Period

The Cancer Fund for Children's Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 19 of the audited accounts. Total income increased from £2,639,873 (restated) in 2021/22 to £3,205,585 in 2022/23. Total expenditure increased from £2,410,601 in 2021/22 to £3,206,821 in 2022/23. The charity therefore generated net expenditure for the year of (£1,236).

Reserves Policy and Funds Employed

The Board of Trustees aims to build a reserve of 3 months operating costs over a period of six years beginning in 2017, with trade creditors and the overdraft being reduced over the first three years and reserves generated thereafter. This has been achieved and the charity is now in a position where it is steadily generating funds.

Total reserves of £3.43M as at 31 March 2023 falls into two categories:

Restricted funds

Of the available resources, £35k is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes which are within the overall aims of Cancer Fund for Children.

Unrestricted funds

Of the available resources, £3.39M, which includes tangible fixed assets of £3.2M, 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.

Plans for Future Periods

The Board launched the 2021-26 strategy, the charity's strategic plan for the next five years.

The six major elements of the plan are as follows:

1. Ensure that all children impacted by cancer across the Island of Ireland have access to our services and that they receive the right emotional and therapeutic support to help them cope better with cancer.
2. Build and open our second therapeutic short break centre, Daisy Lodge, Cong, Co. Mayo, allowing more families to access therapeutic short breaks regardless of where they live in Ireland.
3. Ensure that children and young people are at the heart of our organisation and are an active voice in championing change across cancer services.
4. Build a more sustainable and financially resilient organisation by diversifying our fundraising and developing and nurturing lasting relationships with our supporters so they are with us now and in the future.
5. Grow and nurture a positive and inclusive culture where our staff, supporters, and service users feel valued, supported, and listened to.
6. Demonstrate the impact and value of our vital services, whilst raising awareness of Cancer Fund for Children (NI and ROI).

Structure, Governance & Management

Constitution

The Articles and Memorandum of Association, which were revised and approved by the Board in September 2021, form the governing documents of the Charity which is constituted as a company limited by guarantee in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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Organisational Structure

The current subscribers and trustees of the charity as of 27th November 2023 are set out on page 3.

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

Whilst strategic decisions are taken by the Board of Trustees, responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Charity across the Island of Ireland has been delegated to the Chief Executive and the executive leadership team of Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI). Please see section below “*Legal and Operational Structure – All Ireland Charity*” for further information.

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

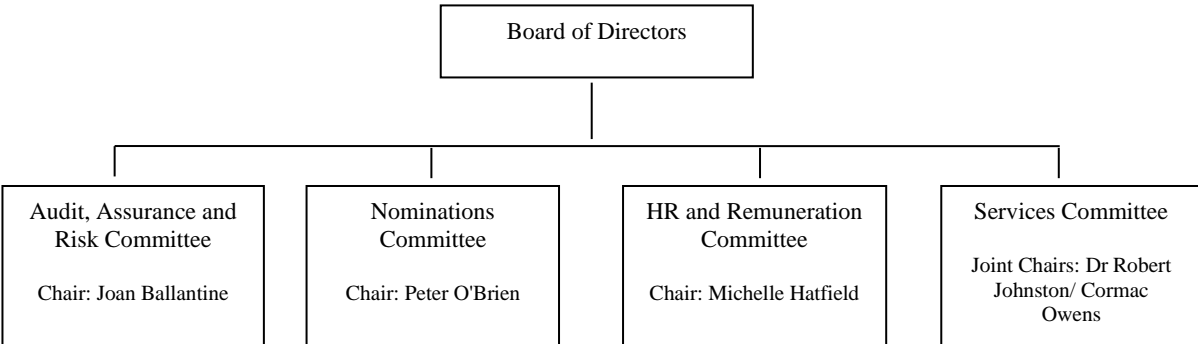
- Peter O’Brien (Chairperson)
- Gerard Halpenny (Secretary)
- Cormac Owens
- Daniel O’Shaughnessy
- Joan Ballantine
- Pádraic Ó Giolláin
- Michelle Hatfield
- Dr. Robert Johnston
- Peter Shields (appointed 1st April 2022)
- Robin McCormick (appointed 3rd May 2023)
- Donal Hutchinson (appointed 3rd May 2023)
- David Sterling (resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Kate Marshall (Chair, resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Kenneth Sydney Brundle (resigned 3rd May 2023)
- Lisa Collins (resigned 22nd August 2022)

Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees are non-executive, 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 2022/23.

Governance Structure

The Board is supported by a Board Sub-Committee structure that deals effectively with specific aspects of the charity’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.



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Board and Board Sub-Committee Meetings

The Board and the Board Sub-Committees met on several occasions in 2022/23. Attendance by each board member at these meetings is set out in the table below:

	Board	Audit, Risk and Assurance	Nominations Committee	HR and Remuneration Committee	Services Committee
Number of Meetings:	4	3	1	2	4
Kenneth Brundle	2(4)				
Joan Ballantine	4(4)	3(3)			
Michelle Hatfield	2(4)		1(1)	2(2)	
Dr Robert Johnston	2(4)				4(4)
Gerard Halpenny	3(4)				
Donal O'Shaughnessy	4(4)				
Padraic O'Giollain	4(4)				
Peter O'Brien	4(4)		1(1)		
Peter Shields	4(4)	2(3)			
Cormac Owens	2(4)				4(4)
Kate Marshall (Chair)	4(4)		1(1)		
David Sterling	3(4)	2(3)			
Lisa Collins	0(0)				

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 offices and providing them with a comprehensive induction pack which includes organisational and Board information and materials.

The individual performance of Board members is appraised in annual one-to-ones with the Chair, while Board performance as a whole is assessed by means of board members' 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.

Legal and Operational Structure – All Ireland Charity

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charity registered in both the Republic of 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 (CFFC NI) and sister charity Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI). 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. Please see 'note 30 Related Party Transactions' for additional information.

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

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Risk Management

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

The Trustees, who carry the responsibility for risk management, work with the executive leadership team to maintain a comprehensive Risk Register. This document identifies a number of risks in the operating environment, including financial, reputational 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.

Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

Public Benefit

Cancer Fund for Children 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.

Employment of Disabled Persons

There are no collective agreements recognised by the charity. The charity is an equal opportunities employer with set policies on health and safety, training and development, disciplinary rules and grievance procedures.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The charity's remuneration policies and practices are designed to attract, retain, and motivate key management personnel while ensuring that resources are used efficiently and in line with the charity's mission and values.

The charity's Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the arrangements for setting the remuneration of key management personnel. The charity utilises various benchmarks, parameters, and criteria when determining the remuneration of key management personnel. These include:

- Industry-specific data.
- Comparable remuneration packages in similar organisations within the sector.
- The charity's own performance metrics, financial health, and budgetary considerations.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices).

Company law and the law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation;
- observe methods and principles in the charities SORP; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement of Disclosure of Auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter O'Brien
Chairperson



Joan Ballentine
Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Cancer Fund for Children for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Opinion on Financial Statements

In our opinion:

- give a true and fair view on the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102);
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is not appropriate;
- or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the accounts any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the accounts 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.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trustees and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees' are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 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 accounts 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 (UK) 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 accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Charity.

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Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Charity and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102).
- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of any non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 school's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our 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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

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FUND FOR CHILDREN (C'TD)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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 auditors' 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.

R. I. Peters Gallagher

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**Dr. R I Peters Gallagher OBE FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore (N.I.) LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants**

Dated: 27th November 2023
Donegall House
7 Donegall Square North
Belfast
BT1 5GB

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments					
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>					
Donations & legacies	3	2,017,350	1,250	2,018,600	1,684,201
Activities for generating funds	4	171,557	-	171,557	587,143
Income from investments	5	5,486	-	5,486	462
Income from charitable activities	6	14,588	706,287	720,875	331,222
Support Group income	7	-	-	-	31,569
Other income	8	289,067	-	289,067	5,276
Total income and endowments		2,498,048	707,537	3,205,585	2,639,873
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds	11	880,433	-	880,433	787,491
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>					
Daisy Lodge	12	693,480	492,221	1,185,701	903,640
Services	13	782,414	306,292	1,088,706	647,678
Governance costs	14	51,981	-	51,981	71,792
Total Expenditure		2,408,308	798,513	3,206,821	2,410,601
Net Income/(Expenditure)	31	89,740	(90,976)	(1,236)	229,272
Transfer between funds	26	(66,763)	66,763	-	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2022		3,371,419	59,682	3,431,101	3,201,829
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2023	26	3,394,396	35,469	3,429,865	3,431,101


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 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account) is included in note 32 to the financial statements for the prior year ended 31 March 2022.


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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	Restated £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	3,233,038	3,314,609
Current assets			
Stocks		2,447	10,721
Debtors	16	319,083	176,341
Cash at bank and in hand	17	1,314,814	1,420,712
		<u>1,636,344</u>	<u>1,607,774</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(635,373)	(478,082)
Net current assets		<u>1,000,971</u>	<u>1,129,692</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		4,234,009	4,444,301
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(804,144)	(1,013,200)
Net assets		<u>3,429,865</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		3,394,396	3,371,419
Restricted funds		35,469	59,682
Total funds	26	<u>3,429,865</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:



 Peter O'Brien Chairperson



 Joan Ballantine Treasurer

The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	Restated £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	29	160,681	389,971
Interest paid		<u>(33,490)</u>	<u>(22,501)</u>
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities		127,191	367,470
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(28,039)	(48,526)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Interest received		<u>4,892</u>	<u>462</u>
Net cash generated/(used) in investing activities		(23,147)	(48,064)
Financing activities			
Repayment of loans		<u>(209,056)</u>	<u>(201,785)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		(209,056)	(201,785)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(105,012)	117,621
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of		<u>1,220,506</u>	<u>1,102,885</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		<u><u>1,115,494</u></u>	<u><u>1,220,506</u></u>
Relating to:			
Bank balances		1,314,814	1,420,712
Bank overdrafts		<u>(199,320)</u>	<u>(200,206)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General Information

The Cancer Fund for Children is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. Its Companies Registration Number is NI 049930. The registered office is Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9ED.

The Cancer Fund for Children is a public benefit entity. The objectives of the Cancer Fund for Children are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by HMRC (Charity tax number XR 29768) and is registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (Charity number NIC100532). 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

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard which applies in the UK (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.

Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind relate to income resources received in the form of services and or assets. The value of these gifts is assessed by reference to their value to the charity; that value is then reflected as income in the Statement of Financial Activities. The Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" then requires these valuations to be shown within expenditure (see note 15).

In accordance with Charities SORP, volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified to expenditure categories on a direct basis where appropriate or allocated in line with managerial and budgetary responsibilities on a number of bases.

Expenditure on raising funds include the costs of events, advertising, producing publications, printing and mailing fundraising material, and staff costs in these areas.

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to expenditure incurred on activities in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those incurred in the governance of the charity in compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include the staffing and associated costs of administering and managing the operational management of the charity.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historic cost, net of any depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Land	- not depreciated
Buildings	- 2% straight line
Furniture & Equipment	- 20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 20% straight line
Computer Equipment	- 20% straight line

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.

Foreign currency

The functional currency of the Cancer Fund for Children is considered to be sterling (£) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

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2. Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

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 subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or by the specific terms of the appeal under which the funds are raised. The restrictions are binding upon the charity.

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.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Debtors

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

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.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The Company 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.

Taxation status

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status by the HMRC, charity tax number XR 29768.

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3. Donations & legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Community & Clubs	325,335	-	325,335	281,790
Corporate	464,983	-	464,983	350,943
General Donations	14,674	-	14,674	48,813
Donor Development – incl. Payroll Giving	401,874	-	401,874	333,618
Families	228,948	-	228,948	160,975
Major Donors	200,890	-	200,890	190,890
Managed Events	137,419	-	137,419	150,522
Schools & Youth	70,719	-	70,719	96,921
Gifts in Kind	155,086	-	155,086	59,292
Daisy Lodge	-	1,250	1,250	-
Trust & Funds	17,422	-	17,422	10,437
	<u>2,017,350</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>2,018,600</u>	<u>1,684,201</u>

4. Income from activities for generating funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Slieve Donard	14,792	-	14,792	14,471
School READON	-	-	-	71,646
Schools Other Events	-	-	-	38,113
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	9,055
Abseil	12,627	-	12,627	17,206
Fundraising Events	59,172	-	59,172	385,709
Santa Cause	5,187	-	5,187	-
Treks	28,836	-	28,836	360
Bog Run	50,943	-	50,943	50,583
	<u>171,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>171,557</u>	<u>587,143</u>

5. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest receivable	<u>5,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,486</u>	<u>462</u>

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6. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Big Lottery Rise	-	90,253	90,253	-
Big Lottery DL	-	96,301	96,301	-
Children in Need	-	27,701	27,701	-
Clic Sargent	-	23,153	23,153	-
Community Foundation NI	-	349,879	349,879	71,490
Co-Op Grant	-	10,000	10,000	-
Government	14,588	-	14,588	-
House of Vic Lyn	-	10,000	10,000	-
McClay Foundation	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Rank Foundation	-	34,000	34,000	-
St James	-	15,000	15,000	-
Other Trusts & charitable foundations	-	-	-	209,732
	<u>14,588</u>	<u>706,287</u>	<u>720,875</u>	<u>331,222</u>

7. Support Group Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Support Group income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,569</u>

8. Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Recharges from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	154,981	-	154,981	-
Donations from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland	130,000	-	130,000	-
DFC- Access to Work	4,086	-	4,086	4,647
Government CJRS	-	-	-	629
	<u>289,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,067</u>	<u>5,276</u>

9. Net Movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	109,610	107,078
Employer pension costs	129,435	104,877
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	<u>5,760</u>	<u>5,760</u>

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10. Support costs

Within total expenditure, support costs are as follows:

	Income Generation £	Daisy Lodge £	Services £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 Restated £
Salaries	68,716	117,390	100,212	286,318	184,591
Management & administration	37,833	64,631	55,172	157,636	42,724
Awareness raising	21,804	37,250	31,799	90,853	59,132
Establishment	18,853	32,209	27,492	78,554	91,303
Finance costs	8,640	14,759	12,599	35,998	28,757
Depreciation	26,306	44,940	38,364	109,610	109,610
	<u>182,152</u>	<u>311,179</u>	<u>265,638</u>	<u>758,969</u>	<u>513,588</u>

Support costs are not directly attributable to any single activity but provide the organisational infrastructure that enables the charitable activities to take place. Such costs are therefore apportioned to the activity cost categories above. Support costs have been apportioned according to the number of staff in each area.

11. Expenditure on income generation

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 Restated £
Salaries and wages	494,635	-	494,635	477,995
Employer pension contributions	32,359	-	32,359	27,268
Training and recruitment	6,612	-	6,612	2,800
Ground rent and cleaning	8,178	-	8,178	8,182
Volunteering expenses	2,947	-	2,947	6,240
Insurances	3,419	-	3,419	3,214
Heat and light	3,612	-	3,612	2,801
Printing, postage and stationery	16,775	-	16,775	11,031
Telephone	5,227	-	5,227	4,773
School expenses	3,922	-	3,922	2,604
Staff meetings	5,944	-	5,944	649
Software subscriptions	40,494	-	40,494	6,368
Corporate expenses	8,768	-	8,768	22,801
Repairs and maintenance	43,963	-	43,963	32,022
Website costs and CRM	42,212	-	42,212	30,687
Communications and awareness raising	28,732	-	28,732	17,072
Mortgage interest and bank charges	8,640	-	8,640	7,477
Global & UK challenge expenses	46,469	-	46,469	27,261
Collection box / buckets expenditure	2,476	-	2,476	1,828
Payroll giving expenses	10,602	-	10,602	-
Depreciation	26,306	-	26,306	27,841
Merchandising	10,908	-	10,908	21,876
Admin expenses	4,488	-	4,488	825
Cleaning	3,113	-	3,113	4,005
HR Expenditure	5,194	-	5,194	3,782
Unrealised currency gains/(losses)	51	-	51	13
Legal and professional	2,877	-	2,877	1,606
Miscellaneous expenses	11,510	-	11,510	34,470
	<u>880,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880,433</u>	<u>787,491</u>

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12. Expenditure on charitable activities: Daisy Lodge

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	170,268	482,864	653,132	477,856
Employer pension contributions	45,302	-	45,302	48,243
Volunteering expenses	234	-	234	322
Mortgage interest and bank charges	14,759	-	14,759	13,228
Training and recruitment	16,503	-	16,503	4,954
Travel and outings	3,833	-	3,833	7,323
Motor expenses	534	-	534	2,651
Printing, postage and stationery	2,210	-	2,210	8,332
Repairs and maintenance	123,180	-	123,180	106,733
Telephone	16,737	-	16,737	16,694
Heat and light	62,251	-	62,251	43,737
Insurance	5,840	-	5,840	5,687
Miscellaneous expenses	7,130	-	7,130	11,258
Communications & awareness raising	38,026	-	38,026	27,443
Website costs and CRM	39,313	-	39,313	4,844
Depreciation	44,940	-	44,940	49,257
Cleaning, hygiene & laundry	11,747	-	11,747	11,768
Narnia Garden Project	-	9,357	9,357	22,114
Narnia Log Cabin running costs	3,964	-	3,964	2,577
Food provision	38,662	-	38,662	13,042
Parental specialist	33,959	-	33,959	16,044
Other site expenses	300	-	300	-
HR Expenditure	8,873	-	8,873	6,692
Legal and professional	4,915	-	4,915	2,841
	<u>693,480</u>	<u>492,221</u>	<u>1,185,701</u>	<u>903,640</u>

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13. Expenditure on charitable activities: Services

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	420,594	306,292	726,886	476,915
Employer pension contributions	48,705	-	48,705	29,366
Volunteer expenses	8,307	-	8,307	1,110
Heat and light	5,266	-	5,266	3,017
Telephone	13,659	-	13,659	5,756
Printing, postage and stationery	10,234	-	10,234	5,034
Travel and outings	3,771	-	3,771	1,844
Training and recruitment	9,642	-	9,642	3,015
Mortgage interest and bank charges	12,599	-	12,599	8,052
Communications and awareness raising	32,462	-	32,462	21,057
Young Shoulders	-	-	-	2,097
Subscriptions	264	-	264	795
Website costs and CRM	33,560	-	33,560	2,949
Insurance	4,985	-	4,985	3,462
Appeals cost	3,858	-	3,858	5,083
Services resources and residentials	30,500	-	30,500	19,192
Sibling Support Programme – activities	68,398	-	68,398	6,293
Repairs and maintenance	9,483	-	9,483	2,838
Depreciation	38,364	-	38,364	29,983
HR Expenditure	7,575	-	7,575	4,073
Cleaning	4,540	-	4,540	4,313
Community Services Sessional	7,616	-	7,616	-
Miscellaneous expenses	3,836	-	3,836	9,705
Legal and professional	4,196	-	4,196	1,729
	<u>782,414</u>	<u>306,292</u>	<u>1,088,706</u>	<u>647,678</u>

14. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022 Restated
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and wages	43,152	-	43,152	61,362
Employer pension contributions	3,069	-	3,069	4,400
Legal and professional costs*	-	-	-	-
Auditors' remuneration	5,760	-	5,760	5,760
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	270
	<u>51,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,981</u>	<u>71,792</u>

**Legal and professional costs from 2022 were reallocated to support costs.*

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15. Tangible fixed assets	Land & buildings	Furniture & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	3,985,104	576,448	68,673	4,563,807
Additions	-	28,039	-	28,039
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,985,104</u>	<u>604,487</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>4,658,264</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	759,440	487,503	68,673	1,208,477
Charge for year	79,446	30,164	-	109,610
At 31 March 2023	<u>838,886</u>	<u>517,667</u>	<u>68,673</u>	<u>1,425,226</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,146,218</u>	<u>86,820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,233,038</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,225,664</u>	<u>88,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,314,609</u>
16. Debtors			2023	2022
			£	£
Accrued income			17,988	72,115
Prepayments			13,782	68,189
Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) (note 30)			287,313	36,037
			<u>319,083</u>	<u>176,341</u>
17. Cash at bank, on deposit and in hand			2023	2022
			£	£
Cash at bank and hand			1,314,814	1,420,712
			<u>1,314,814</u>	<u>1,420,712</u>
18. Creditors amounts falling due within one year			2023	2022
			£	Restated
				£
Bank loans			199,320	200,206
Trade creditors			40,877	62,992
Other loans			50,000	50,000
Other tax and social security			42,968	31,565
Other creditors and accruals			57,458	15,828
Deferred income			247,750	117,491
			<u>635,373</u>	<u>478,082</u>

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19. Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	550,000	600,000
Bank loans	254,144	413,200
	<u>804,144</u>	<u>1,013,200</u>
Analysis of maturity of debt:		
Within one year or on demand	249,320	250,206
Between two and five years	454,144	613,200
After five years	350,000	400,000
	<u>1,053,464</u>	<u>1,263,406</u>

Bank loans are secured by a legal mortgage over property at Unit 2 Curlew Pavilion, Portside Business Park, Belfast and a legal charge over property at Daisy Lodge, 124a Bryansford Road, Newcastle, Co. Down.

20. Staff costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,721,087	1,372,157
Employer's National Insurance	167,841	124,754
Employer's pension costs	129,435	104,877
	<u>2,018,363</u>	<u>1,601,788</u>

There was one employee with emoluments between £60,000 and £70,000 (2022: nil), none between £70,000 and £80,000 (2022: nil), and none between £80,000 and £90,000 (2022: nil).

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the executive leadership team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £356,790 (2022: £325,680).

The average monthly number of employees for the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Full Time No.	Full Time No.
Daisy Lodge	9	12
Income generation	13	10
Services	16	11
Governance and support	6	8
	<u>44</u>	<u>41</u>
	Part Time No.	Part Time No.
Daisy Lodge	16	16
Income generation	5	12
Services	9	1
Governance and support	1	-
	<u>31</u>	<u>19</u>

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21. Operating lease commitments

At the reporting date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	10,589	16,092
Within two to five years	3,775	14,185
	<u>14,365</u>	<u>30,277</u>

22. Taxation

No corporation tax was provided for in 2023 because the income of the charity was within the exemption granted by Sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act (CTA 2010).

23. Trustees remuneration

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022: £NIL). During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022: £NIL).

24. Company limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to £1 each.

25. Gifts in Kind

		SOFA	Balance Sheet	Total
		£	£	£
Income category:	Source			
Gifts in kind	H&J Martin	37,733	-	37,733
Gifts in kind	Microsoft	19,068	-	19,068
Gifts in kind	Nitec	8,025	-	8,025
Gifts in kind	URL Results	1,455	-	1,455
Gifts in kind	KM Hygiene	396	-	396
Gifts in kind	Kingspan Water & Energy	5,069	-	5,069
Gifts in kind	CHAMP	60,000	-	60,000
Gifts in kind	Briefed	480	-	480
Gifts in kind	KCC	45	-	45
Gifts in kind	Lighton	701	-	701
Gifts in kind	Mivan	1,353	-	1,353
Gifts in kind	LRC Fire Safety Group	624	-	624
Gifts in kind	MCA	120	-	120
Gifts in kind	Taylor Group	100	-	100
Gifts in kind	Housekeepers & Go Getters	56	-	56
Gifts in kind	Stephen Synott	750	-	750
Gifts in kind	Mercury Security	990	-	990
Gifts in kind	Titan AC	900	-	900
Gifts in kind	Carbrooke meats	2,881	-	2,881
Gifts in kind	Finnebrogue	1,280	-	1,280
Gifts in kind	Morrellis Ice cream	2,990	-	2,990
Gifts in kind	Ristretto coffee	900	-	900
Gifts in kind	Hovis	3,600	-	3,600
Gifts in kind	McPolin eggs	1,750	-	1,750
Gifts in kind	Moypark	1,500	-	1,500
Gifts in kind	Cresbol = 10	2,320	-	2,320
		<u>155,086</u>	-	<u>155,086</u>
Expense category	Subcategory			
Repairs and maintenance	Administration and IT	87,093	-	87,093
Repairs and maintenance	Daisy Lodge	48,587	-	48,587
Legal and professional	HR Expenditure	730	-	730
Miscellaneous expenses	Website Maintenance	1,455	-	1,455
Food provision	Food provision	17,221	-	17,221
		<u>155,086</u>	-	<u>155,086</u>

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26. Statement of funds 2023

	At 31 March 2022 (Restated) £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Other gains £	At 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted reserve	3,371,419	2,498,048	(2,408,308)	(66,763)	-	3,394,396
Restricted reserve						
Big Lottery DL	-	96,301	(96,301)	-	-	-
Big Lottery Rise	-	90,253	(101,377)	11,124	-	-
Children in Need	-	27,701	(38,218)	10,517	-	-
Clic Sargent	-	23,153	(40,130)	16,977	-	-
Community Foundation NI	-	349,879	(331,964)	-	-	17,915
Community Services*	13,779	-	(13,779)	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge	41,430	1,250	(42,680)	-	-	-
Co-Op Grant	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
Daisy Lodge Capital**	4,473	50,000	(53,956)	-	-	517
House of Vic Lyn	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	-
Rank Foundation	-	34,000	(16,963)	-	-	17,037
St James	-	15,000	(43,145)	28,145	-	-
	59,682	707,537	(798,513)	66,763	-	35,469
Total funds	3,431,101	3,205,585	(3,206,821)	-	-	3,429,865

Statement of funds 2022 (Restated)

	At 31 March 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Other gains £	At 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted reserve	3,142,147	2,303,375	(2,074,103)	-	-	3,371,419
Restricted reserve						
Community Services*	13,779	71,490	(71,490)	-	-	13,779
Daisy Lodge	41,430	-	-	-	-	41,430
Daisy Lodge Capital**	4,473	50,000	(50,000)	-	-	4,473
Trusts and Charitable Foundations	-	209,732	(209,732)	-	-	-
	59,682	336,498	(331,222)	-	-	59,682
Total funds	3,201,829	2,634,597	(2,405,325)	-	-	3,431,101

*Community Services relates to monies received to fund residential youth and family activities.

**Daisy Lodge Capital relates to funds received for the re-development of Shimna Valley House. The transfers above relate to the release of restricted funds in line with the construction, operation and financing of Daisy Lodge. To assist with the repayment of loans relating to the construction of Daisy Lodge, the McClay Foundation has arranged to donate £50,000 per annum over 10 years starting in 2015.

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27. Analysis of assets between funds

	Fixed assets £	Current assets/ liabilities £	Creditors > 1year £	Total £
Unrestricted reserve	3,233,038	965,502	(804,144)	3,394,396
Restricted reserve	-	35,469	-	35,469
	3,233,038	1,000,377	(804,144)	3,429,865

28. Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at the year-end (2022: £NIL).

29. Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022 Restated
	£	£
Net income	(1,236)	229,272
Adjustments for:		
Finance costs	33,490	22,501
Investment income	(4,892)	(462)
Depreciation net of disposal	109,610	107,181
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	8,274	(3,293)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(142,742)	90,919
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	158,177	125,691
Cash generated from operations	160,681	389,971

30. Related Party Transactions

Cancer Fund for Children (CFFC NI) and Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI) 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 £154,981(2022: £Nil). Invoices and expenses were paid in 2022/23 by CFFC NI for CFFC ROI of £222,888 (2022: £36,551).

During the year CFFC ROI made a charitable donation to CFFC NI of £130,000 (2022: €Nil).

Balances at year end represent amounts payable from CFFC ROI. At the year end the following amounts were outstanding:

	2023	2022 Restated
	£	£
Due from Cancer Fund for Children Ireland (CFFC ROI)	287,313	36,037
	287,313	36,037

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31. Prior year restatement

Reconciliation of funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
	£	£	£
Funds as previously reported	3,488,910	59,682	3,548,592
Adjustments arising from overstatement of income	(117,491)	-	(117,491)
Funds reported	<u>3,371,419</u>	<u>59,682</u>	<u>3,431,101</u>

Reconciliation of movement in funds for the financial period	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds as previously reported	346,763	-	346,763
Adjustments arising from overstatement of income	(117,491)	-	(117,491)
Surplus reported	<u>229,272</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,272</u>

The accounts include a prior year restatement due to income being overstated by £117,491 in 2022. This should have been included as a creditor in deferred income.

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32: Prior year Statement of Financial Activities (Restated)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments				
<u>Income from generated funds:</u>				
Donations & legacies	1,684,201	-	1,684,201	1,356,866
Activities for generating funds	587,143	-	587,143	88,262
Income from investments	462	-	462	564
Income from charitable activities	-	331,222	331,222	386,544
Support Group income	31,569	-	31,569	35,523
Other income	-	5,276	5,276	1,439,395
Total income and endowments	2,303,375	336,498	2,639,873	3,307,154
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds	787,491	-	787,491	565,801
<u>Expenditure on charitable activities:</u>				
Daisy Lodge	863,208	40,432	903,640	729,397
Services	351,612	296,066	647,678	542,712
Governance costs	71,792	-	71,792	64,502
Total Expenditure	2,074,103	336,498	2,410,601	1,902,412
Net Income/(Expenditure)	229,272	-	229,272	1,404,742
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Funds balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	3,142,147	59,682	3,201,829	1,797,087
Funds balance carried forward at 31 March 2022	3,371,419	59,682	3,431,101	3,201,829

33: Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

34: Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th November 2023.