

Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee
Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

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Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

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The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. This report and the financial results for 2022 are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014. Although not obliged to do so, the organisation has prepared the audited financial statements in keeping with the standards set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines, as contained in 'FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(effective 1 January 2015)'.

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Constitution are known as members of the Board of Trustees.

In this report, the Directors of Children in Hospital Ireland present a summary of the organisation's purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 2022.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

Our Vision:

'An Ireland where the rights of children are respected and prioritised within the healthcare system'.

Our mission is to promote the wellbeing of children within the healthcare system in Ireland, in particular, before, during and after hospitalisation.

In order to fulfil our mission, we aim to provide information and support to parents and carers and to engage in advocacy in relation to healthcare services for children. In addition, we aim to make hospital a happier place for children and young people by providing volunteer-led play and recreation services. We also provide a 'way finding' service to support parents and children as they arrive for outpatient appointments in CHI at Crumlin.

Objectives

The Main Object for which the Company is established is to promote the wellbeing of children within the healthcare system in Ireland, in particular, before, during and after hospitalisation.

The subsidiary objects, as listed in the Constitution of Children in Hospital Ireland, are:

- i) To recruit and train members of the public to volunteer to assist in promoting the Main Object of the Company.
- ii) To bring the particular healthcare needs of children, before, during and after hospitalisation, including their developmental and emotional needs, to the notice of policy-makers, those employed in the provision of healthcare services for children, those responsible for the training of staff in the medical, nursing, social care and other health-related professions, teachers, parents and families, and the public in general.
- iii) To persuade hospital administrations and hospital staff at all levels to facilitate the parents and carers of children who are in hospital to stay with them and to visit without restriction.
- iv) To seek to ensure that all hospital units in which children receive care provide accommodation so that parents or carers of hospitalised children can stay with them; to seek to ensure that such hospital units provide a playroom and outdoor play space for ambulant children and for the children of visiting family members, and a restroom for parents and carers who are staying or visiting.
- v) To advocate for healthcare services that will, as far as possible, enable children to remain in their home while receiving care, with the necessary resources and supports provided for families.
- vi) To provide information for families and others concerned with the welfare of children in hospital.
- vii) To provide a means of liaison and co-ordination and a channel of communication between the Company and kindred organisations and to seek publicity for the Main Object of the Company.
- viii) To raise funds, and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whomsoever by subscription, donation or otherwise, provided that the Company shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its Main Object.

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Strategy

At the end of 2021, CIH engaged external consultants to assist in reviewing the Strategic Plan under which the organisation operated for the three-year period 2019 to 2021 and to carry out consultations with stakeholders in preparation for the development of a new strategic plan. An initial draft of a plan for the period 2022–2024 was then prepared.

However, early in 2022 CIH entered discussions with Children's Health Ireland concerning the development of our volunteer service in order to support the needs of the new children's hospital. The Board of CIH therefore decided, first, to postpone the finalisation of a new strategic plan to allow account to be taken of the outcome of these discussions and, second, to extend the 2019–2021 plan for one year, to the end of 2022.

The Strategic Plan outlines six strategic objectives; progress in relation to implementing each of these is reported below.

1. Provide support and services for children and young people in hospital and for their families

In 2022, CIH volunteers gradually returned to hospitals around Ireland, following the suspension of the volunteer-provided services in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the end of 2021, there were 56 active volunteers across four hospital sites; by the end of 2022, 182 volunteers were active across nine hospital sites. There were 66 volunteer shifts in place at the end of 2022. Hospital staff, parents and children warmly welcomed the volunteers as they returned to providing a play service.

The gradual return to volunteering took place in the context of hospitals having to maintain restrictions in order to ensure infection control. For example, restrictions continued in relation to parents staying with their child and visits from siblings. Such measures continued to be a source of stress and concern for families. In many hospitals, play rooms remained closed or were re-purposed to allow for more isolation beds and this reduced the opportunities for children to play while in hospital. This meant that the CIH play volunteers concentrated on bedside visits to children, where possible, and on providing distraction and play in outpatient and emergency departments. The *JustAsk* service in CHI at Crumlin, which provides a welcoming and way-finding service for families, supported 4,760 families in 2022 and distributed 7,444 colouring packs to children on their arrival into the hospital.

CIH took the opportunity of the resumption of services to re-train all volunteers in their basic training and request the renewal of Garda vetting for all volunteers. Volunteers also undertook additional training in hand hygiene and PPE for COVID risk reduction.

In addition to providing play opportunities in nine hospitals, CIH assembled over 5,000 individual play packs and donated them to children in 22 paediatric hospitals and units in 2022, increasing vital support for play during COVID and reaching beyond hospitals where CIH has a volunteer service.

On Culture Night in September 2022, the Paediatric Society of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) partnered with CIH to bring a Teddy Bear Hospital to CHI at Crumlin and CHI at Temple St. This was a great opportunity for children in hospital to experience the fun of Culture Night and take part in this important event.

During 2022, there was a significant increase in actions by CIH to engage with and support parents, particularly with the provision of information. CIH consulted with almost 200 parents/carers to find out more about their information needs when they have a child in hospital. The findings of this consultation formed the basis of a new Information Hub for parents which will be launched in 2023. This will provide parents with a central point of information on all matters relating to the non-medical aspects of a child's hospitalisation. CIH also worked with Professor Imelda Coyne in Trinity College Dublin to update the SteppingUp.ie website which provides information for teenagers on moving from paediatric to adult healthcare.

Challenges

The *JustAsk* service in CHI at Crumlin was vital to rebuilding our support throughout the pandemic and though a similar role was piloted in late 2021 in CHI at Temple St, social distancing and other infection control concerns impeded any further development of the *JustAsk* volunteer role in 2022.

CIH had also hoped to pilot some work with teenagers in hospital regarding the use of Virtual Reality headsets; however, constraints, such as Wi-Fi access and the process of obtaining consent, as well as the inability in 2022 to have any additional volunteers in the hospitals, meant that this project had to be postponed.

2. Strengthen our advocacy and education work

Policy Submissions

In 2022 CIH continued to advocate for improved supports for parents to help meet the non-medical financial costs associated with a child's care in hospital. CIH developed a Pre-Budget Submission highlighting the challenges faced

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by parents of children needing hospital care. We were pleased that Budget 2023 extended entitlement to the Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA) so that where a baby remains in an acute hospital for up to 26 weeks after birth parents will be eligible to receive the payment. Reform of the conditions of entitlement to DCA had been one of the requests made by CIH in its Pre-Budget Submission.

We also made a submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection and this submission was supported by the 15 members of the Network of Childhood Illness Organisations (NCIO).

As part of the periodic review process in relation to the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, CIH contributed to the Civil Society Alternative Report submitted to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child by the Children's Rights Alliance. In addition, CIH submitted its own thematic report to the UN Committee.

During 2022, submissions were also made as part of the review of the Implementation of the EU Child Guarantee, where we focused on pillar four 'providing effective and free access to quality healthcare to children in need' and to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) relating to the development of the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People.

Engagement with Policy Makers: CIH held five meetings with elected representatives concerning our key issues in relation to improving supports to parents when they have a child in hospital. In order to gather statistics and data, we also had 17 parliamentary questions asked on our behalf in Dáil Éireann.

As part of a special meeting of the Disability Federation of Ireland, Anna Gunning, CEO, participated in a panel discussion with Heather Humphreys, TD, Minister for Social Protection, to highlight the challenges faced by parents and families when they have a child in hospital.

Campaigns, Seminars and Events

Early in the year, CIH invited hospital play specialists and clinical nurse managers to participate in a survey on the provision of play opportunities in paediatric hospitals and units in Ireland. Thirteen play specialists and eleven nurse managers or other staff in sixteen hospitals responded to the survey. Among the key findings were that many playrooms in hospitals had remained closed or re-purposed from the time COVID restrictions came into place; eight paediatric units did not have a play specialist on staff; there was a lack of professional development opportunities for play staff; and there is a need to recruit more play specialists in paediatric hospitals and units. Following this survey, CIH organised a webinar to highlight the importance of play in hospital and the role of play specialists and play volunteers in this. The webinar received national media coverage in *The Irish Times*.

In May, CIH and Children's Heartbeat Trust NI co-hosted a conference titled 'Working Together for Families with Children in Hospital'. This was a one-day event with speakers from North and South who presented research, examples of partnership projects and testimonials from families on the challenges they experience when they have a child in hospital.

In August 2022, CIH partnered with The Irish Cancer Society to produce a report on the Hidden Cost of Hospital Car Parking for Families. This report received national media coverage across TV, radio and printed media.

Challenges

Since 2020, CIH has made significant progress in its policy and advocacy work. This was largely due to being able to employ a staff member in the post of Policy Officer. However, for the last part of 2022 funding for such a position was not available. Obtaining additional funding to resume the employment of a staff member for this role is important in ensuring that the work of the last three years in the areas of policy and advocacy can be consolidated and developed further.

3. Cultivate positive and effective working relationships

Children's Health Ireland and Hospitals

Early in the year, Children's Health Ireland indicated to CIH that it envisaged there would be need for around 500 volunteers in the new children's hospital when it opens that is, almost double the number of current volunteers across Children's Health Ireland sites. Over the course of the year, CIH held five meetings with Children's Health Ireland. These meetings focused mainly on the need to further develop the volunteer service and for additional resources to be put in place in order for CIH to gradually grow its services to meet the need. In August 2022, key staff from different departments in Children's Health Ireland along with key staff and Board members from CIH participated in a facilitated workshop to develop a vision of what the new volunteer service would look like in the new hospital in 2025.

In the regional hospitals where CIH has a volunteer service, meetings with hospital managers, clinical staff and play specialists took place throughout the year in relation to supporting their on-going needs during the COVID restrictions and towards enabling the return our volunteers to each of the hospitals.

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Charities, NGOs and Academic Institutions

CIH facilitated two meetings of the Network of Childhood Illness Organisations (NCIO) in 2022. As part of our North/South partnership, we invited Children's Heartbeat Trust NI to attend a meeting of the NCIO in February; this highlighted opportunities for cross-border partnerships between like-minded organisations. In March, Children's Health Ireland made a presentation to the Network on plans for on-going consultations with parents and families towards the development of the new children's hospital.

We continued to engage with other relevant organisations, including The Wheel, Children's Rights Alliance, Early Childhood Ireland, Family Carers Ireland, HIQA and the HSE.

As part of the development of the Information Hub and the update of the SteppingUp.ie website, we worked closely with a number of organisations in the areas of health care, disability, carer support and other charities that provide support to families of sick children.

In 2022, we continued our participation in the PPI (Public and Patient Involvement) Ignite programme, facilitated by DCU. Through this network, we developed a further partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and contributed to a research proposal of RCSI whereby CIH facilitated a consultation around young people's experience of MRI procedures in hospital.

European Association for Children in Hospital

During 2022, CIH participated in online meetings of the European Association for Children in Hospital (EACH) and through this forum was able to engage in discussion on a wide range of issues impacting on children in hospital and their families. One of the topics of interest was the development of Standards for Children having a Healthcare Test, Treatment, Examination or Intervention. These standards were developed by a team led by Professor Lucy Bray in Edge Hill University, following consultation in over 50 countries with professionals, parents and children and young people.

4. Value our volunteers

Over the course of the year, volunteers returned to their volunteering roles in nine hospitals and their commitment was hugely appreciated and recognised, especially as the volunteer role now additionally required adhering to the continuing COVID protocols, including enhanced personal protection measures, regular COVID check in with CIH staff and having up-to-date COVID vaccinations. Many volunteers who were not in a position to return to their role in the hospitals during the year continued to keep in contact with their volunteer teams, and to participate in training events and attend online meetings.

In December, each volunteer received a personalised thank you card from CIH in recognition of their commitment to the organisation and its work during what had been a difficult year.

The annual volunteer survey, carried out in December 2022, gathered feedback on many issues, including how volunteers were supported by CIH. Some of the findings are outlined below:

- 98% of volunteers said: "I feel supported by Children in Hospital Ireland in my volunteer work";
- 100% responded: "I feel I could contact someone in CIH if I had a query or concern about my role";
- 45.8% of volunteers felt their general health or wellbeing 'increased' or 'greatly increased' as a result of being a volunteer;
- 82% felt volunteering increased their sense of being part of their community;
- Out of a maximum of 5, the average rating for how communication with volunteers was managed of 4.36;
- Returning post-COVID: Volunteers said that they had felt supported in returning to their role. One commented: "You have been very supportive about the return and there has been good information and support at every point."

Three training workshops were provided for volunteers during 2022. One workshop focused on skills of self-care for volunteers and two were specific skills trainings to enhance volunteers' skills when working with children with additional needs.

Over 130 new volunteers were recruited in 2022; almost 70% of those trained were placed in a hospital before the end of the year.

Another significant recognition of the volunteer service was the increased demand from hospitals for volunteers to give dedicated one-to-one support to families who required additional hours of play support. In recognition of this need, CIH successfully applied for funding from the RTE Toy Show Appeal fund, administered by Community Foundation Ireland, to support the further development of this one-to-one service. During the year, 28 children received this particular form of volunteer support.

Challenges

Changing aspects of the volunteer roles due to COVID-19 restrictions were a challenge during 2022. Reduction in

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children's access to playrooms, including in some cases the closure of these spaces, and the limitations in providing play in the wards had obvious negative consequences for children and their families but also, in some cases, impacted on the volunteer experience.

COVID-19 vaccination requirements have meant reduced risk and enabled CIH to return volunteers to most hospitals. However, as public health restrictions for the population as a whole have been removed and requirements to show proof of vaccination in particular circumstances have ended, the requirement of hospitals that all CIH volunteers should have up-to-date vaccinations has presented an obstacle to some volunteers returning to the hospital and has posed a difficulty in the recruitment of new volunteers.

5. Strengthen CIH organisational capacity

Finance and Funding

In June 2022, CIH was informed it had not been successful in its application for the 2022–2025 round of funding under the Scheme to Support National Organisations (SSNO), which is administered by Pobal on behalf of the Department of Rural and Community Development. This was a significant challenge to the organisation as the SSNO had provided core funding for the posts of CEO and Volunteer Manager for the previous 14 years. The Board held an emergency meeting to review the situation and the implications of the loss of funding and an appeal was submitted to Pobal in August. The appeal was turned down and the possibility of SSNO funding is now closed until 2025. After a meeting with the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Joe O'Brien TD, a submission was successfully made to his department for some emergency funding to support the organisation's costs in 2022. The loss of SSNO funding was significant and as a result some staff posts remained vacant and expenditure was closely monitored. However, despite this loss in funding, CIH continued to source other funding streams and was successful in applications for funding to the Hospital Saturday Fund, the Ireland Funds and the Community Foundation Ireland Toy Show Appeal fund. Fundraising also was strong in 2022 and fundraising and donations contributed a total of over €61,000. At the end of 2022, following a written application and subsequent meetings, CIH was selected as the charity partner of Grant Thornton for the years 2023 and 2024. This is the first significant corporate partnership that CIH has attained and it helps to diversify our funding streams.

As is our established practice, we published full and unabridged accounts for the previous year, 2021, on our website; these accounts are SORP compliant.

Board Development

Each year, the Board of CIH carries out a review of its work and takes time to consider the range of skills represented on the Board, any gaps in knowledge and expertise and how to identify people who could fill those gaps. In 2022, five new members were elected to the Board at the Annual General Meeting. One new member is an active volunteer. The other new members elected were recruited to address skills gaps in areas of finance, research, operations and marketing.

Governance and Compliance

After two years of holding the Annual General Meeting via Zoom, we returned to an in-person meeting in 2022, but with a facility to join online. Following the formal business of the meeting, Grainne Bauer, Chief Director of Nursing with Children's Health Ireland, gave a presentation on the development of the new children's hospital and the anticipated need for volunteers when the hospital opens. She also thanked CIH and its volunteers for the ongoing support provided to children and their families.

The Compliance Record Form in respect of the Charities Regulator's Governance Code was updated during the year and the organisation continues to be fully compliant with all aspects of the Code. In line with the organisation's commitment to ensuring that all policies are regularly reviewed, the Board considered and approved amendments and updates to a number of policies in 2022.

Staffing

We retained the post of Policy Officer for most of 2022 which enabled the organisation to build on and extend its advocacy work in a particularly busy year with some very positive results. Our work in this area has in turn strengthened the visibility and reputation of the organisation and allowed us to confidently contribute to debates on child health and to advocate for improvements in services.

The post of Marketing and Development Manager was vacated in April and due to the loss of funding from the SSNO scheme, it was decided to put on hold recruitment for this post. In the last quarter of the year, we bought in some additional marketing resources from an external company which allowed us to build and maintain a social media presence and provided support for us in making grant applications.

Challenges

The loss of funding from the Pobal-administered SSNO scheme posed a very significant threat to the organisation as it had provided core funding for 14 years. The Board and the CEO held numerous meetings to review the risk to the organisation and to try to source other funding to mitigate the risk. This took time away from other activities but it also forced the organisation to look to develop new relationships with potential funders; ultimately, CIH managed the

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issue and finished the year with a small financial surplus.

6. Build organisational presence

The Accidental Activists – 50 Year Memoir

CIH was established in 1970 but the COVID pandemic meant that celebrations to mark the fiftieth anniversary had to be delayed. The launch of a memoir, *The Accidental Activists: the Story of the Foundation of Children in Hospital Ireland*, took place in March and was the highlight of the year. We were thrilled to welcome to the launch some of the founding and early members of the Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital (the name originally used) and to have the opportunity to celebrate the many milestones in the organisation's history. Our guest speaker on the day was Dr Tony Bates, clinical psychologist, who spoke about the impact of childhood illness from a personal perspective. The presentation was touching and insightful and provided a fitting backdrop to the celebration of the work of CIH over the five decades of its existence. The memoir is a tribute to the work carried out by volunteers and staff associated with CIH since its establishment.

Partnerships

CIH was selected as a charity partner for **Leinster Rugby** for September 2022. While this brought in some financial support, the biggest gain was in the increase in social media coverage over that month. We shared a social media calendar with Leinster Rugby which meant the promotion of our work, our recruitments and our fundraising efforts through Leinster Rugby's social media accounts.

In October, in advance of our 'Give up Your Cup' fundraising campaign, we received pro bono support from **Bloom media company** which provided us with expert professional services in creating, recording and disseminating an advertising campaign to promote this fundraising initiative.

At the end of 2022, CIH was selected as charity partner for Grant Thornton for the years 2023 and 2024.

We continue to partner with Art and Hobby and with Head in the Clouds and are very grateful for this support.

Media Coverage

In 2022, CIH gained a considerable amount of media exposure which helped to raise awareness of our advocacy work in particular. Our Pre-Budget Submission gained attention in the media with a TV interview on Virgin Media News and newspaper coverage in national and local papers. The report on hospital parking charges (issued in conjunction with the Irish Cancer Society) also gained media coverage on radio and in national newspapers.

Arising out of a seminar on play hosted by CIH on 11 October 2022, The Irish Times carried a feature piece on the importance of play in paediatric units and hospitals.

Social Media Reach

The organisation's social media reach increased throughout 2022. A significant point of note is that the followers increased not only in overall number but also in terms of the diversity of people who follow us. There was an increase of followers who are parents as a result of our work on developing the Information Hub and our followers on LinkedIn and Twitter have increased to include many organisations and individuals involved in policy, healthcare and children's rights and welfare.

Our followers on Twitter increased by 97 and Instagram followers increased by 150. At points during the year, CIH boosted our posts and increased our reach in order to attract new followers and highlight particular events or opportunities. We continued to be active on LinkedIn and increased our reach on this platform also.

Financial Review

The results for the financial year are set out on page 16 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

At the end of the financial year 2022 the company has total net assets of €252,137 (2021 €239,986). The net assets of the company at the end of 2022 have increased by €12,151. The total income in 2022 was €314,199 an increase of €27,644 from the 2021 figure, and the total expenditure in 2022 was €302,844, an increase of €31,499 over 2021.

The restricted income in the organisation (€52,458) is made up of the SSNO grant (€45,000), Other grants (€7,458). Unrestricted funds in 2022 (€228,079) came mainly from the following sources: other grants (€103,269), membership fees (€5,174), fundraising and publications (€27,106), Christmas Cards (€4,453); and Children's Health Ireland (CHI) (€88,067). The net surplus of €12,151 is totally in unrestricted funds.

Financial Procedures

CIH accounts are managed on a day-to-day basis by the CEO and the Office Administrator. The organisation

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engages an off-site accountant who prepares monthly management accounts for review by the Board of CIH. An annual budget is drafted by the CEO, reviewed and, if necessary, amended by the Finance Committee and then reviewed and approved by the Board as a whole. CIH has a reserves policy which states that the organisation maintains sufficient reserves to cover the basic running costs of the organisation for a period of six months. The reserve is kept in a separate current account. The reserve amount is kept under review by the Finance Committee and the maintenance of the reserve forms part of the organisation's risk management strategy. The full, unabridged, audited accounts are published on the CIH website annually. Although not obliged to do so, the organisation has decided to adopt SORP standards in the preparation of its annual financial statements: the accounts for each year since 2020 have been prepared in accordance with SORP.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of €389,838 (2021: €257,717) and liabilities of €137,701 (2021: €17,731). The net assets of the charity have increased by €12,151.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

CIH has a risk register which is reviewed annually by the Board. All newly-identified risks are considered and rated in terms of likelihood of the risk occurring and of how serious the impact would be; the mitigating factors are then detailed and a revised rating given.

As COVID restrictions were gradually lifted during 2022, there was a risk that some of the hospitals might review their services and decide not to provide for the return the volunteer service. Having maintained very positive relationships with hospital managements over the preceding two years, CIH was pleased that most hospitals welcomed our volunteers back before the end of the year. A further risk arising from the pandemic is the continuing requirement for volunteers to show they have received all COVID vaccines to which they are entitled. This has proven to be an obstacle for many people resuming or starting volunteering with CIH and the requirement poses a threat to the organisation's ability to recruit sufficient numbers of volunteers into 2023.

The most significant risk to CIH remains the threat of losing key sources of funding. At the end of 2022, the organisation had maintained financial stability but, like many organisations in the voluntary sector, the threat of loss of income remains very real in the absence of stable core funding. Allied to this is the threat of staff turnover due to an inability to afford salary increases that reflect increases in the cost of living.

Future Developments

In 2023 CIH expects to return volunteers to all 14 hospitals where volunteers were present in early 2020. There will be challenges in returning the volunteer numbers to the 2020 levels but the organisation is confident that it can steadily re-build the teams. The new volunteer service developed in 2022 to support families with one-to-one volunteer visits will continue to grow in 2023 as we see an increased demand from hospitals and from families for this support. As the opening of the new hospital approaches, CIH will continue to engage with Children's Health Ireland to establish what the volunteer requirements will be and how these will be resourced. With the upscaling of the volunteer service over the next two years, CIH will require additional financial and staff resources to support this development. An increased budget will demand new sources of funding and stability of funding and it is planned to approach relevant statutory agencies in this regard.

The development and launch of the Information Hub for parents will be a significant new service provided by CIH. This Information Hub will be of value to all parents and families with a child receiving hospital care and as such will be a unique, nationally available resource serving a large portion of the population. CIH will seek new funding for the maintenance and promotion of the service. To build on this work to support parents, a grant from the Hospital Saturday Fund, received at the end of 2022, will be utilised to provide a peer support programme for parents who face the challenges associated with having a child in hospital.

Funding provided by the Ireland Funds in December 2022 will allow for the employment of an Information and Communications Officer and this post will help the organisation to reach more families, potential volunteers and supporters and also extend the reach of CIH's advocacy work.

Looking towards 2023, CIH envisages holding more in-person events, including our Annual Lecture and our Volunteer Appreciation Day.

In 2023 also, CIH will develop a new strategic plan to bring the organisation to the next phase of development, in particular as it prepares to place a large number of current and new volunteers in the new children's hospital when this opens in 2025.

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Directors and Secretary

CIH is governed by a Board of Directors. The maximum number of Directors is fourteen. All Directors serve in a voluntary capacity. Nomination and election procedures for the Board are set out in the Constitution of CIH.

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

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The Chairperson who served in 2022 was Margaret Burns. The Vice-Chairperson who served during the year was Kathy Ryan.

Two people served as Secretary during the year: Suzanne Egan (until 30 November 2022) and Audrey O'Toole (appointed 30 November 2022).

The CEO, Anna Gunning, is not a member of the Board.

In accordance with the Constitution, the Directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The maximum term a Director may serve is six years, unless there are exceptional circumstances and where it is deemed to be in the best interests of the company that the Director be appointed for a further year, with the approval of the Board. Once appointed, Directors are given an induction and are asked to read and sign the Directors' Handbook and the Code of Conduct for Directors.

In 2022, the Board of CIH held eight meetings, one of which was a special meeting held in June to discuss the emergency situation which arose in relation to the loss of the SSNO funding. Each meeting of the Board has as its first item an opportunity for Board members to declare any conflict of interest which may arise for them in the meeting. The Board provides oversight and monitoring on the implementation of the organisation's strategic plan.

The Board reviews and approves the completed Compliance Record Form in respect of the Charities Governance Code issued by the Charities Regulator and ensures that the organisation notes and takes action on any areas for potential improvement.

Committees of the Board

The Board has a number of committees, each with specified Terms of Reference, and all of which report to the full Board. A chairperson for each committee is appointed by the Board. The following is a list of the committees operating in 2022 and a brief description of their role.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee assists the Board in ensuring that the financial resources of CIH are managed in a prudent and effective manner for the fulfilment of its objectives, and in compliance with legislation and regulations. The Committee monitors the organisation's income and expenditure; reviews the management accounts submitted to Board meetings; approves a draft annual budget for submission to the Board; ensures all relevant information is provided to the external auditors and reviews the draft audit before this is presented to the Board.

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee assists the Board in ensuring that the fundraising potential of CIH is realised, thereby helping to implement the objectives of the organisation. The Committee advises the Board in relation to oversight of

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fundraising activities, including ensuring that these are conducted in compliance with the requirements of regulations and governance standards. The Committee also explores opportunities for expanding existing fundraising activities and developing new fundraising initiatives.

Governance Committee

The role of the Governance Committee is to assist the Board in ensuring that CIH adheres to all applicable statutory requirements and regulatory guidelines and that all its activities reflect a commitment to good governance. The Committee's role includes assisting with the completion of the Charities Governance Code Compliance Record Form, and providing advice on Board composition and succession planning.

Policy, Advocacy and Research Committee

The purpose of the Policy, Advocacy and Research Committee is to assist the Board in advancing the policy, advocacy and research work of CIH. The Committee supports the CEO and other staff members in identifying policy issues which need to be highlighted and in bringing these to the attention of policy-makers and the general public.

Safeguarding Committee

The Safeguarding Committee advises and supports the Board in regard to child safeguarding issues. It monitors and reviews vetting decisions made by the Volunteer Manager and the CEO, following risk-assessment of information that comes to light through Garda vetting and police clearing processes, and supports staff decision-making in complex cases. At the end of each year, the Committee undertakes a review of any safeguarding concerns that have been brought to the attention of CIH during the year.

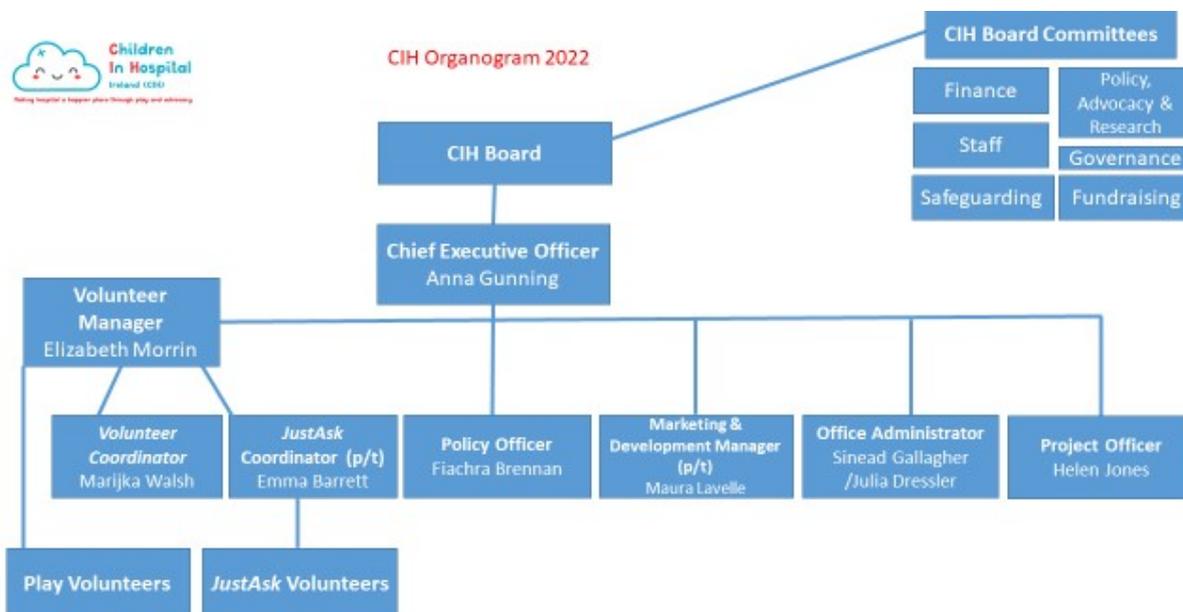
Staff Committee

The Staff Committee has responsibility for recommending to the Board the pay and conditions for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CIH and supporting the CEO in setting the remuneration policy for staff. The Committee also considers HR policy issues brought to its attention by the CEO.

The secretaries who served during the financial year were:

Suzanne Egan (Resigned 30 November 2022)

Audrey O'Toole (Appointed 30 November 2022)



Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

In 2022 Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee completed the 2021 Compliance Record Form in respect of the Charities Regulator's Governance Code and noted that it was in full compliance with Code. The compliance form is reviewed regularly and necessary amendments and additions are made.

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the NGO sector.

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Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- Children First Act 2015
- Charities Regulator's Charities Governance Code
- Charities Regulator's Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising from the Public (2017)
- Companies Act 2014
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year-end.

Chairperson's Statement

As the Directors' Annual Report outlines, 2022 was a busy and productive year for Children in Hospital Ireland (CIH). Developments of particular note were the celebration of the organisation's first half-century; progress in renewing and rebuilding the volunteer services in hospitals following the cessation of these because of the COVID-19 pandemic; engagement in planning for the expansion of the volunteer services to meet the requirements of the new children's hospital; and the strengthening of CIH's advocacy and policy work.

As CIH was founded in 1970, a number of initiatives were planned for 2020 to mark this important anniversary. It was, of course, disappointing that these had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. However, work on the preparation of a memoir to outline the origins, establishment and development of the organisation continued, and was completed in early 2022. The launch of the memoir, *The Accidental Activists: the Story of the Foundation of Children in Hospital Ireland*, in March was a joyous occasion, in particular because some of the founding and early members of the organisation were in attendance. The memoir is a very valuable record, providing a vivid account of CIH's first fifty years, including through photographs, the reproduction of archival materials, and the recollections of people involved in or associated with the organisation over the years. The Board of CIH is deeply grateful to all those who worked so hard to assemble the material for the memoir and to present it in such an attractive way.

As was the case for every organisation, COVID-19 severely affected the work of CIH from March 2020 onwards. For us, the most profound impact was the necessity to suspend the volunteer services in hospitals. The process of returning volunteers to hospitals, which had begun in a limited way towards the end of 2021, accelerated significantly in 2022, and by the end of the year there were 182 volunteers active in nine of the fourteen hospitals where CIH volunteers had been present at the beginning of 2020. The warm welcome from children and parents, as well as from hospital staff members, which volunteers received on their return was testimony to how much the services provided are appreciated and were missed. A further aspect of the renewal of the volunteer services was that it was possible to resume recruitment and 130 new volunteers were recruited and trained during the year.

Early in 2022, CIH began discussions with Children's Health Ireland concerning the development of the volunteer services so as to be able to meet the needs that will arise when the new children's hospital at the St James's site is opened early 2025. The opening of the new hospital will mean a significant change for CIH's services: the two hospitals (CHI at Crumlin and CHI at Temple Street) where the largest numbers of our volunteers serve will be closed, and not only will volunteers be moving to a new location but a much greater number will be required. Preparing for this move is a challenge for CIH but an exciting one, which we hope will provide the opportunity to expand the services not only in terms of the number of volunteers but in terms of the type of services that can be made available.

Since 2020, CIH has made significant progress in its work in the area of policy commentary and advocacy for the improvement in services for children availing of hospital care and their families. This work has had the additional advantage of enabling CIH to build relationships with other like-minded organisations, including some in Northern Ireland. During 2022, CIH's policy and advocacy work was sustained and expanded as a result of having funding to employ a policy officer for most of the year. The success of this role shows the importance of securing funding for such a post in the coming years so as to consolidate and build on the achievements of the last three years.

In concluding, I would like to express thanks to the many people and organisations that make the work of CIH possible.

On behalf of all Board members, I would like to thank CIH's volunteers and other members for their continued support and their commitment to the organisation's work.

CIH is most grateful to Children's Health Ireland, Pobal, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the charitable foundations which provided funding in support of its services and programmes undertaken throughout 2022.

The organisation also expresses its gratitude to the private companies and the many individuals who generously gave donations during the year. Given the limitations on holding fundraising events in 2022, these donations were

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especially important and appreciated.

The Board would like to thank Anna Gunning, CEO, and all other members of the staff of CIH for their invaluable contribution to advancing the goals of the organisation; we are fortunate indeed to have such a hard-working and dedicated staff team.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the people who were members of the Board of CIH during 2022. A number of people completed their terms on the Board in 2022; the organisation is indebted to them for their commitment and dedication and willingness to give generously of their time and expertise. The Board was delighted that a public advertisement inviting expressions of interest in joining the Board elicited a very positive response and at the AGM in the autumn five new members were appointed. On behalf of the organisation, I welcome them and express the hope that they will find their time with the Board to be interesting and fulfilling.

Government Department Circulars

Children in Hospital Ireland is compliant with circulars including Circular 44/2006: "Tax Clearance Procedures Grants, Subsidies and Similar Type Payments" and DPE 022/05/2013 Circular 13/2014 – "Management of and Accountability for Grants from Exchequer Funds".

Auditors

The auditors, Donal Ryan & Associates (Chartered Certified Accountants), have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Compliance Statement

The Directors are responsible for securing the company's compliance with its relevant obligations (compliance with both company and tax law) and with respect to each of the following three items, we confirm that it has been done. We confirm:

- the existence of a compliance policy statement;
- appropriate arrangements or structures put in place to secure material compliance with the company's relevant obligations;
- a review of such arrangements and structures has taken place during the year.

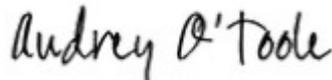
Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the Directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at Suite 113, 4–5 Burton Hall Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 23 May 2023 and Signed on Its Behalf by:



Karen Lynn
Director



Audrey O'Toole
Director

Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 the 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard, 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 charity as at the financial year end date and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, 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 charity will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and net income or expenditure of the charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the Directors' Annual 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 23 May 2023 and Signed on Its Behalf by:



Karen Lynn
Director



Audrey O'Toole
Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. 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", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2022 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 and having regard to the Charities SORP; 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 charity in accordance with 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 Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 3 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 charity'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.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. 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' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- 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 charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee

Matters on Which We Are Required to Report by Exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Annual Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not complied with by the company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective Responsibilities

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 15, 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 they 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 charity'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 intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Further Information Regarding the Scope of Our Responsibilities As Auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee

The Purpose of Our Audit Work and to Whom We Owe Our Responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 any responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Donal Ryan FCCA AITI

For and on Behalf of

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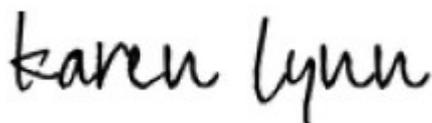
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

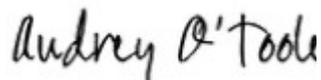
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 €	Restricted Funds 2022 €	Total 2022 €	Unrestricted Funds 2021 €	Restricted Funds 2021 €	Total 2021 €
Income							
Donations and legacies	4.1	33,662	-	33,662	44,449	-	44,449
Charitable activities	4.2	228,079	52,458	280,537	139,901	102,205	242,106
Other income	4.3	796	-	796	850	-	850
Total Income		262,537	52,458	314,995	185,200	102,205	287,405
Expenditure							
Raising funds	5.1	4,450	-	4,450	5,119	-	5,119
Charitable activities	5.2	243,339	55,055	298,394	167,428	98,798	266,226
Total Expenditure		247,789	55,055	302,844	172,547	98,798	271,345
Net Income/(Expenditure)		14,748	(2,597)	12,151	12,653	3,407	16,060
Transfers between funds		(2,597)	2,597	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds for the Financial Year		12,151	-	12,151	12,653	3,407	16,060
Reconciliation of Funds							
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2022	14	236,579	3,407	239,986	223,926	-	223,926
Balances Carried Forward at 31 December 2022		248,730	3,407	252,137	236,579	3,407	239,986

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 23 May 2023 and Signed on Its Behalf by:



Karen Lynn
Director



Audrey O'Toole
Director

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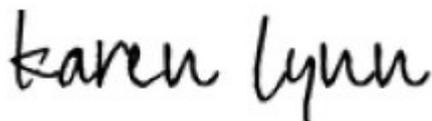
BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	€	€
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	2,484	3,550
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Current Assets			
Debtors	9	5,380	8,643
Cash at bank and in hand		381,974	245,524
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		387,354	254,167
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Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year	10	(137,701)	(17,731)
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Net Current Assets		249,653	236,436
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Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		252,137	239,986
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Funds			
Restricted trust funds		3,407	3,407
Unrestricted designated funds		(500)	98,471
General fund (unrestricted)		249,230	138,108
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Total Funds	14	252,137	239,986
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 23 May 2023 and Signed on Its Behalf by:



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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 €	2021 €
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net movement in funds		12,151	16,060
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		1,066	1,091
		<u>13,217</u>	<u>17,151</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		3,263	2,225
Movement in creditors		119,970	(36,357)
		<u>136,450</u>	<u>(16,981)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments to acquire tangible assets		-	(1,352)
			<u>(1,352)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		136,450	(18,333)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1 January 2022		245,524	263,857
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31 December 2022	19	381,974	245,524

Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office of the company is Suite 113, 4–5 Burton Hall Road, Sandymount, Dublin 18, Republic of Ireland which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102".

The charity has applied the Charities SORP on a voluntary basis as its application is not a requirement of the current regulations for charities registered in the Republic of Ireland.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2014, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats, as outlined in the Companies Act 2014, are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with sections 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Fund Accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Children in Hospital Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

Income from Charitable Activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the charity is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

-Time based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases the charity recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the charity is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Expenditure

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Exceptional Items

Exceptional items are those that in the directors' view are required to be separately disclosed by virtue of their size or incidence to enable a full understanding of the company's financial performance.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 10% remaining balance and 33% straight line

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

Children in Hospital Ireland is registered as a charitable organisation with the Revenue Commissioners, and is, therefore, not liable for corporation tax.

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3. PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR AUDITS OF SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charitable companies of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

4. INCOME

4.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2022 €	2021 €
Donations and legacies	33,662	-	33,662	44,449

4.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2022 €	2021 €
HSE Grant	-	-	-	39,817
Other Grants	103,269	7,458	110,727	-
Covid-19: Stability Scheme	-	-	-	10,777
Art & Hobby	10	-	10	1,101
Membership Fees	5,174	-	5,174	4,002
Pobal	-	45,000	45,000	90,000
Fundraising/Publications	27,106	-	27,106	4,695
Christmas Cards	4,453	-	4,453	7,326
CHI at Crumlin	-	-	-	16,750
<i>Just Ask</i> programme	-	-	-	30,250
Lauritzson Foundation	-	-	-	24,703
Training Links	-	-	-	12,205
DCU	-	-	-	480
Children's Health Ireland (CHI)	88,067	-	88,067	-
	228,079	52,458	280,537	242,106

The whole of the company's income is attributable to its market in the Republic of Ireland and is derived from the principal activity of the promotion of the welfare of sick children, before, during and after hospitalisation. In 2022, there was a significant change from previous years in the payment process for some grants received by the organisation. As a result, income from Children's Health Ireland in 2022 was in the form of a single payment of €88,067; this replaced income that in previous years appeared under the headings 'HSE', CHI at Crumlin and *JustAsk*.

4.3 OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2022 €	2021 €
VAT Compensation Scheme	796	-	796	850

5. EXPENDITURE

5.1 RAISING FUNDS

	Direct Costs €	Other Costs €	Support Costs €	2022 €	2021 €
Fundraising Events	4,450	-	-	4,450	5,119

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5.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs €	Other Costs €	Support Costs €	2022 €	2021 €
Programme Costs	17,179	-	-	17,179	16,640
Staff Costs	209,095	-	-	209,095	190,491
Other Staff Costs	3,377	-	-	3,377	4,668
Office Costs	39,016	-	-	39,016	32,678
IT & Communications	14,987	-	-	14,987	7,532
Professional Fees & Other	10,142	-	-	10,142	10,793
Governance Costs (Note 5.3)	-	4,598	-	4,598	3,424
	<u>293,796</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,394</u>	<u>266,226</u>
	<u>293,796</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,394</u>	<u>266,226</u>
	<u>293,796</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,394</u>	<u>266,226</u>
5.3 GOVERNANCE COSTS	Direct Costs €	Other Costs €	Support Costs €	2022 €	2021 €
Audit Fees	-	3,394	-	3,394	3,372
Governance Expenses	-	1,204	-	1,204	52
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>3,424</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>3,424</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>3,424</u>
6. NET INCOME				2022 €	2021 €
Net Income Is Stated After Charging/(Crediting):					
Depreciation of tangible assets				1,066	1,091
Auditor's remuneration:					
- audit services				<u>3,394</u>	<u>3,372</u>

7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of Employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the financial year was as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Staff	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
The staff costs comprise:	2022 €	2021 €
Wages and salaries	188,830	171,968
Social security costs	20,265	18,523
	<u>209,095</u>	<u>190,491</u>

The company does not have any employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period exceed €60,000 and the company does not make any employer pension contributions for employees, therefore no table has been prepared to accompany the report as otherwise required under DPE 022/05/2013 Circular: 13/2014.

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Total €
Cost		
At 31 December 2022	23,399	23,399
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2022	19,849	19,849
Charge for the financial year	1,066	1,066
At 31 December 2022	20,915	20,915
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2022	2,484	2,484
At 31 December 2021	3,550	3,550
9. DEBTORS	2022	2021
	€	€
Prepayments	1,544	2,227
Accrued Income	3,836	6,416
	5,380	8,643
10. CREDITORS	2022	2021
Amounts Falling Due within One Year	€	€
Taxation and social security costs	12,203	12,757
Pension accrual	(10)	(34)
Accruals	4,906	5,008
Deferred Income	120,602	-
	137,701	17,731
11. Deferred Income	2022	2021
	€	€
Ireland Funds	20,000	-
Toy Show	33,102	-
Temple St	6,000	-
HSF Hospital SAT	13,500	-
PJD CFI	48,000	-
	120,602	-

The deferred income relates to grants received in 2022 for programmes that will extend into or take place entirely in 2023.

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12. Funding from Government Department

Agency	Pobal
Government Department	Department of Rural and Community Development
Grant Programme	Community services
Purpose of the Grant	Support children within the healthcare system
Term	Expired 30 June 2022
Total Fund	€45,000
Expenditure	€45,000
Received in the financial year	31 December 2022
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	Salaries

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13. OTHER GRANTS

During 2022 the company received the followings funds:

Grant Programme	Ireland Funds
Deferred income b/fwd from 2021	-
Total Grant Received in the year	€20,000
Fund (deferred) or due at financial year end	(€20,000)
Total Grant taken to income in the year	-
Expenditure in the year	-
Term	Expires 31 December 2023
Received in the financial year	31 December 2023
Grant Programme	Temple St. – GAP Funding
Deferred income b/fwd from 2021	-
Total Grant Received in the year	€6,000
Fund (deferred) or due at financial year end	(€6,000)
Total Grant taken to income in the year	-
Expenditure in the year	-
Term	Expires 31 December 2023
Received in the financial year	31 December 2022
Grant Programme	HSF Hospital Saturday Fund
Deferred income b/fwd from 2021	-
Total Grant Received in the year	€13,500
Fund (deferred) or due at financial year end	(€13,500)
Total Grant taken to income in the year	-
Expenditure in the year	-
Term	N/A
Received in the financial year	31 December 2022
Grant Programme	Pyjama Day Fund, Community Foundation Ireland
Deferred income b/fwd from 2021	-
Total Grant Received in the year	€73,600
Fund (deferred) or due at financial year end	(€48,000)
Total Grant taken to income in the year	-
Expenditure in the year	-
Term	Expires 31 December 2023
Received in the financial year	31 December 2022
Grant Programme	RTE Toy Show Fund, Community Foundation Ireland
Deferred income b/fwd from 2021	-
Total Grant Received in the year	€39,000
Fund (deferred) or due at financial year end	(€33,102)
Total Grant taken to income in the year	-
Expenditure in the year	-
Term	Expires 31 December 2023
Received in the financial year	31 December 2022

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14. FUNDS

14.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Total Funds €
At 1 January 2021	223,926	-	223,926
Movement during the financial year	12,653	3,407	16,060
At 31 December 2021	236,579	3,407	239,986
Movement during the financial year	12,151	-	12,151
At 31 December 2022	248,730	3,407	252,137

14.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 January 2022 €	Income €	Expenditure €	Transfers between funds €	Balance 31 December 2022 €
Restricted Funds					
Restricted	3,407	52,458	55,055	2,597	3,407
Unrestricted Funds					
Designated funds	-	(500)	-	-	(500)
Unrestricted General	236,579	263,037	247,789	(2,597)	249,230
	236,579	262,537	(247,789)	(2,597)	248,730
Total Funds	239,986	314,995	302,844	-	252,137

15. STATUS

In this report, the Directors of Children in Hospital Ireland present a summary of the organisation's purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 2022.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding €2.

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The charity had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 31 December 2022.

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17. GRANTS FROM POBAL

During the year, the company received grants from Pobal. The funding was received from the "Scheme to Support National Organisations" (SSNO) programme sponsored by the Department of Community and Rural Development.

The funding was to pay towards the salary of two core posts in the organisation, CEO and Volunteer Manager, as detailed below:

From 1st January 2022 to 30th June 2022 the funding covered:

89.3% of CEO

91.4% of Volunteer Manager.

The Grant awarded for the three-year period July 1st 2019 to June 30th 2022 was €270,000. Payments were made on a phased basis over the three years.

	2022 €	2021 €
Pobal SSNO	<u>45,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with related parties during the period requiring disclosure.

19. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022 €	2021 €
Cash and bank balances	<u>381,974</u>	<u>245,524</u>

21. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 23rd May 2023.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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	2022 €	2021 €
Income		
HSE Grant	-	39,817
Children's Health Ireland	88,067	-
Other Grants	110,727	95,165
Donations	33,662	44,449
Art & Hobby	10	1,101
Membership Fees	5,174	4,002
Pobal	45,000	90,000
Fundraising/Publications	27,106	4,695
Christmas Cards	4,453	7,326
	<u>314,199</u>	<u>286,555</u>
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	188,830	171,968
Social security costs	20,265	18,523
Training & Supports	1,688	3,031
Recruitment	360	286
Admin staff costs	1,233	1,095
Rent	22,448	24,171
Volunteer & Programme Support costs	16,155	15,992
Governance	1,204	52
Insurance	1,759	1,797
Design and Printing	4,093	387
Office Equipment	677	704
Photocopying and office supplies	258	392
Travel, advertising and promotion	96	256
Telephone and post	5,281	3,870
IT costs	3,882	4,384
Payroll	698	662
Fundraising	1,720	1,544
Christmas Cards	2,730	3,575
Legal and professional	-	2,433
Marketing & PR	11,105	933
Research & Advocacy	824	649
Accountancy	5,625	4,550
Auditor's/Independent Examiner's remuneration	3,394	3,372
Bank charges	320	282
Storage Space	3,434	2,480
Subscriptions	3,499	2,866
Limerick Branch Expenses	200	-
Depreciation	1,066	1,091
	<u>302,844</u>	<u>271,345</u>
Miscellaneous Income		
VAT Compensation Scheme	796	850
Net Surplus	<u>12,151</u>	<u>16,060</u>