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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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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.

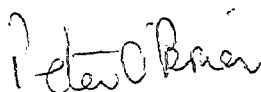
We are so grateful to our volunteers, community and corporate partners who have walked, jumped, ran, cycled, dived, read and sang for us throughout the year in support all children and families impacted by cancer. We continue to develop a funding strategy that ensures the organisation is sustainable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

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

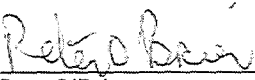
There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above.
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.
The notes on pages 22 to 36 form part of these financial statements.


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 Ó 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		<u>(526,405)</u>	<u>(105,898)</u>
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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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	
				-
	9,000	1,210,638	1,219,638	720,875

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				-
	338,950		338,950	289,067

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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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
Namia Garden Project	2,199		2,199	9,357
Namia 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	788,409	1,314,814
	<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	88,322	247,750
	<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	300,000	350,000
	<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

		SOFA	Balance Sheet	Total
		£	£	£
Income category:	Source			
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	<u>3,429,865</u>	<u>3,777,820</u>	<u>3,534,748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>3,722,937</u>

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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