



As we approach the end of 2021, we wanted to let you know how much your support has meant to us over the past year and tell you a little about what we have been doing and how it has impacted children in hospitals and their families.

None of the work would have been possible without the amazing support of individuals, companies, members of CIH, and the many people who have contributed to our work in 2021.

For much of the year our volunteers were not able to be in the hospitals due to Covid-19 restrictions but we were able to supply children in 18 hospitals with individually packed play packs throughout the year. And many of our volunteers returned to the hospital floor in the Autumn to support children, young people, and their families during their visits to hospital.

2021 saw a slightly new look for Children in Hospital Ireland as we refreshed our logo and now use the shortened version of CIH in order to distinguish ourselves from Children's Health Ireland. We still have our red t-shirts as our recognisable feature on the corridors of the hospital.



8,000 isolation packs distributed to 21 paediatric units



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In 2021 we increased our policy and advocacy work and created a public campaign to call on the Government to provide better financial supports to help parents when they have a child in hospital. This campaign garnered national coverage on radio and in print media and also resulted in a number of meetings with political representatives in response to our pre-budget-submission on the issue.

On behalf of the board, staff, and volunteers of Children in Hospital Ireland, I would like to thank all our supporters most sincerely for helping us to truly 'make hospital a happier place for children.

Anna Gunning, CEO

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A snapshot of 2021.....



national pyjama day
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Charity Recipients 2021
Children In Hospital Ireland (CIH)

Making hospital a happier place through play and advocacy

Quote: A mum told us last night that one of our volunteers, Sue, spoke and played with a young lad in isolation (he has leukaemia) last Friday morning. After she left, the lad who was traumatised and had not spoken to anyone, even his parents, started to speak, and really came out of himself. His mum was delighted and impressed and could not praise enough our organisation saying "you don't know how valuable your job is". She is certain the time Sue spent with him helped him to recover.

as told by one of our volunteers



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Unexpected costs like the family car and the rising cost of food and fuel have started to eat into my budget

THE IRISH TIMES
Fri, Dec 17, 2021

Supporting parents of children in hospital

Quote: The article "Father and son sue appeal over care allowance while child is in hospital" (Mary Carolan, News, July 22nd) reports on the Court of Appeal's rejection of an appeal against a decision to reduce payment of domestic care allowance in the case of a child who had spent a prolonged period in hospital.

The article indicates that the Attorney General and the Department of Social Protection cited as an argument for not granting the allowance the fact that this payment is made "to recognise the additional obligations and expense placed on parents caring for their child at home" and furthermore that the department stated that "the boy was in an 'institution' where his care was paid for with public funds".

Those claims by the State take no account of the reality that far from incurring fewer expenses while their child is in hospital parents and carers may face very significant additional costs.

When a child is in hospital, it is now not only the norm but it is expected by the hospital that at least one parent will be with the child for a significant period of time.

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This voucher can be used to purchase a **Tea or Coffee** from the participating café / canteen in this hospital.

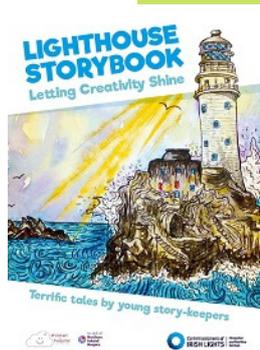
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Childhood Illness: The Ripple Effect
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children in hospital ireland

Lunchtime Lecture: Wednesday 31st March 1:00pm



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