

OGCancerNI

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107492

Details

Status Received

Registered 2020-01-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The charity's purposes ('the purposes') are 1) The advancement of health or the saving of lives specifically to alleviate physical or mental distress of persons with oesophageal and gastric cancer, the family and friends of persons oesophageal and gastric cancer and persons bereaved through oesophageal and gastric cancer. 2) To provide education about oesophageal and gastric cancer to persons with oesophageal and gastric cancer, the family and friends of persons with oesophageal and gastric cancer, persons bereaved through oesophageal and gastric cancer and members of the public at large.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of health or the saving of lives

How the charity works:

Advice/advocacy/information, Counselling/support, Disability, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Grant making, Medical/health/sickness, Research/evaluation, Volunteer development, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Carers, General public, Physical disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£100,730	£81,947	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Andrew Kennedy		
Mr David Setterfield		
Mr Declan Carey		
Mr Paul Alexander		
Mr Stewart Dickson		
Mrs Helen Hall		
Mrs Helen Setterfield		
Mrs Julie Hanna		

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Accounts

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Statement of Income and Expenditure

01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Opening Balance at 01 January 2024 £89,103.29

Income

Donations	£55,914.69	
Grants	£32,579.00	
Events	£11,065.00	
Promotional Sales	£75.00	
Bank Deposit Interest	£675.75	
Other	<u>£421.47</u>	
Total Income	£100,730.91	£100,730.91

Expenditure

Administration	£39,906.89	
Grants paid to third parties	£1,900.00	
Projects	£1,237.57	
Travel & Subsistence	£1,429.42	
Fundraising / Events	£8,275.53	
Consultancy	£1,250.00	
Insurance	£862.64	
Equipment	£313.40	
Promotional	£22,968.29	
Petty Cash		
Van Costs	£3,165.68	
Meetings	£385.26	
Sundry Expenses	£253.25	
Total Expenditure	<u>£81,947.93</u>	£81,947.93

Balance of funds held with Baker Tilley Mooney Moore for payroll £1,419.15

Closing Balance at Bank 31 December 2024 £106,467.12

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Statement of Income and Expenditure

01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Opening Balance at 01 January 2023 £93,391.49

Income

Donations	£46,311.92	
Grants	£17,499.00	
Events		
Promotional Sales	£200.00	
Bank Deposit Interest	£502.22	
Other	<u>£416.82</u>	
Total Income	£64,929.96	£64,929.96

Expenditure

Administration	£31,489.72	
Grants paid to third parties		
Projects	£1,165.84	
Travel & Subsistence	£1,587.13	
Fundraising / Events	£1,066.12	
Consultancy	£325.00	
Insurance	£844.22	
Equipment	£1,670.30	
Promotional	£12,371.93	
Petty Cash		
Van Costs	£2,946.68	
Meetings	£6,402.16	
Sundry Expenses	£1,147.40	
Total Expenditure	<u>£61,016.50</u>	£61,016.50

Balance held with Baker Tilley Mooney Moore £8,201.66

Closing Balance at Bank 31 December 2023 £89,103.29

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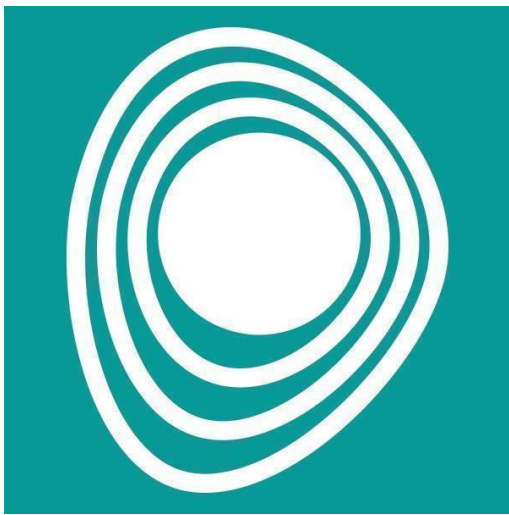
Statement of Assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31 December 2023

	£	2022
Funds Reconciliation		
Cash at Bank & in Hand		
Opening Balance	93,391	83,738
Surplus / (deficit) this year	(4,288)	9,653
Closing Balance	<u>89,103</u>	<u>93,391</u>
Bank & Cash Balances		
Deposit Account	40,590	40,088
Current Account	48,513	53,303
	<u>89,103</u>	<u>93,391</u>
Other Assets		
Van - Cost	27,927	27,927
Less Capital Grant	(27,927)	(27,927)
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>89,103</u></u>	<u><u>93,391</u></u>

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Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

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For period ended 31 December 2023

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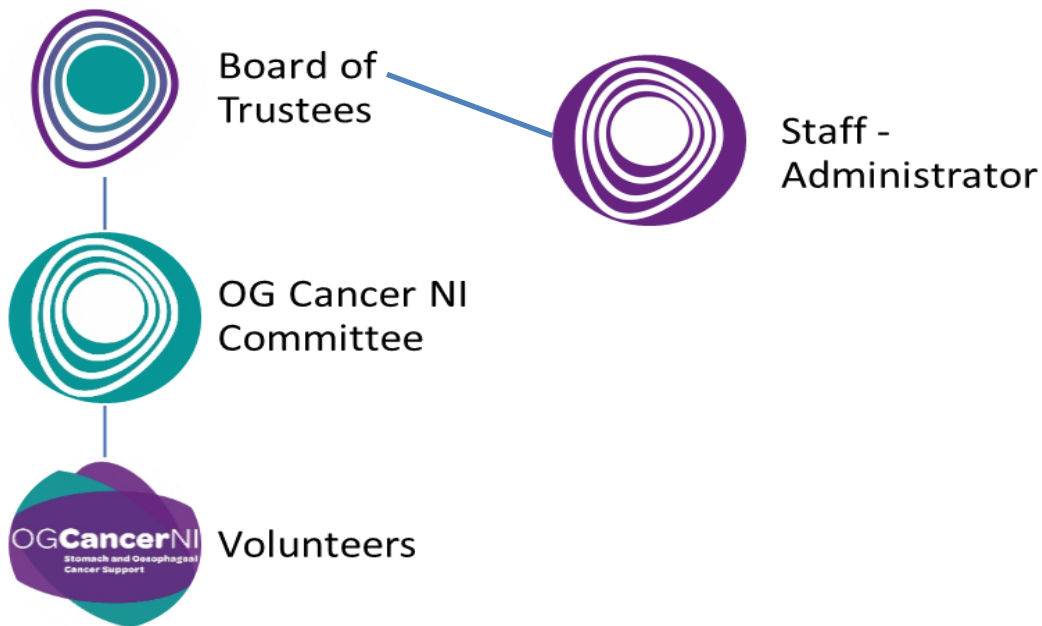
Governance Arrangements

OGCancerNI (OGC) is a registered charity with the Charities Commission of NI (CCNI) established specifically to help patients and families affected by Oesophago-gastric cancer within Northern Ireland. The remit of the Trustees of the charity is outlined within the governing document, our Constitution. We aim to support the Constitution by establishing a Governance Handbook in 2024/25.

Background

OGCancerNI was set up in 2018 specifically to benefit patients and families affected by Oesophago-gastric cancer.

Governance Structures and Documents



Information and Administration

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Trustees

Please see below a list of the Trustees of OG Cancer NI for the period ended 31 December 2023:

- Helen Setterfield, Chair of the Board of Trustees
- Paul Alexander, Trustee, Hon Treasurer
- Helen Hall, Trustee, Hon Secretary
- Stewart Dickson MLA, Trustee
- Lorraine Pinkerton, Trustee
- David Setterfield, Trustee
- Andrew Kennedy, Trustee
- Mairead McGonagle, Trustee

Following the three Trustees' resignations in 2022, we sought new Trustees to fill the relevant posts. We are pleased to add Andrew Kennedy and Mairead McGonagle to our Board of Trustees. Andrew Kennedy, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our Board as an Upper GI Surgeon and Clinical Director of Emergency, GI & Endocrine Surgery. Ms McGonagle has enhanced our board with her experience working with charities and general banking.

Objectives and Activities

OG Cancer NI has three main objectives, as listed below:

Support

To support patients and carers affected by Oesophago-Gastric Cancer

Communication

To communicate the early signs and symptoms of Oesophago-Gastric Cancer to promote early intervention

Advocate

To work in partnership with healthcare providers to be patient advocates and promote best outcomes.

Public Benefit Statement

As listed on the CCNI website, our Public Benefit Statement is as follows:

Direct Benefits Flowing from the organisation's purposes are:

- An improvement in the quality of life for patients, families and carers affected by Oesophago-Gastric (Oesophageal and Stomach) Cancer
- Patients and carers are supported, improving holistic wellbeing through their cancer journey.
- Access to the latest medical technology for the treatment of patients
- Increased awareness of the early signs and symptoms of Oesophago-Gastric cancer leading to earlier intervention, thus improving survival rates.
- Improved patient pathway as a result of advocacy
- Increased funding for research and projects to improve patient outcomes.

The benefits identified can be demonstrated by:

- Improvement in survival rates, reference The NI Cancer Registry, which provides up-to-date statistics for NI.
- Through the awareness campaigns, an increase in the number of patients coming forward for treatment at an early stage
- positive feedback from patients, families, carers and medical staff
- the use of equipment provided by funding from OGCancer NI
- through training of medical staff and better use of equipment and resource

There is no harm arising from any of the purposes.

The charity's main beneficiaries are: patients, carers & families affected by oesophago-gastric cancers.

There is no private benefit flowing from any of the purposes.

To achieve these objectives throughout the period ended 31 December 2023, we undertook several activities:

Mobile Unit

In early 2022, OGCancerNI were successful with the Community Lottery Fund for an OGCancerNI Mobile Unit and associated costs. The aim of the Mobile Unit (Ford Transit Van) was to travel throughout Northern Ireland, raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of Oesophageal and Stomach cancers and of the services provided by OGCancerNI. During 2023, the OGCancerNI Mobile Unit attended 25 + events throughout Northern Ireland. These events varied from Country/ Agricultural Shows to Men's Health Days, Wellbeing Meetings and Training events. This is a considerable increase of events attended in 2023 compared with 2022.

Comfort packs

As previously noted, we conducted a successful trial of providing Comfort Packs to the patients of Ward 2North, Belfast City Hospital, in 2021/22. After reviewing the trial outcomes, particularly the feedback from patients, Trustees agreed to continue to provide these packs as a support mechanism for those patients who had undergone surgery. During 2023, we sought a funding partner for the provision of the materials in the Comfort Packs; however, we were unsuccessful in our endeavours. The current items contained within the Comfort Packs are: Tissues, Hand gel, Lip salve, Shower gel, Deodorant, Aromatherapy, TicTacs, a Notebook, a Pen, £10 CHAT (hot beverage cafe) voucher and a Charity Information leaflet. During 2023, we provided between 4 and 6 Comfort Packs to Ward 2North patients each month (between 48 and 72 for the 2023 year). It is the intention of Trustees to review the materials contained within the Comfort Packs, continue to provide these to patients and seek Corporate Partnership or funding, ensuring this support service can be maintained in the future.

Wellbeing Meetings

In 2023, we hosted three Wellbeing Meetings for all OGCancerNI patients, carers and medical professionals. These meetings were held in the Springtime in the Lisburn Civic Centre, during Autumn in the Great Hall, Queen's University, Belfast and Wintertime in the Foyle Arena, L' Derry. After a review of our Wellbeing meetings in 2022, due to the withdrawal of many COVID-19 protocols and patient demand, Trustees agreed that an additional Wellbeing meeting was required in the North West area of Northern Ireland during 2023. To assist with the expense of the Wellbeing meetings, Trustees sought funding to support these events and successfully secured £3000 funding from the Halifax Foundation. The demand for these events is well documented, with 90 attendees at the Spring Wellbeing Meeting, 72 at the Autumn Wellbeing Meeting, and 30 at the Winter Wellbeing Meeting. It is the intention of Trustees to continue to provide three Wellbeing Meetings in 2024, with future sources of funding to be investigated.

Information Stand

Thankfully the reduction of COVID-19 protocols within the Belfast City Hospital has allowed for the return of the OGCancerNI Information Stand in the hospital's foyer on a Tuesday morning. Tuesday is the day of the weekly clinics for new patients of oesophageal and gastric cancers. Beginning in September 2023, we hosted 15 Information Stands during the remaining months of 2023. These stands are manned by trained OGCancerNI volunteers, who are current/ previous oesophageal and gastric cancer patients, carers and family members of those affected by OG cancer. These volunteers are passionate about providing support to newly diagnosed patients. This results in our Information Stand being one of our main support services heavily relied on and popular with volunteers.

Information Banner for the OG Clinic held in City Hospital

Whilst adapting to COVID-19 protocols, particularly within the Hospital it had been previously agreed that we could display an OGCancerNI Information Banner in the hospital. Since the COVID-19 protocols have been reduced in the hospital the banner has also remained.

New Diagnostic Tool Implementation throughout Northern Ireland

In response to delays in endoscopy for surveillance of Barrett's oesophagus due to COVID-19, the health service across Northern Ireland participated in a study of a capsule sponge device called the DELTA project. OGCancerNI hosted a all group meeting in 2022 to progress the activities required for the DELTA project to begin. The capsule sponge is a less invasive alternative to endoscopy and involves swallowing a capsule the size of a vitamin pill attached to a string. After several minutes, the capsule dissolves in the stomach and a small sponge emerges, which is then withdrawn up the oesophagus over a few seconds, sampling cells from the whole oesophageal lining. The aim of the DELTA project was to assess whether capsule sponge testing was a safe alternative to endoscopy and could reduce waiting lists. Between June 2022 and March 2023, 258 patients across Northern Ireland underwent testing of their Barrett's oesophagus using the capsule sponge. Several patients were found to have worrisome features requiring additional treatment to prevent the potential development of oesophageal cancer. The trial was an outstanding success, and the results will be published soon. Already, a subsequent, more extensive study called BEST4, supported by OGCancerNI, is in development to not only use the capsule sponge to monitor patients with an existing diagnosis of Barrett's oesophagus but also to detect new cases of Barrett's in the community. The aim is to diagnose many more cases of Barrett's oesophagus so that patients can be monitored to prevent the development of cancer and provide evidence to support the introduction of a national screening programme for Barrett's oesophagus and oesophageal cancer. OGCancerNI will remain a supporter of this project in line with our key charitable objectives.

CHAT vouchers

During 2022, Trustees agreed to add a CHAT (hot beverage cafe) voucher to the OGCancerNI Comfort Packs provided to patients in Ward 2North after surgery. We trialled this voucher in 2022 at £5.00, and it was welcomed not only by the patient but also by visiting family members. Once reviewed in early 2023, Trustees took the decision to increase the amount of the voucher to £10.00, considering the financial hardships individuals were undertaking, given the economic climate.

Risk Management

Our Risk Management has gone from strength to strength in 2023, with the addition of a new Trustee, Mariead McGonagle, who attended a NICVA Trustee Risk Management Training event. Mariead's training and insight have been invaluable, with decisions taken to establish new policies within the charity to assist with identifying and managing risk.

Requirement for Fundraising and Social Media Officer

As previously noted in our Annual Monitoring Returns, we have recruited a permanent Charity Administrative Officer. Given the charity's growth over the last few years, the Trustees are reviewing the need for another contracted team member in 2024.

Impact of Covid-19

With the reduction of Covid-19 protocols during 2023, we have returned to face to face meetings and the reinstatement of the Information Stand at the Belfast City Hospital. Whilst we remain vigilant with social interacting events, providing health warnings before events and providing antiseptic hand sanitiser, we welcome the return to social events.

Risk Position of OGCancerNI

Financial Position of OGCancerNI

A review of the charity's financial position is carried out regularly throughout the period by all Trustees. The Treasurer provides monthly updates to Trustees at scheduled meetings. As of 31 December 2023, the OGCancerNI bank account total was £89,103.29

Summary of Financial Position

Trustees are satisfied with the total of the OG Cancer NI bank account for the period ended 31 December 2023. We are content with the level of spend on operational costs and charitable objectives for the period.

Trustees' Signatures of Approval



Helen Setterfield, MBE

Chair of the Board of Trustees, OG Cancer NI

Date: 26th September 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of OGCancerNI

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out in Appendix 1.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

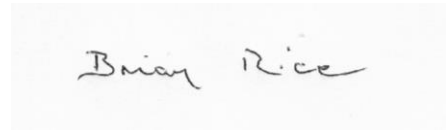
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Independent Examiners Signature of Approval

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Brian Rice FCA

Chartered Accountant

20 Saintfield Road, Crossgar, Downpatrick, BT30 9HY

Date: 26th September 2024

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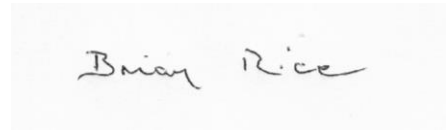
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01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Opening Balance at 01 January 2022 £83,737.86

Income

Donations	£53,187.01	
Grants	£46,479.00	
Events	£10,012.20	
Promotional Sales	£147.00	
Bank Deposit Interest	£48.79	
Other		
Total Income	<u>£109,874.00</u>	£109,874.00

Expenditure

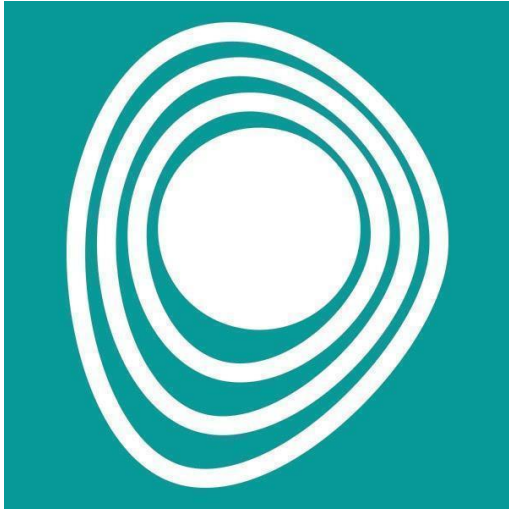
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Equipment	£30,443.46	
Promotional	£23,282.42	
Petty Cash		
Van Costs	£2,577.36	
Meetings	£757.54	
Sundry Expenses	£916.00	
Total Expenditure	<u>£100,220.37</u>	£100,220.37

Closing Balance at 31 December 2022 £93,391.49

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Annual report



**Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
OGCancerNI**

For period ended 31 December 2022

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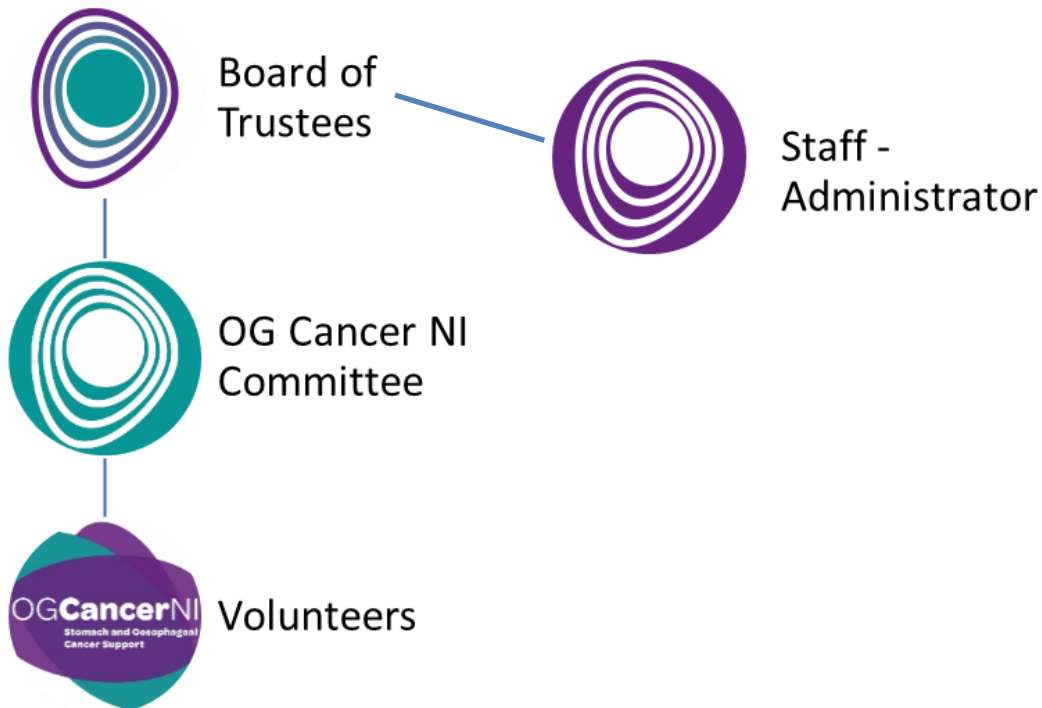
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During the 2022 year, we received three resignations from the Board of Trustees. These resignations were for health reasons and time/commitment restraints due to caring responsibilities. During the final period of 2022, Trustees agreed to actively begin the recruitment competition for new Trustees.

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To achieve this objectives throughout the period ended 31 December 2022, we undertook a number of activities:

Mobile Unit and 2022 Awareness Campaign

During early 2022, OGCancerNI began an application process with the Community Lottery Fund for an OGCancerNI Mobile Unit and associated costs. The aim of the Mobile Unit (Ford Transit Van) was to travel throughout Northern Ireland, raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of Oesophageal and Stomach cancer, and of the services provided by OGCancerNI. Fortunately, we were successful in our application and in June 2022 held the OGCancerNI Mobile Unit Launch at Parliament Buildings, Stormont. The launch was a huge success with Minister Swann attending along with a number of other MLA's, Community Lottery Fund representatives, past OG Cancer patients, carers and family members. This Launch event was also the beginning of our Awareness Campaign for 2022 and we attended a variety of events including a Golf Charity Day, our Autumn Well Being Meeting, Low County Dyno Day at Kirkistown, Belfast Mela and a Vintage Car Rally to name a few. In total for 2022 we attended over 11 very varied events. To complement the Mobile Unit, we engaged a Marketing Company - bill boards etc.

Comfort packs

After a successful trial of the Comfort Packs for patients in the ward of the Belfast City Hospital, we have agreed to continue to provide these packs to the Ward Manager for distribution. We actively sought funding for these packs from medical/ pharmacy based charities throughout the UK, however were unsuccessful in the 2022 year in securing funding. It is the view of Trustees to broaden our search for funding for these packs and review the potential for the provision of the Comfort Packs to other hospital Upper GI wards in NI.

Well Being Meetings

In 2022 we hosted two Well Being Meetings for all OGCancerNI patients, carers and medical professionals. These meetings were held in the Spring and Autumn. Unfortunately, the impact of Covid-19 protocols continued to impact the Spring meeting, meaning that we had to provide this Well Being Meeting via Zoom. This in turn impacted the numbers attending. However, we were extremely happy to be able to provide the Autumn Well Being Meeting in a face to face capacity. This was held in October 2022, with 75 registered to attend, we were very impressed that over 100 people attended the meeting. It was 'Standing Room Only'! It was great to see new faces attending as well as those patients and carers who would have attended our Well Being meetings before the Covid pandemic. There was open participation, conversations, chatting with old and new friends. It was an extremely successful Well Being Meeting and we look forward to hosting face to face Well Being meetings in 2023. We were also successful in the receipt of a grant from the John Moores Foundation, that assisted us in hosting our Well Being Meetings.

Information Stand

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 protocols in place we were unable to provide the Information Stand within Belfast City Hospital in 2022. Trustees agreed we needed to adapt our approach so we increased the number of newsletters circulated to those on the database. We remain hopeful that we can reinstate the Information Stand at the Belfast City Hospital in 2023.

Information Banner for the OG Clinic held in City Hospital

Adapting to Covid-19 protocols has been a challenge. With restrictions preventing OGCancerNI from providing an Information Stand within Belfast City Hospital, it was agreed with medical professionals within the Hospital that we could provide a banner/sign that could be displayed outside of the site of the temporary OG clinic.

Delta Project and Cytosponge Implementation Northern Ireland

Cytosponge is a new innovative diagnostic tool that played a key role in the roll out of the Delta Project throughout the UK. Unfortunately, due to the continued issues with the nonfunctioning Government of Northern Ireland, the implementation of the Delta Project in Northern Ireland was delayed. This caused frustration for OGCancerNI and we took steps throughout 2022 to host a meeting with interested parties, aimed at identifying the challenges to the roll out of the project in NI. We are pleased to report that steps were taken by the key players to ensure that the Delta Project began in late 2022, and the cytosponge trial was rolled out.

CHAT vouchers

As part of services that support patients and carers of those affected by Oesophago-gastric cancers, Trustees made the decision to trial hot drinks vouchers for use within the Belfast City Hospital. The use of these vouchers provides a much needed break from the wards. It is the intention to include these vouchers within the Comfort Packs.

Risk Management

In October 2022, Trustees agreed, following guidance from the Charity Commission for NI, a new Risk Management Policy and Risk Register for the charity. We intend to review this Risk Register on a quarterly basis or when an issue arises. OGCancerNI is also a member of NIVCA, using their wide range of practical services, products and support they provide.

Recruitment of new Trustees

As previously mentioned, during 2022, the Board of Trustees unfortunately experienced the resignation of some long standing members. At the Annual General Meeting held in October 2022, Trustees reviewed the current positions/ skills of Trustees and agreed to carry out a skills matrix that coincided with active recruitment for new Trustees. We expect to report on our new Trustees in 2023.

Requirement for Administrative Assistance

As mentioned in our 2021 Annual Monitoring Return, it was agreed in 2021 that the temporary administrative assistance that had been secured through a recruitment agency, be made a permanent position within OGCancerNI. On 1st March 2022, we engaged the OGCancerNI Charity Administrative Officer on a permanent, part time basis.

Impact of Covid-19

Adhering to Covid-19 protocols required much adaptation to the support services we provide to patients and caregivers. Whilst we remain vigilant with social interacting events, we hope that the continued reduction in Covid-19 protocols will allow us to continue to attend/ host face to face events in 2023.

Risk Position of OGCancerNI

Financial Position of OGCancerNI

A review of the charity's financial position is carried out regularly throughout the period by all Trustees. The Hon Treasurer provides monthly updates to Committee members and Trustees at scheduled meetings. As of 31 December 2022, the OG Cancer NI bank account total was £ 93,391.49

Financial Management

During September 2023, we were contacted by a Debt Collection Agency called Lagan Financial Solutions, regarding claimed outstanding invoices from Kennedy Recruitment Agency. We entered into a contract with Kennedy Recruitment in 2021 for the placement of a temporary part time member of staff. Disputing the outstanding invoices, we conducted internal investigations and confirmed payment on said invoices directly with the company that now owns the trading rights of Kennedy Recruitment - 'Kennedy Business Solutions Ltd'. It is our opinion that this issue arose due to the poor financial administration within their organisation. Whilst these activities have occurred in the 2023 year, we report on them here as the so-called liabilities referred to the 2022 year. We now consider this situation closed.

Summary of Financial Position

Trustees are satisfied with the total of the OG Cancer NI bank account for the period ended 31 December 2022. We are content with the level of spend on operational costs and charitable objectives for the period.

Trustees' Signatures of Approval

Helen Setterfield

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Chair of the Board of Trustees, OG Cancer NI

Date: 18 October 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of OGCancerNI

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Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

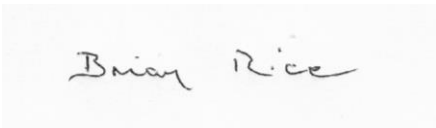
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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Independent Examiners Signature of Approval



Brian Rice FCA
Chartered Accountant
20 Saintfield Road, Crossgar, Downpatrick, BT30 9HY
Date: 18th October 2023

OGCancerNI

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107492

Annual return

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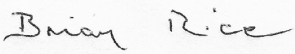
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