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Ireland**

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Annual Report 2025





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Chairperson's Introduction



● Alex Petrilli,
Chairperson

“Every member of the team brings their own expertise and together they deliver compassionate, professional and evidence-based supports when they are needed most.”

It is my pleasure to introduce our 2025 Annual Impact Report. As Chairperson of Childhood Cancer Ireland, I am proud to lead a Board of Directors whose expertise, insight and lived experience help shape the future of Childhood Cancer Ireland and ensure that we deliver the greatest possible impact for families affected by childhood cancer.

Childhood Cancer Ireland was founded by parents and survivors who understood how a childhood cancer diagnosis affects the entire family and who knew first-hand that life is never quite the same again. That lived experience continues to shape everything we do today.

As Chairperson, I have the privilege of seeing not only the impact of our work, but also the dedication of the people who make it possible. What makes Childhood Cancer Ireland exceptional is the unwavering commitment of its people. Every member of the team brings their own expertise and together they deliver compassionate, professional and evidence-based supports when they are needed most.

The progress highlighted throughout this report reflects the clear direction set out in our Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028. It is also a testament to the dedication of our team and the strength of our shared commitment to families affected by childhood cancer.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors, funders, community supporters and corporate partners. Your support enables Childhood Cancer Ireland to continue strengthening services, developing new programmes and advocating for better outcomes for every family affected by childhood cancer.

Thank you.

Alex Petrilli

Alex Petrilli
Chairperson

CEO's Report

● Laura Cullinan,
CEO and parent
of a survivor

A photograph of Laura Cullinan, CEO and parent of a survivor, wearing a blue t-shirt with the Childhood Cancer Ireland logo. The logo features a yellow ribbon and the text "Childhood Cancer Ireland" in white and yellow, with "ADVOCACY • AWARENESS • SUPPORT" in white below it. She is smiling and looking towards the right. In the background, the back of an older man's head with white hair and glasses is visible.

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“This commitment to improvement helps us direct limited resources where they will have the greatest impact.”

I am delighted to present Childhood Cancer Ireland's Annual Report for 2025. As a small charity, one of our greatest challenges is recognising unmet needs, identifying opportunities to improve support for families and knowing that we cannot address everything at once. We have the ambition, the understanding and the commitment, but we also know that sustainable growth is essential if we are to continue making a lasting difference.

That is why our Strategy 2025–2028 is so important. It provides a clear roadmap for developing the services that families need most, investing in evidence-based programmes and ensuring that every step we take is aligned with providing the right support, at the right time and at the right level of expertise.

As I reflect on 2025, I am proud of the progress we have made. Throughout this report you will see how we continued to strengthen and expand our supports, ensuring that more children, young people, survivors and families received the support they needed, when they needed it. Last year, 115 new families accessed Childhood Cancer Ireland's services, each receiving an individual assessment of their needs and a connection to the most appropriate support.

This year's report is structured around families' experiences following a childhood cancer diagnosis. Through the voices of parents, young people and survivors, we explore the realities of

diagnosis, treatment, life after treatment, relapse and bereavement, while highlighting the specialist supports that make a real difference at every stage.

My sincere thanks to our supporters, fundraisers, volunteers, corporate partners and healthcare colleagues who continue to believe in our work. Our Board of Directors plays a vital role in guiding the organisation, helping to ensure that new initiatives are evidence based, evaluated and delivering measurable benefits.

This commitment to improvement helps us direct limited resources where they will have the greatest impact. The result is continuity of support that wraps around families at every stage. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff team, who go above and beyond every day to make sure that families have access to the support they need and deserve.

Most importantly, thank you to the parents, young people and survivors who have shared their experiences throughout this report. Your stories remind us why this work matters. They inspire us to keep improving, to keep advocating and to continue supporting families every step of the way.



Laura Cullinan

CEO and parent of a survivor

2025 in Numbers

€600,000

INVESTED in programmes and services supporting families affected by childhood cancer.



700 hours



OF SPECIALIST CLINICAL
PSYCHOLOGY DELIVERED

390 hours



OF **PLAY THERAPY**, HELPING
CHILDREN EXPRESS AND PROCESS
DIFFICULT EMOTIONS

115

New Families



**Welcomed to Childhood
Cancer Ireland**

300

Peer Support Conversations

Connecting
parents with
someone who
truly understands



25,000

BEADS OF COURAGE



Distributed to children and young people, recognising their courage.

22 episodes

of our **Gold Ribbon Conversations** podcast, each one a meaningful conversation and an experience shared



Introduced a **BEREAVEMENT GRANT**, which helped

27 families

following the devastating loss of their child

3

Shared Care Projects

progressed in partnership with regional hospitals.



Introduced a **RELAPSE GRANT** in June 2025, which supported

21 families

facing childhood cancer for a second or subsequent time.

200

Delegates

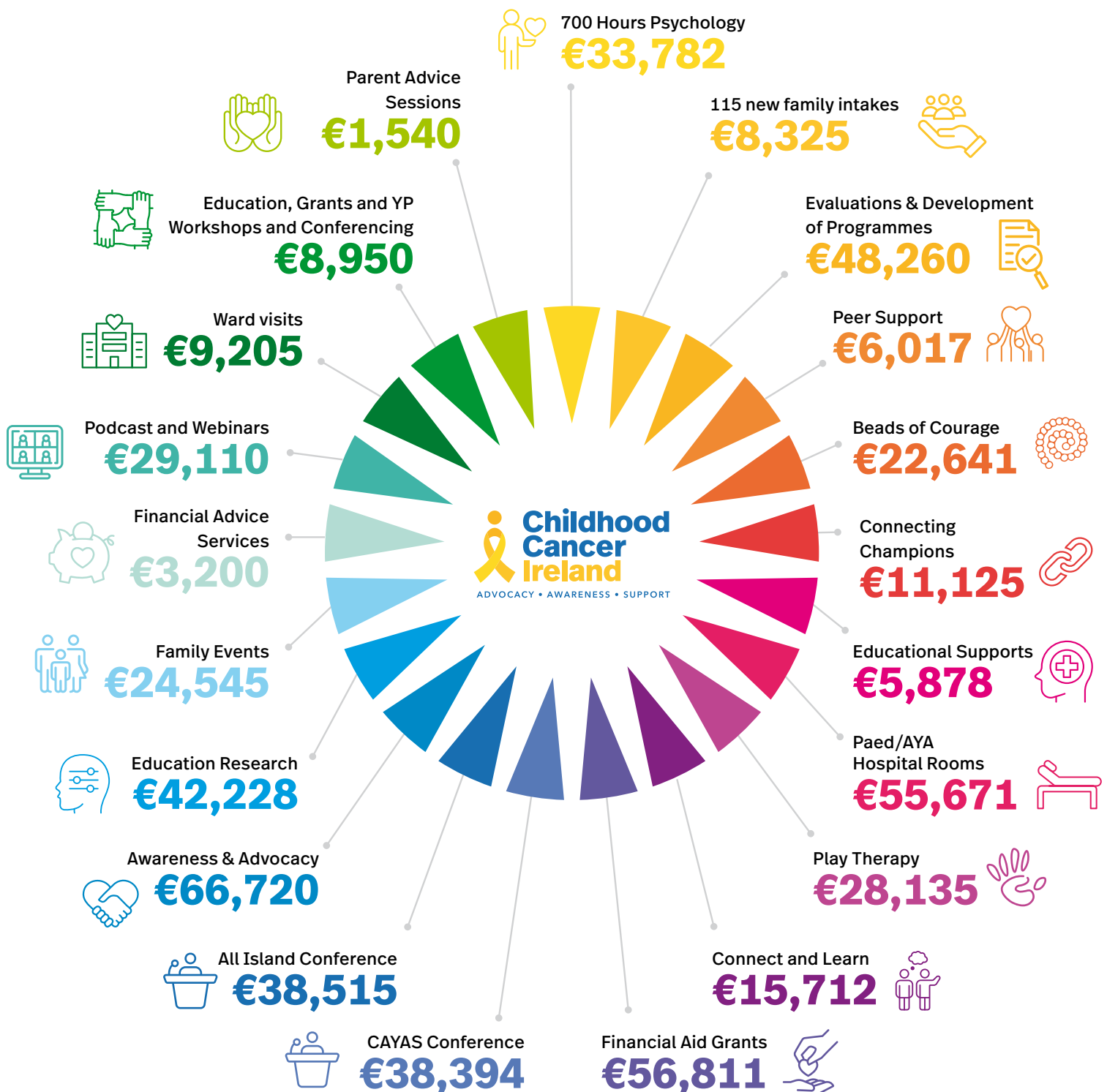
Attend the 5th Annual CAYAS conference

(Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult cancers & Survivorship)



Your Support in Action

Highlights of how funding was allocated in 2025. See our financial statements for a full breakdown of expenditure.





Last year we distributed **25,000 beads** to children with cancer, giving them ownership of their story.

 Oscar Walsh

Supporting families every step of the way...





Every year, an average of 375 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer in Ireland.

Treatment can last for as long as three years and the impact is felt far beyond that. Families need and deserve access to comprehensive psychosocial (psychological, emotional, financial and practical) care that spans their lifetime as a patient and survivor.

In 2025, we invested €600,000 in supporting close to 500 families around the country.

We are a team of six, led by our CEO and the parent of a survivor, Laura Cullinan and our dedicated Board of Directors, at least 50% of whom are parents and bring their lived experience, and other professional skills, to driving our charity.





● Fíona O'Reilly

When a child is diagnosed.

"Childhood Cancer Ireland came into our lives at a time when we felt very alone, even though we had a wonderful medical team and incredible support from family and friends. They understood the overwhelm, the frustration, the fear. They helped us see the next step when we couldn't find a way through."

Sarah O'Reilly's Story

When her 1-year-old daughter Fíona was diagnosed with cancer in late 2024, Sarah was terrified. This was one time where her knowledge as a medical professional wasn't helpful. She knew too much about what was ahead for her daughter, Fíona's brother Oisín and for her and her husband Simon. And it was the scariest moment of her life.

Childhood Cancer Ireland is a parent and survivor led charity so we understand that fear and the isolation that a childhood cancer diagnosis can bring. When a child is diagnosed, Childhood Cancer Ireland is there, giving families the strength and support they need, every step of the way.

Listening and responding

In 2025, we welcomed **115 new families** to Childhood Cancer Ireland, with every family receiving an individual assessment to identify their emotional, practical and psychological support needs. We further developed our psychosocial supports to meet families evolving needs at every stage, including relapse and the devastating loss of a child.

We listen to families and we respond with evidence-based, expert-led supports, under the direction of our Principal Clinical Psychologist Dr Mairead Brennan. We value continuity of care and providing access to the right support at the right time and at the right level of expertise.



Childhood cancer affects the entire family, not just the child who is sick, as Sarah outlines.

Fíona's older brother Oisín was just 3 when he lost his mammy and sister to endless stays in the hospital. He grew angry with me for leaving him and withdrew from his peers. Childhood Cancer Ireland heard my worries and provided play therapy. This wonderful intervention continues to help him process what happened and regain some of the self-esteem he lost when he was forced to step into the shadow of his sick sister.

In 2025 we provided **390 hours of play therapy** to children like Oisín, helping them to process their complex emotions in an age-appropriate way.

The Beads of Courage Programme gives children a colourful bead for every part of their treatment, giving them a language with which to communicate their experiences.

Fíona was so young, I struggled to think of how to explain it all to her. For every chemo, test, poke, tube and appointment, Fíona gets a different coloured bead. These give us a tangible representation of how incredibly brave she was.

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When treatment ends.

● Michael Carroll

“Things crop up all the time for us as parents, for Michael and for his siblings and knowing that we have someone to talk to makes a huge difference. As a family we’re in a much better place now. We’re calmer and not as nervous but it has taken time and support.”

Sarah Carroll's Story



Like a lot of parents, Sarah and her husband Alan were so focused on treatment that they didn't give a lot of thought to what came next. Getting to the end of treatment is a huge milestone and ringing the bell is a moment that is rightly longed for and celebrated. But the reality is that finishing treatment often brings a wave of unexpected emotions.

There is enormous relief and gratitude, coupled with fear, isolation and uncertainty about how to move forward. This stage can raise new questions, challenges and worries for the whole family. Parents report a feeling of 'falling off a cliff' as the hospital appointments and structure that has dictated their lives is greatly reduced.

Michael was diagnosed two years ago. When you're in treatment you don't have time to take anything in, you push it all down and focus on getting to the end. I thought everything would go back to normal when he was finished treatment but it didn't.

Supporting parents

Supporting parents is hugely important to us. Parents often focus entirely on their child, neglecting their own wellbeing. It is often only when treatment ends that parents are ready and able to access support. They report 'hitting the wall' – a crash that comes just when the outside

world sees their child looking better and expects them to be on cloud nine. This only adds to the mixed emotions parents experience; immense relief and gratitude alongside fear of recurrence and uncertainty about how to move forward.

We held two Parent Connect and Learn workshops in 2025, providing parents with a safe, supportive space to pause, reflect and begin rebuilding family life after childhood cancer treatment. These workshops combine practical strategies with peer connection and specialist psychological support.

As parents, there is such fear after treatment. You get triggered and stressed so easily and worry about things that you wouldn't with the other kids. Everything seems like a red flag and that can be hard for people to understand. So, it's such a relief to have a mix of professional and peer support for us as parents. You hear people verbalise things you've been afraid to say and you realise you're not going mad! Friends and family don't always get it, but other parents understand.

Psychological support

Every family who accesses Childhood Cancer Ireland supports receives an individual assessment of their needs and is connected with the support that is right for them. For some, that means accessing our specialist psychological support. In 2025, we provided **700 hours of clinical psychology**, helping children, young people, parents and siblings develop coping strategies, build resilience and reduce the long-term emotional impact of childhood cancer.



Working with Childhood Cancer Ireland's psychologist has taught me practical strategies to help get me out of the panic when it hits. I'm in a place now where I can use those tools, rather than just block it out.

Not all families need this level of intervention. For others, parent peer support was the right support. Our trained parent peer supporters understand another parent's greatest fears and help to reduce the isolation that this experience brings. We invest in the training and support of our peer support volunteers to ensure a quality service and the wellbeing of our volunteers, who delivered **300 peer engagements in 2025**.

At the moment Michael doesn't want to talk to anyone professionally, but I know that all I have to do is pick up the phone to Childhood Cancer Ireland if he changes his mind. What has been helping him is to attend workshops and events with other young people, (and without parents!). They connect, sometimes without even talking about cancer at all.

Childhood cancer can have a significant impact on a young person's education, both during and after treatment. Time away from school, reduced attendance, fatigue, difficulties with concentration and memory and anxiety can all have an impact.

In 2025, we strengthened our education supports by partnering with the Institute of Education to provide free grinds for students who have or had cancer. We also launched our Career Guidance Programme, connecting young people with an experienced Career Guidance Counsellor to help them choose subjects, explore career pathways and make informed decisions about their future. Together, these supports help ensure that childhood cancer does not define a young person's educational or career aspirations.



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Sarah O'Neill

Life after childhood cancer.

“Having opportunities to share my story through Childhood Cancer Ireland programmes and use my expertise as a survivor gives me purpose.”

Sarah O'Neill's story



For many adolescent and young adult survivors, life after childhood cancer is the beginning of a new chapter. Sarah O'Neill was 17 when she was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

When I was diagnosed, my consultant said to give them one year of my life and after that everything would go back to normal. When I finished treatment, I wanted to be done with cancer. It had taken up so much of my life, I never wanted to talk about it again.

More than a decade later, Sarah's perspective has changed.

I've realised that everything doesn't just go back to normal. Through Childhood Cancer Ireland and meeting other survivors, I've realised that I can own this experience and it can actually be empowering.

In the early years after treatment, many children and young people are dealing with fatigue, difficulties with concentration and brain fog, which can affect their return to school, friendships, sport and everyday life. As survivors grow older, new challenges may emerge, including managing the late effects of treatment, navigating long-term follow-up care and, for some, exploring the impact of treatment on their fertility where fertility preservation was not possible or appropriate before treatment. Many also find themselves having to advocate for their own healthcare, often at a young age.

When I finished treatment I was told that I'd need screening for certain things after 10 years so last year I started that process and I found that I really had to advocate for myself. This can be really hard, but I've realised that I have to speak up for myself and sometimes to fight for what I need. That was uncomfortable at first but I've gotten better at it!

Supporting survivors throughout their lifetime is a growing priority for Childhood Cancer Ireland. By raising awareness and through our advocacy and representation in research, we work to ensure that survivorship and the long-term impact of childhood cancer are recognised. Our goal is not only that more children survive cancer, but that they thrive throughout adulthood and we look forward to expanding these services in 2026.

In 2025, we hosted our 5th annual Childhood, Adolescent, Young Adult cancers and Survivorship (CAYAS) Conference, bringing together 200 parents, patients, survivors, healthcare professionals, researchers, policymakers and other organisations supporting families. Parents, patients and survivors were at the heart of every conversation, sharing their lived experience, shaping discussions and helping to influence the future of childhood cancer care in Ireland.



For Sarah, meeting others with shared experiences has been transformative.

"The biggest thing I've learnt from being around other survivors and attending conferences like CAYAS is the value of your own voice. Finding and using my voice helps me to look at what happened to me and decide what I'm taking from it. Choosing to help others and connecting with people who come up to me and say, 'I thought I was the only one,' makes us all feel less lonely."

We were proud to co-host the inaugural All-Island Paediatric Oncology Conference in 2025, bringing together clinicians from across the island of Ireland to share knowledge, strengthen collaboration and improve outcomes for children and young people with cancer.

Internationally, we continue to champion better survivorship care through our membership of Childhood Cancer International, Childhood Cancer International Europe and PanCare, ensuring that the voices of Irish children, young people and families contribute to international research, policy and best practice.

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) ensures that children, adolescents, young adults and families affected by childhood cancer help shape research from the earliest stages, bringing invaluable lived experience alongside clinical and academic expertise.

Our PPIE and Research Sub-Committee is led by Dr Alan Pearson. Under his leadership, we ensure that the voices of patients, survivors and families influence research priorities, improve study design and help shape future outcomes.





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Laura Fearon
and Saoirse

**When
cancer
comes
back.**

“Childhood Cancer Ireland is an invaluable resource. We could not have gotten through this time without this amazing team.”

Laura Fearon's story



To hear that your child's cancer has returned is devastating, the news every parent dreads. It can feel like the ground has shifted under you all over again.

While it seems impossible, families have no choice but to pick themselves up and keep going. Having access to specialist psychosocial support is more important than ever. Parents are already carrying the emotional weight of their child's original diagnosis and treatment, and the resilience that helped them through the first time may be exhausted. They need expert support that understands the unique challenges of facing childhood cancer for a second time.

Laura's daughter Saoirse was diagnosed with Adrenocortical Carcinoma in 2024 and relapsed less than a year later, shortly after her fourth birthday.

Saoirse had to undergo surgery and eight rounds of chemotherapy, which required her to stay in hospital for five days each time, leaving behind her little brother Tadhg. I'm so grateful that we were linked in with this amazing charity who provided, and still provide, us with so much support at a time we needed it most.

Childhood Cancer Ireland helps families navigate this new chapter, providing specialist counselling, play therapy, financial advice and assistance, peer support and opportunities to connect with other families who truly understand.

In order to get our heads around Saoirse's illness, Jonny and I started counselling with Mairead. She has a wealth of knowledge and bends over backwards to

help in any way she can. Part of Saoirse's treatment requires her to be on steroids for the rest of her life. This brings its own challenges in the form of behavioural issues, emotional regulation and muscle weakness. Mairead supports us through this and Childhood Cancer Ireland also sourced play therapy for Saoirse, as well as connecting Jonny and I with a play therapist who provided parent advice sessions to help us through.

The financial burden of childhood cancer can be significant and even more so when your child is going through treatment for a second time. In 2025 we were proud to launch a grant for families experiencing relapse and to help ease the financial burden in some small way. **27 families accessed this grant.**

Through our partnership with LIA, the Centre of Excellence for the education and development of financial professionals, we also offer free access to qualified financial advice, information and planning to help families manage their finances. Parents are matched with a Qualified Financial Advisor in their area to access this free support.

We received the Childhood Cancer Ireland relapse grant and Mairead also referred us for financial advice to help us review insurance policies we had and act as a broker when we were submitting a claim. This was a huge help given the amount of paperwork required and the difficult circumstances we were going through.



Lorraine, Evan and Shauna with former Lord Mayor of Dublin Daithí de Róiste.

Through the devastating loss of a child.

“Childhood cancer is scary and overwhelming, but it’s reassuring to have someone in your corner to help you with both everyday concerns and with the bigger elements of this journey.”

Lorraine Doyle's story

The death of a child is an unimaginable loss, and it's important that families have access to specialist support delivered by professionals who understand the unique trauma of childhood cancer bereavement.

Childhood Cancer Ireland is there throughout a family's experience and that continuity of care means that families are supported by a team who understands their journey and can respond to their changing needs over time.

Throughout Evan's cancer journey, and after his death, Childhood Cancer Ireland stayed in touch with us, offering guidance and support as we tried to navigate an unimaginable time.

The Childhood Cancer Ireland podcast gave us comfort and, in many ways, helped prepare us for the road ahead. Sometimes it was difficult to listen, but it reminded us that we weren't alone.

We introduced our Bereavement Grant at the beginning of 2025, supporting **27 families with immediate financial assistance** throughout the year. This grant helps to ease financial pressures at an incredibly difficult time and allowing families to focus on their emotional wellbeing.

Throughout the year, Childhood Cancer Ireland brings families together through events that offer a welcome distraction, create joyful memories and provide opportunities to connect with others who understand childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer. These events are an important part of our support and help to reduce isolation.



Our annual Family Fun Day with Childhood Cancer Ireland Ambassador Hugo Keenan, Leinster Rugby player and Irish international, gives families the chance to relax and enjoy a day together, while meeting some of their sporting heroes. We also mark International Childhood Cancer Day each February with a special reception hosted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin at the Mansion House.

Families attending these events are at every stage of the childhood cancer journey. Some are newly diagnosed or in treatment and enjoying their first day out in many months, while others are years out of treatment. Bereaved families remain an important part of our community, reflecting our commitment to supporting families every step of the way.

The team also arranged a special visit to the Mansion House to meet the Lord Mayor, Daithí de Róiste. Daithí was a character! We thoroughly enjoyed this day and it became one of the days we talked about most afterwards and created precious memories for our family.

Our bereavement support includes individual psychological support, play therapy and psychotherapy for bereaved siblings, expert-led webinars, practical information and signposting, and referrals to trusted local services.



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The ongoing counselling that myself and my daughter Shauna have received has been invaluable. Having someone who understands the trauma of childhood cancer, the emotional rollercoaster and the impact of sibling grief (which is often forgotten), and also has the right expertise to support us, has made such a difference.

Childhood Cancer Ireland have helped us in so many ways and are always so gentle and caring. The work they do is so meaningful and it's so reassuring to know that there is an organisation that are there for children and their families facing childhood cancer.

Looking ahead

As we look ahead, our commitment remains the same: to ensure that every child, young person and family facing childhood cancer has access to the support they need, when they need it. Our Strategic Plan 2025–2028 gives us a clear direction and focus as we continue to strengthen

and grow our services. From diagnosis and treatment through survivorship and bereavement, we will continue to stand alongside families, providing practical, emotional and financial support every step of the way. Sarah O'Reilly, reminds us why that commitment matters.

There are parents in there right now, going through the battle we just survived. I am so thankful that Childhood Cancer Ireland will be there with each and every one of those families, the same way they were with us. And I'm thankful that they will continue to be there with us, as we navigate the nervous follow up scans and figure out how to piece life back together.



Fundraising

Everything we do is made possible by the generosity of individuals, communities and corporate partners who stand with families facing childhood cancer. Every donation helps us provide the vital support families need to cope with the devastating impact of childhood cancer.



Community Fundraising



Battle Cancer

Throughout 2025, individuals, schools, clubs, workplaces and communities across Ireland came together to raise vital funds for Childhood Cancer Ireland. From coffee mornings and golf classics to personal challenges, runs, cycles and walks, supporters found countless ways to make a difference.

We were once again blown away by the dedication of the gyms who took part in **Battle Cancer** for Childhood Cancer Ireland. We welcomed an amazing group to **Hell & Back** in June, where participants tackled Ireland's toughest obstacle course to support children and families affected by childhood cancer. In September, we launched our **More Precious than Gold** campaign, with creches right around the country going gold during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by taking part in fun Go Gold activities. In October, we took on the **Dalkey Quarry abseil** with a brave group who faced their fears to support our work.

Every fundraiser, no matter the size, helps ensure that children, young people and their families can access emotional, practical and psychological support throughout their childhood cancer journey. We are deeply grateful to everyone who gave their time, energy and generosity to support our work.



Hell & Back



More Precious than Gold





Dalkey Quarry Abseil



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING



Lions Clubs of Ireland



Lions Clubs across Ireland continued to play a vital role in supporting Childhood Cancer Ireland throughout 2025. By raising awareness that kids get cancer too and fundraising in their local communities, they helped shine a light on childhood cancer and the challenges faced by affected families.

The awareness generated through their campaigns is invaluable, helping to increase understanding of childhood cancer while ensuring more families know that support is available. Alongside this, the funds raised have enabled Childhood Cancer Ireland to continue delivering and growing vital services for children, young people and their families. We are deeply grateful to Lions Clubs across the country for their continued commitment and support.



Carrick on Suir



Malahide



LIONS CLUBS OF IRELAND



Galway



Roscrea



Corporate Partnerships

In 2025, we were proud to work alongside a growing network of corporate partners whose generosity helped us expand our support for children, young people and families affected by childhood cancer. These partnerships are built on a shared commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of families at the most difficult time of their lives.

Throughout the year, partners supported Childhood Cancer Ireland through fundraising, workplace giving, volunteering, awareness campaigns and in-kind support. Their commitment helped us continue delivering vital services.

We were delighted to welcome Goodbody, Gilead and Fairways & Fundays as new corporate partners in 2025, and we are grateful for the continued support of Applied Materials, MRS Make Up, Carne Group, King and Moffatt, and John Paul Construction. Together, these partnerships strengthened our ability to reach and support families across Ireland.

We extend our sincere thanks to all of our corporate partners. Your commitment enables us to be there for families from diagnosis, through treatment, survivorship and bereavement, ensuring they receive the support they need.



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31 December 2025*

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CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Chairperson presents their statement for the year.

As Chairperson of Childhood Cancer Ireland, I am pleased to present the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Childhood Cancer Ireland was founded by parents and survivors who understand first-hand how a cancer diagnosis can turn a family's world upside down. While treatment is focused on the child or young person, the impact is felt across the entire family. Our purpose remains as important today as it was when the organisation was founded: to ensure that children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, survivors and their families (referred to throughout this report as "families affected by childhood cancer") have access to the emotional, practical and financial support they need throughout their cancer experience and beyond.

Throughout 2025, Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to support families from diagnosis, through treatment, into survivorship and, where required, through bereavement. Our services included psychological support, play therapy, peer support, parent and young people workshops, financial guidance and assistance and practical support, all designed to help families navigate one of the most challenging experiences they will ever face.

The year also marked continued progress in implementing our Strategic Plan 2025–2028. We strengthened our psychosocial support services, continued to develop our survivorship work, expanded opportunities for Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement, and invested in initiatives that improve the quality of life of the families we serve. A significant milestone was the appointment of Dr Avril Deegan as Service and Research Coordinator, supporting the continued development, evaluation and quality assurance of our services.

The progress achieved during the year would not have been possible without the commitment of our staff, volunteers, community partners and Board of Trustees, together with the generosity of our donors, funders, community supporters and corporate partners. On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who supports our work and shares our commitment to ensuring families affected by childhood, adolescent and young adult cancers receive the right support, at the right time, by the right expertise close to home.

Alex Petrilli

Alessandro Petrilli
Chairperson

Date: 19th August 2026.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their report together with the audited financial statements of Childhood Cancer Foundation (T/A Childhood Cancer Ireland) (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, the Companies Act 2014 (as applicable in Ireland), and in line with best practices in corporate governance.

Objectives and Activities Background and Purpose

Childhood Cancer Ireland was founded in 2013 by parents and family members of children affected by cancer. The organisation was established following the success of the Light It Up Gold campaign in Ireland, launched during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September 2013. In 2022, Cancare4living, a charity advocating for improved healthcare, support services and policies for survivors of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer, combined forces with Childhood Cancer Foundation to become Childhood Cancer Ireland.

Childhood Cancer Ireland is a parent and survivor-led national charity supporting children, adolescents and young adults diagnosed with cancer between the ages of 0 and 23 years, survivors of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer, and their parents, siblings, carers and wider family members. The organisation's mission is to understand, support, empower and give a voice to all those affected by childhood cancer throughout their cancer experience and beyond.

Vision

Our vision is a future in which children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, survivors and their families have ready access to Gold Standard support at all stages of their experience and where their voices are heard, valued and represented at all levels of decision-making.

Values

Empathy: We understand the trauma of diagnosis and treatment, the challenges of survivorship and the impact of bereavement. We listen to and learn from the experiences of children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, survivors and their families, ensuring that their voices shape our work.

Empowerment: We believe in supporting children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, survivors and their families by advocating on their behalf while empowering them to use their own voices to influence positive change.

Lifelong Support: We recognise that the impact of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer does not end when treatment finishes. We are committed to ensuring that the long-term physical, emotional, educational, social and financial impacts of cancer are recognised and supported in both policy and practice.

Collaboration: We believe in working in genuine partnership with healthcare providers, state agencies, researchers, community organisations and other stakeholders to improve outcomes and quality of life for children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer and their families.

Principal Activities

The charity's principal activities include:

- ◆ Comprehensive psychosocial support services, including psychological support, play therapy and psychotherapy
- ◆ Parent Peer Support Programme
- ◆ Parent and young people workshops, including the 'Putting the Pieces Back Together' programme
- ◆ Financial advice, financial assistance and practical support services
- ◆ Educational support and guidance
- ◆ Bereavement support services
- ◆ Beads of Courage® Paediatric Haematology Oncology Programme, including Siblings Beads Programme
- ◆ Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)
- ◆ Advocacy and awareness-raising activities, including the annual CAYAS Conference and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month campaigns – Light It Up Gold™ and GoGold™
- ◆ Survivorship support and programme development
- ◆ Hospital environment improvement projects in shared care facilities
- ◆ Gold Ribbon Conversations Podcast
- ◆ Research collaboration and lived-experience engagement initiatives

Strategic Pillars 2025–2028

Childhood Cancer Ireland operates under its Board-approved Strategic Plan 2025–2028, which provides a clear framework for sustainable growth and impact. The Strategic Plan is built around eight pillars:

Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3	Pillar 4
Comprehensive Support Services	Preferred Point of Contact for PPIE	Enhanced Collaboration	Advocacy & Awareness
Provide comprehensive support to children, adolescents, young adults and their families throughout their cancer journey, addressing physical, emotional, social and financial needs.	Establish CCI as the leading point of contact for Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement in children, adolescent and young adult cancer research in Ireland.	Strengthen collaboration with healthcare providers, charities, government agencies and community organisations to provide seamless support.	Raise awareness about childhood cancer and advocate for improved services, policies and funding for patients and families.
Pillar 5	Pillar 6	Pillar 7	Pillar 8
Holistic Survivorship Support	Communications	Financial Stability & Fundraising	Governance & Board Development
Develop a comprehensive survivorship support programme to address the long-term physical, emotional and social needs of children, adolescent and young adult cancer survivors.	Enhance the visibility and engagement of Childhood Cancer Ireland through effective communication strategies.	Secure and maintain financial stability through diversified fundraising strategies and prudent financial management.	Strengthen the governance and leadership structure to ensure effective, transparent and accountable management.

Achievement and Performance

2025 represented an important year in the implementation of Childhood Cancer Ireland's Strategic Plan. Throughout the year, the organisation continued to strengthen and expand its supports for children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, survivors of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer and their families.

The organisation remained focused on delivering these supports from diagnosis, through treatment, into survivorship and, where required, through bereavement. Alongside direct service delivery, Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to advocate for improved supports and services, promote Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement, strengthen partnerships across the sector and invest in organisational sustainability.

During the year, Childhood Cancer Ireland welcomed 115 new family referrals, reflecting the continued demand for emotional, practical and financial support services for the families we support across Ireland.

Expansion of Psychosocial Supports

Throughout 2025, Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to strengthen its psychosocial support services. The organisation's approach is informed by the Paediatric Psychosocial Preventative Health Model, recognising that families require different levels of support depending on their individual circumstances and needs.

Community-based psychological support services, including Clinical Psychology, Play Therapy and Psychotherapy, continued to be delivered to the families we support. Parent workshops, including the 'Putting the Pieces Back Together' programme, provided opportunities for families to access professional guidance, peer connection and emotional support.

During 2025, the organisation provided 700 hours of Clinical Psychology support and 390 hours of Play Therapy, ensuring that the families we support had access to specialist psychosocial support throughout treatment, survivorship and, where required, bereavement.

The Parent Peer Support Programme continued to develop during the year, connecting parents facing a childhood, adolescent or young adult cancer diagnosis with trained volunteer peer supporters who have lived experience of supporting a child through cancer treatment. The programme facilitated approximately 300 peer support engagements during the year, providing emotional reassurance, practical guidance and connection for families navigating one of the most challenging periods of their lives.

A significant organisational milestone during 2025 was the appointment of Dr Avril Deegan as Service and Research Coordinator. This role supports service development, programme evaluation, research engagement and quality assurance, strengthening the organisation's capacity to deliver evidence-informed psychosocial support services and evaluate their impact for the families we support.

Survivorship and Family Support

Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to develop its survivorship activities throughout 2025, recognising that the impact of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer frequently extends beyond the completion of treatment. Survivors may experience ongoing physical, emotional, educational and social challenges that require dedicated support throughout their survivorship journey.

The organisation continued to provide information, advocacy and emotional, practical and educational support to survivors and their families while progressing the development of survivorship initiatives in line with the Strategic Plan.

Childhood Cancer Ireland also continued to strengthen educational supports for children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer. During 2025, Childhood Cancer Ireland worked in partnership with the Institute of Education to provide educational support to post-primary students whose education was impacted by cancer diagnosis, treatment or survivorship. The initiative aimed to help young people maintain engagement with their studies, rebuild confidence in their ability to achieve their educational goals and support their progression through the education system during and after treatment. A total of 35 students accessed educational support through the programme during the year.

Bereavement support also remained an important component of service delivery. Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to provide compassionate emotional and practical support to families following the death of a child or young person from cancer, recognising the profound and lasting impact of bereavement on parents, siblings and wider family members.

Financial and Practical Support

Throughout the year, Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to provide practical and financial support to families affected by childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer. This included direct financial assistance, advocacy, information provision and referrals to statutory and community supports.

The organisation also continued its Financial Advice Service in partnership with LIA Financial Planning, providing families and survivors with access to professional financial guidance and support. The service assists families in navigating financial challenges associated with a cancer diagnosis and survivorship, including access to entitlements, financial planning and longer-term financial wellbeing.

A significant development during 2025 was the rollout of the Bereavement and Relapse Financial Assistance Grant. The Relapse Grant was introduced following the identification of a gap in available supports for families facing a relapse diagnosis. The Bereavement Grant was developed in recognition of the emotional, practical and financial challenges that can arise following the death of a child or young person from cancer.

During 2025, 48 families received support through the Bereavement and Relapse Financial Assistance Grant. The introduction of these grants reflects the organisation's commitment to ensuring that families receive compassionate, practical and timely assistance when they need it most.

Beads of Courage® and Hospital Environment Projects

Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to fund and develop the Beads of Courage® Paediatric Haematology/Oncology Programme during 2025, recognising the important role it plays in helping children process and understand their treatment journey. During 2025, more than 25,000 Beads of Courage® beads were distributed to children and young people receiving cancer treatment.

The organisation also continued its commitment to improving treatment environments for children and young people receiving care through shared care facilities. During the year, progress continued on the upgrade of the Adolescent and Young Adult Isolation Facility at University Hospital Galway. The Board additionally approved a commitment of €32,000 towards the upgrade and enhancement of facilities within the Wexford Paediatric Shared Care Unit and continued to explore opportunities to support future developments in other shared care locations.

Advocacy, Awareness and Patient Involvement

Advocacy remained a core component of Childhood Cancer Ireland's work throughout 2025. The organisation continued to advocate for improved psychosocial, educational, financial and survivorship supports for the families we support.

A significant milestone during the year was the delivery of the inaugural All-Island Paediatric Oncology Conference, which brought together healthcare professionals, researchers, survivors, families and sector stakeholders from across Ireland to share knowledge, strengthen collaboration and explore opportunities to improve outcomes and quality of life for children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer.

The annual Childhood Cancer Awareness Month campaign and 5th annual CAYAS Conference continued to raise awareness of issues affecting children, adolescents and young adults with cancer, survivors and their families. Childhood Cancer Ireland also continued to support Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement activities, ensuring that the experiences of children, young people, survivors and families informed research, service development and policy discussions. International engagement continued through collaboration with organisations including Childhood Cancer International and PanCare.

Collaboration and Sector Leadership

Collaboration remains central to Childhood Cancer Ireland's approach and is recognised as a key enabler in achieving the organisation's mission. Throughout 2025, Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to work in partnership with healthcare providers, statutory agencies, academic institutions, charitable organisations and community partners to improve outcomes and quality of life for the families we support.

The organisation continued to collaborate closely with the National Children's Cancer Service at Children's Health Ireland, the National Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service at St James's Hospital, University Hospital Galway, the National Cancer Control Programme and shared care hospitals across Ireland. Childhood Cancer Ireland also continued to strengthen relationships with cross-border colleagues, including the Children's Cancer Unit Charity and the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, and continued to engage with Childhood Cancer International, Childhood Cancer International Europe, PanCare and other relevant networks at European and international levels.

Governance and Organisational Development

The Board of Trustees recognises that strong governance, effective leadership and robust organisational systems are essential to the successful delivery of Childhood Cancer Ireland's mission. Throughout 2025, the organisation continued to strengthen its governance framework, operational capacity and organisational infrastructure to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

The Board continued to provide strategic oversight of the organisation's activities while maintaining a clear distinction between governance and operational management. Regular Board and committee meetings were held throughout the year to oversee financial performance, risk management, service delivery, strategic development and compliance with regulatory obligations.

As a parent and survivor-led organisation, Childhood Cancer Ireland remains committed to ensuring that lived experience informs decision-making at all levels. The Board continues to benefit from the expertise, insight and commitment of trustees with professional experience and lived experience of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer.

Income Generation

Childhood Cancer Ireland relies on the generosity and support of individuals, community fundraisers, corporate partners, grant-making bodies, trusts and foundations to deliver its services and achieve its charitable objectives.

Throughout 2025, the organisation continued to generate income through a diversified range of funding sources, including community fundraising initiatives, corporate partnerships, individual donations, philanthropic support, grant funding and fundraising events. Community fundraising and individual giving remained the organisation's largest source of income, reflecting the strong support received from families, volunteers, local communities and supporters across Ireland.

Grant funding received during the year from the National Cancer Control Programme, the HSE National Lottery Grant Scheme, Louth County Council and the Hospital Saturday Fund supported the continued delivery and development of key services and programmes.

Corporate Partnerships

Corporate partnerships continued to play an important role in supporting the work of Childhood Cancer Ireland throughout 2025. Through financial contributions, employee fundraising initiatives, sponsorship, awareness-raising activities and in-kind support, corporate partners contributed to the organisation's ability to deliver services and supports for families affected by childhood cancer.

Community and Events Fundraising

Community and events fundraising continued to play a vital role in supporting the work of Childhood Cancer Ireland throughout 2025. Individuals, families, schools, community groups, sports clubs and local organisations across Ireland organised and participated in a wide range of fundraising activities in support of children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer and their families. Fundraising activities included sponsored walks, runs, golf events, community initiatives, school-based fundraising campaigns and other locally organised events.

Individual and Philanthropic Giving

Individual and philanthropic giving continued to make an important contribution to Childhood Cancer Ireland's work throughout 2025. Donations from individuals, families, trusts, foundations and philanthropic supporters provided valuable funding that enabled the organisation to deliver and develop services, respond to emerging needs and invest in service development.

Statutory and Grant Funding

Statutory and grant funding continued to play an important role in supporting Childhood Cancer Ireland's activities during 2025. The organisation received funding and sponsorship support from the National Cancer Control Programme, the HSE National Lottery Grant Scheme, Louth County Council and the Hospital Saturday Fund. The National Cancer Control Programme provided sponsorship support for the CAYAS Conference, while funding received through Louth County Council and Hospital Saturday Fund supported the delivery of the inaugural All-Island Paediatric Oncology Conference.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 58.

Total income for the year ended 31 December 2025 amounted to €745,468 (2024: €678,642). Total expenditure during the year amounted to €823,598 (2024: €519,044). The charity therefore generated a deficit of €78,130 for the year.

Total reserves of €731,339 at 31 December 2025.

Reserves Policy and Funds Employed

The Board of Trustees plans to hold reserves consistent with the future development of the organisation and the sustainability of its services. The Board anticipates that a proportion of reserves will be utilised during the coming period to support planned investment in service expansion, organisational development, strategic growth initiatives, and fundraising capacity, including the planned utilisation of reserves previously earmarked by the Board for the development of AYA Services and Paediatric Shared Care initiatives. These planned investments have been incorporated into financial forecasts and do not adversely affect the charity's ability to meet its obligations as they fall due.

Going Concern

The Board of Directors and senior management have undertaken a comprehensive assessment of the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and are satisfied that the charity will continue its operations for at least the next 18 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The assessment considered the charity's current financial position, cash flow forecasts, income generation plans, strategic commitments, operational capacity, reserves position, and known risks. Key factors informing the assessment include:

- ◆ Cash balances of €768,030 and net assets of approximately €731,339 as at 31 December 2025, providing a strong financial foundation and liquidity position.
- ◆ Board-approved financial forecasts and cash flow projections for the assessment period, supported by a diversified income model comprising statutory funding, grants, corporate partnerships, individual giving, community fundraising, events, and philanthropic support.
- ◆ The charity is not dependent on any single source of income; the Board considers this diversity to be a key strength in mitigating financial risk.
- ◆ A Board-approved Strategic Plan 2025–2028 providing a clear roadmap for service development, advocacy, survivorship, collaboration, financial sustainability, and governance.
- ◆ Active review and strengthening of fundraising capacity and income diversification, including exploration of outsourced fundraising models, engagement with fundraising specialists, and enhanced Board oversight of fundraising strategy.
- ◆ No material adverse post-year-end events have been identified that would negatively impact the charity's financial position or sustainability.

The Directors are not aware of any material uncertainties, events, or conditions that would cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Future Plans Strategy:

As Childhood Cancer Ireland enters the second year of its Strategic Plan, the organisation remains focused on strengthening support for children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, survivors of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer and their families. Key priorities for the year ahead include expanding psychosocial support services, advancing survivorship initiatives, strengthening Patient and

Public Involvement and Engagement activities, and progressing advocacy objectives at both national and international level.

The Board recognises that outcomes for children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer are influenced not only by clinical care but also by access to holistic support, education, empowerment, advocacy and opportunities that enable children, young people, survivors and families to thrive during and beyond their cancer experience. The organisation will continue to work collaboratively with healthcare providers, researchers, policymakers and charitable partners to address unmet needs and improve quality of life across the childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer pathway.

Service Development:

During 2026, Childhood Cancer Ireland will continue to invest in the development and expansion of services for families affected by childhood cancer.

Key priorities include the continued expansion of psychosocial support services, further development of survivorship initiatives, increased opportunities for Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement, and ongoing investment in educational, practical and financial support programmes.

The organisation will continue to progress the development of Adolescent and Young Adult Services and support improvements to paediatric shared care facilities throughout Ireland. Planned investments include the continued enhancement of treatment and support environments within shared care hospitals and the implementation of projects designed to improve the experiences of children, adolescents and young adults receiving treatment closer to home.

Childhood Cancer Ireland also intends to introduce The Monkey in My Chair® Programme in Ireland. The programme aims to support children undergoing cancer treatment to maintain meaningful connections with their classmates, teachers and school communities during periods of prolonged absence from school.

The organisation will continue to strengthen partnerships with the National Children's Cancer Service at Children's Health Ireland, the National Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Service at St James's Hospital, University Hospital Galway, shared care hospitals, educational institutions, researchers and charitable organisations to ensure that children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer and their families have access to holistic support throughout diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and, where required, bereavement.

Strengthening Fundraising:

The Board and management remain committed to strengthening fundraising capacity and ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the organisation. During 2026, Childhood Cancer Ireland will continue to diversify its income streams and build strategic funding partnerships to support the delivery and growth of services.

This will include investment in fundraising capacity, exploration of outsourced fundraising support, engagement with fundraising specialists, collaboration with Smurfit Business School and enhanced Board oversight of fundraising strategy, income diversification and supporter engagement.

The organisation will continue to pursue a balanced funding model comprising statutory funding, grants, corporate partnerships, community fundraising, individual giving and philanthropic support, reducing reliance on any single source of income and supporting sustainable growth in line with the Strategic Plan 2025–2028.

Structure, Governance and Management Constitution

The Constitution of Childhood Cancer Ireland comprises the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Childhood Cancer Foundation, which are filed with the Companies Registration Office. These documents form the governing framework of the charity, constituted as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2014.

Childhood Cancer Ireland is a trading name of Childhood Cancer Foundation (CRO 535330, Charity No. 20084363). The charity operates and delivers all services under the Childhood Cancer Ireland brand.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

Childhood Cancer Ireland is governed by a Board of Trustees, all of whom serve as volunteers. The Board is ultimately responsible for governance, strategic direction, ethos and values, and for ensuring that the organisation operates an appropriate system of financial control and complies with relevant laws and regulations.

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mary-Claire Rennick	
Dr Sarah Curry	
Patricia McColgan	
Dr Scheryll Alken	<i>(Resigned 19 June 2025)</i>
Conchuir MacGloinn	
Alessandro Petrilli	
Mark Garry	
Niall Farrell	<i>(Resigned 14 April 2025)</i>
Charlene O'Callaghan	<i>(Resigned 25 February 2026)</i>
Stiofáin MacDáibhéad	<i>(Appointed 1 January 2025 and resigned 10 March 2025)</i>
Ciara Ní Ghriallais	<i>(Appointed 1 January 2025)</i>
Marie Madden	<i>(Appointed 25 July 2025)</i>
Noreen Doyle	<i>(Appointed 25 February 2026)</i>
Ciara Fleming	<i>(Appointed 25 February 2026)</i>

Recruitment and Induction

The Board undertakes periodic reviews of its composition, skills and experience to ensure that it maintains an appropriate balance of professional expertise, diversity and lived experience. In accordance with the organisation's governance policy, the Board seeks to ensure that a significant proportion of trustees are parents and survivors of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer, reflecting Childhood Cancer Ireland's commitment to maintaining a parent and survivor-led governance model.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution of the organisation and are eligible for reappointment in line with its provisions. Directors are appointed for an initial term of three years and may be reappointed for further consecutive terms, subject to a maximum tenure of nine years. All new trustees participate in a comprehensive induction programme, which includes a Board Handbook, Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policy, governing documents, Strategic Plan 2025–2028, and information relating to their governance and regulatory responsibilities as charity trustees and company directors.

Conflict of Interests

All Trustees are required to act, and be seen to act, in the best interests of Childhood Cancer Ireland and not for personal benefit or gain. The organisation maintains a Register of Interests and all trustees and senior staff are required to complete an annual Declaration of Interests. A formal Conflict of Interest Policy is in place and declarations of interest are requested and recorded at the commencement of Board and committee meetings. Where a conflict of interest arises, appropriate steps are taken to ensure that decisions are made objectively and in the best interests of the organisation.

Risk Management

The Board of Trustees recognises that effective risk management is essential to the achievement of Childhood Cancer Ireland's charitable objectives and the delivery of high-quality services to families affected by childhood cancer.

The organisation maintains a comprehensive risk management framework designed to identify, assess, monitor and mitigate risks that may impact the achievement of its strategic and operational objectives. A formal risk register is maintained and reviewed regularly by the Finance, Audit, Risk and Governance (FRAG) Committee, with updates and recommendations reported to the Board of Trustees. The principal risks identified are set out in the table below:

Risk No.	Risk Type	Risk Heading
Risk 1	Financial Risk	Financial sustainability, funding volatility and changes in donor, grant or corporate giving patterns
Risk 2	Operational Risk	Workforce capacity, staff wellbeing, retention of key personnel and continuity of service delivery
Risk 3	Reputational Risk	Protection of the organisation's reputation and maintenance of stakeholder confidence
Risk 4	Strategic Risk	Delivery of the Strategic Plan 2025–2028 and achievement of strategic objectives
Risk 5	Compliance Risk	Compliance with charity law, company law, safeguarding obligations, data protection requirements and health and safety legislation
Risk 6	Governance Risk	Maintaining an appropriate balance of skills, expertise and lived experience on the Board of Trustees
Risk 7	Information Governance Risk	Data protection, cybersecurity and information security risks

Financial Controls and Governance

Childhood Cancer Ireland maintains robust financial management, governance and internal control systems designed to safeguard charitable assets, ensure the integrity of financial reporting and support effective decision-making.

The organisation uses Xero for financial management and reporting and Collsoft for payroll processing. Financial transactions are recorded promptly and supported by appropriate documentation, with records maintained securely in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Monthly management accounts are prepared and reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, considered by the Finance, Audit, Risk and Governance (FRAG) Committee and reported to the Board of Trustees on a regular basis.

The organisation maintains a framework of financial controls that includes segregation of duties, dual authorisation requirements for bank payments, Board-approved delegated authority limits, regular bank reconciliations, budget monitoring, independent review of financial records by external accountants and an annual external audit. A fixed asset policy is in place and the fixed asset register is maintained and reviewed periodically.

The Board is satisfied that the organisation has appropriate systems of internal control and financial oversight in place to safeguard charitable assets and ensure the accuracy and reliability of financial reporting.

Charities Governance Code

Childhood Cancer Ireland is committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance, transparency and accountability. The organisation has formally adopted the Charities Governance Code and continues to review its governance practices to ensure alignment with the principles and standards set out within the Code.

Throughout 2025, the Board continued to strengthen governance practices through regular policy reviews, risk management oversight, Board and committee reporting, conflict of interest management, financial monitoring and ongoing review of organisational performance against the Strategic Plan 2025–2028.

As a parent and survivor-led organisation, Childhood Cancer Ireland is committed to ensuring that the voices and experiences of children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, survivors and families inform governance, service development and strategic decision-making. The Trustees are satisfied that the organisation has applied the principles of the Charities Governance Code throughout 2025.

Post Balance Sheet Events

Following the year end, Childhood Cancer Ireland completed its commitment towards the upgrade of the Adolescent and Young Adult Isolation Facility at University Hospital Galway, supporting the organisation's strategic objective of improving treatment environments and enhancing the experiences of adolescents and young adults affected by cancer.

The organisation also continued to progress plans for the expansion of psychosocial, survivorship and educational support initiatives in line with the Strategic Plan 2025–2028.

Other than the matters outlined above, the Trustees are not aware of any material post balance sheet events requiring disclosure in these financial statements.

Public Benefit

Childhood Cancer Ireland meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The organisation exists to provide psychosocial, practical, educational and financial support to children, adolescents and young adults affected by cancer, survivors of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer and their families. The Trustees are satisfied that the activities undertaken during the year were carried out in furtherance of the organisation's charitable objectives and provided a clear and identifiable public benefit.

Accounting records

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities under Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 to ensure that adequate accounting records are maintained by the company. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that accounting records are kept which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy at any time, and enable the financial statements to be prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102.

In accordance with Section 283 of the Companies Act 2014, the Trustees are satisfied that adequate accounting records have been maintained throughout the year. The company's accounting records are maintained at its registered office and through its financial management systems, including Xero accounting software.

Auditor

In accordance with Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014, the independent auditors, UHY Farrelly Dawe White Limited, Chartered Accountants and Registered Audit Firm, have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their reappointment will be proposed in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

Each of the directors in office at the date of approval of this annual report confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- ◆ the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 330 of the Companies Act 2014.

On behalf of the board



Alessandro Petrilli
Director



Mark Garry
Director

Date: 19th August 2026.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Generally accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Alessandro Petrilli
Director



Mark Garry
Director

Date: 19th August 2026.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Childhood Cancer Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Childhood Cancer Foundation ('the company') for the year ended 31 December 2025, which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2025 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 13 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information in the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

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

- ◆ the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ◆ the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the requirements of any of sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions, are not complied with by the company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, if applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management 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 company's financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the company's financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <https://iaasa.ie/publications/description-of-the-auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-financial-statements/>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Thomas McDonagh

For and on behalf of UHY Farrelly Dawe White Limited

Chartered Certified Accountants Statutory Auditor

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Date: 19th August 2026.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	€	€
Income		745,468	678,642
Charitable activities and project costs		(766,317)	(468,812)
Gross (deficit)/surplus		(20,849)	209,830
Administrative expenses		(57,281)	(50,232)
(Deficit)/surplus before taxation		(78,130)	159,598
Tax on (deficit)/surplus		-	-
(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year		(78,130)	159,598

The income and expenditure account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		3,367		5,998
Current assets					
Debtors	6	33,024		27,985	
Cash at bank and in hand		768,030		846,747	
		801,054		874,732	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(73,082)		(71,261)	
Net current assets			727,972		803,471
Net assets			731,339		809,469
Reserves					
Income and expenditure account	9		731,339		809,469
Total members' funds			731,339		809,469

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 19th August 2026 and are signed on its behalf by:

Alex Petrilli

Alessandro Petrilli
Director

Mark Garry

Mark Garry
Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Childhood Cancer Foundation is a limited company domiciled and incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office is FDW House, Blackthorn Business Park, Coes Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland and its company registration number is 535330.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”), as adapted by Section 1A of FRS 102, and the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

The financial statements are prepared in euro, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest €.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Income and expenditure

Voluntary income and fundraising income are recognised when the company is entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Income is recognised on receipt where entitlement cannot be established before cash is received. In the case of donations collected via online payment platforms (Stripe, IDonate, Benevity, Facebook, etc.), it is recognised on collection by the platform.

Income subject to performance-related conditions is deferred until those conditions have been met. Income with restrictions over use, but without performance-related conditions, is recognised when the company is entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donated goods and services are recognised where the value can be measured reliably and the benefit to the company is probable. They are measured at fair value at the date of receipt, with a corresponding expense or asset recognised where applicable.

Income from tax relief on donations received from the Revenue Commissioners is recognised on receipt. Income from grants is recognised in accordance with the accruals model as permitted under FRS102.

Expenditure includes VAT where applicable as the company cannot reclaim it.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings and IT equipment 33.33% Straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to surplus or deficit.

1.4 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.6 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.7 Taxation

No charge to taxation arises as the company has been granted an exemption under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

1.8 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than euros are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The directors believe that there are no estimates or assumptions that had, or are likely to have within the next financial year, a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities.

3 Operating surplus

	2025	2024
	€	€
Operating (deficit)/surplus for the year is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,045	3,083

4 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Total	5	3

5 Tangible fixed assets

Fixtures, fittings and IT equipment

€

Cost

At 1 January 2025	9,940
Additions	414
At 31 December 2025	10,354

Depreciation and impairment

At 1 January 2025	3,942
Depreciation charged in the year	3,045
At 31 December 2025	6,987

Carrying amount

At 31 December 2025	3,367
At 31 December 2024	5,998

6 Debtors

	2025	2024
	€	€
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	8,648	8,145
Prepayments	2,977	2,977
Accrued income	21,399	16,863
	33,024	27,985

7 Creditors

	2025	2024
	€	€
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed to credit institutions	-	30
Trade creditors	47,473	2,385
Deferred income	-	51,489
Other creditors including tax and social insurance	19,320	11,068
Accruals	6,289	6,289
	73,082	71,261

8 Members' liability

The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and consequently the liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding €1.

9 Income and expenditure account

	2025	2024
	€	€
At the beginning of the year	809,469	649,871
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(78,130)	159,598
At the end of the year	731,339	809,469

10 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year ended 31 December 2025.

11 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at the year ended 31 December 2025.

12 Events after the reporting date

There have been no significant events post year end that have affected the company.

13 Non-audit services provided by auditor

In common with many charities of our size and nature we use our auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

14 Approval of financial statements

The directors approved the financial statements on 19th August 2026.





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