

**Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG T/A
Kerry Cancer Support Group
Annual Report and Financial Statement
for year end Dec 31st 2023
Registered Charity No 20074159**



“We believe that everyone should have access to our services no matter what their circumstances are. With more and more people using our services each year, the need for them is constantly growing. Thanks to our loyal and committed fundraisers and donors, 83.2% of our income came from voluntary giving and fundraising in 2023”

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Revenue Number	CHY 19048
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Chairperson’s Statement

for the year ended 31 December 2023

To all our service users, volunteers, staff, directors and all other stakeholders, I am very proud to have been involved with Kerry Cancer Support Trust for the past eleven years and to have been Chairperson for 8 of those and this was my last year in the role.

I have seen the organisation grow from having one vehicle to now transporting service users from all over Kerry, West Cork and West Limerick to both Cork and Limerick. We have become one of the most trusted providers of Healthlink Transport in the region.

2023 was another very successful year for the Charity and I am delighted to say that the public along with many trusted brands in the county and beyond continue to support us to provide our current services and also to help us plan to expand and improve. We had many successful fundraisers and a beautiful event in The Rose Hotel to launch our newest vehicle.

I would like to sincerely thank our service manager Breda, admin/accounts Trish for their hard work and dedication throughout last year. They were fully committed to looking after the service users both to Cork and Limerick as their first priority. It is because of dedicated people like them that every service user was looked after. A debt of gratitude goes to our drivers who work tirelessly to make everyone’s journey as comfortable as possible. Paudie Collins and his team are a vital part of our team and we are extremely grateful to have them. We have a bank of volunteers who give their time to the charity and they were invaluable to us in 2023. They stepped up to make sure we stayed running and that every appointment was met. Thanks to each and every one of them.

My fellow board members are always available when they were needed to advise and help where needed and 2023 was no different. We are very lucky to have people of their calibre available to us.

I would also like to thank anybody else whose name I have not included for your help and support during 2023.

I would now like to finish by wishing all our service users every blessing and I look forward to continuing to work with all of

Dan Hoan

Chairperson



Service Manager's Statement
For year end 31-12-2023

2023 was marked by significant growth and development for Kerry Cancer Support Group. Early in the year, we were pleased to receive part funding from Clár to purchase a wheelchair-accessible vehicle for our Cork route. This support allowed us to begin planning and sourcing the right vehicle while also securing the remaining funds needed to complete the purchase.

We were fortunate to have our ambassador, Colm Cooper, join forces with a dedicated committee to organize a highly successful golf classic at Killarney Golf Course in March. The event was instrumental in raising the additional funds required, and we were thrilled to purchase our new state-of-the-art vehicle in April. The vehicle was officially launched in May at a well-attended event at The Rose Hotel.

Our core services remained in high demand throughout the year, and we transported service users to 4,388 cancer-related appointments in 2023, representing a 12% increase over the previous year. Kerry Motor Works continued their invaluable support by presenting the charity with a 232 Ford Kuga Hybrid Jeep in the latter half of the year. We were also fortunate to welcome five new volunteer drivers to our team, whose contributions significantly benefited both service users and the charity, ensuring that we could cover all appointments without leaving anyone behind.

As always, managing costs was a priority, particularly in light of the rising cost of living. However, we were fortunate to receive many fuel donations for our vehicles, which helped to keep our expenses in check.

Our efforts to raise awareness also continued, with visits to schools and community groups across the county to discuss the SunSmart initiative and the various screening programs available. Additionally, we set up information stands at various county events to further our outreach.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our funders for their continued support in helping us deliver our services and uphold our mission. I am especially grateful to Trish, our drivers, and all our volunteers for their unwavering dedication to the charity. 2023 was a particularly busy year, and I am always profoundly appreciative of the reliability and hard work of our team. I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to our Board of Trustees for their commitment and professional expertise, which ensures that Kerry Cancer Support Group meets the highest standards of governance.

As we look ahead, I am mindful of the many new service users we will welcome in the coming year. I eagerly anticipate meeting them and continuing to provide the highest quality service, as we have consistently done in the past.



Service Manager



About Kerry Cancer Support Group



To everyone at Kerry Cancer Support Group,
I travelled with you for five weeks. You provide such a great service. It is hard to describe the kindness that you all show. My driver was fantastic. Thank you all so much.
-Eileen, North Kerry



Organisation Background

Kerry Cancer Support Trust is a volunteer led, community-based charity that provide cancer support services and facilities free of charge to people affected by cancer in Kerry, West Cork and parts of Limerick.

Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG founded in 2007, it is a registered charity (number 20074159) and the support services provided to and availed of families and individuals are unique in Ireland. Since its establishment Kerry Cancer Support Trust core belief has been and remains that no one should face their cancer journey alone and that each family and individual deserves to be resourced, supported and cared for along the physical and emotional route to treatment and ideally recovery.

Kerry Cancer Support Trust provides caring, person centered services for service users. Specifically, it provides free, safe, friendly and compassionate transport services to three main cancer centres and other satellite locations, tackling isolation, mitigating risk to treatment, bridging transport services, developing awareness and information service to schools and community groups and a peer companion service.

Kerry Cancer Support Trust works in partnership with the HSE, the medical profession (Bons, Mater Private), the NCCP and other relevant agencies. Kerry Cancer Support Trust are independently governed and operated and are not funded, currently, by any national cancer organisations or don't receive any statutory funding. The demand for Kerry Cancer Support Trust Healthlink transport service has been increasing each year. Since the service launched in 2010 Kerry Cancer Support Trust have safely and kindly transported over 7,000 individuals to their cancer related appointments in a peer supported service. The transport service costs approximately €5,500 per week to operate. This is financially supported through sponsorship and fund-raising activities and receives no statutory financial support. This is highly cost-effective when the financial, practical and emotional costs are factored into alternative private and public transport options.

Vision - To provide an unparalleled experience as the most trusted partner for health care transport in the region

Mission - No one should face their cancer journey alone: Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG is devoted to maintaining a warm, welcoming environment while ensuring that service users have immediate access to our free programmes and resources. Our professional staff strive to help people affected by cancer in a way that is as supportive and helpful as possible to achieve the highest quality of life. Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG is a community-based, volunteer-driven, community-supported organisation



Our Values

Provision of professional service - We are committed to providing a professional service that meets the needs of our service users, their families and the medical communities that we transport to.

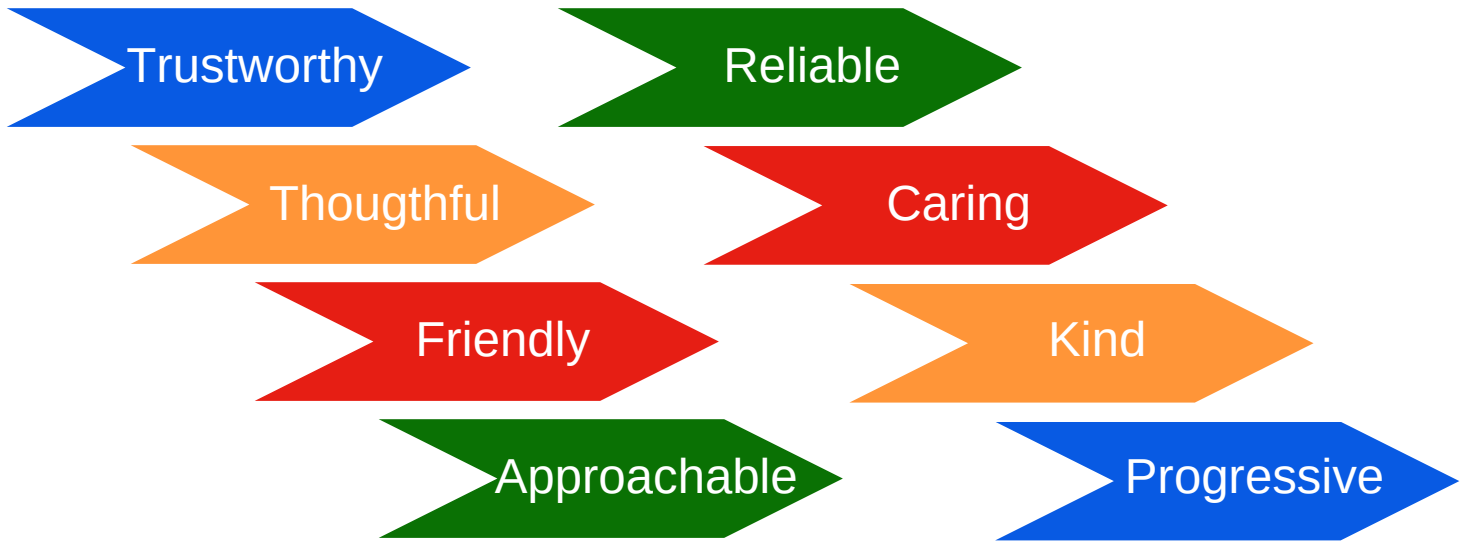
Continuous improvement - we will always strive to find ways to improve and develop our service to the best benefit of our service users

Integrity - Our actions and relationships with our stakeholders are characterised by honesty, openness and transparency in all our dealings

Accountability - we are accountable for our decisions and actions- to our service users, funders, staff, volunteers, members, partner companies and stakeholders.



Our Personality



To all the team, Mike, you are not only a driver, you are an all-rounder and a true gent. Breda, do you ever switch off your phone!! You answered my first call and put me at ease to start my journey with your kind words and advice. Trish, always made me smile. All of the ladies who knit and crochet those wonderful blankets, thanks for your wonderful gift. It will be treasured. You all made my journey so much easier than I ever imagined.

*A million thanks.
-Jackie, Tralee*

The first call to the girls at the centre reassured me. Their kindness and good humor put me at ease. The bus was never once late. I could set my watch by it. The hospital were so right to recommend Kerry Cancer Support Group."

- Denis, Mid Kerry



Our Purpose

The main object for which the Company is established is a charitable organisation, established to provide caring, person centred services. It provides free, safe, friendly and compassionate transport to cancer treatment centres and other satellite locations, tackling isolation and mitigating risk to treatment. It also provides a bridging transport service, awareness and information sessions to schools and community groups and a peer companion service.



Strategic Objectives 2022 - 2024

In 2022 - 2024 Kerry Cancer Support Trust put a strategic plan in place and part of this was to in pursue 5 strategic goals.

These are:

Goals –

- To expand and improve the service to reach and support a wider community
- To provide a service that is accessible to everyone
- To provide information and awareness about cancer in our community
- To create new ways to support our service users in practical ways
- To change lives by inspiring and engaging a range of supporters through volunteering and fundraising

We have considered the Charities Legislation which sets out the requirements for charities to demonstrate their aims and activities are for public benefit. We can confirm that we have had regard to the Charities Regulatory Authority's guidance on public benefit. Our services are available to anyone who needs them, within the limits of our resources. The people who are our beneficiaries are at the heart of everything we do in line with our values as described above.



The model which underpins the 14 years' growth of Kerry Cancer Support Trust continues to be robust. The organisation's reputation is founded on strong values vested in a professional approach to the care and support of people who are going through their cancer journey. High calibre, paid staff, are complemented by dedicated volunteers. Ongoing support from the public and gaining access to new funding streams year on year remains a key strength, as does the excellent working relationship with the centres that we transport to. These fundamentals provide confidence as to the sustainability of Kerry Cancer Support Trust.

Strategic Priority 1 - To expand and improve the service to reach and support a wider community

- Objective - Identify better ways to link with patients and health providers - We met with GP liaison officer for Munster to try see if the path to treatment can be made easier for patients in remote areas ie. Be seen at their nearest centre. We have improved on our direct referral from all the centres that we travel to. This shows in the increase in demand for our services.

Strategic Priority 2 - To expand and improve the service to reach and support a wider community

- Objective New Bus 22 - There were delays with delivering this in 2022 due to funding applications. However we achieved it in 2023 when we replaced our Cork bus with a 33 seat wheelchair accessible one.
- Objective Improve peer companion service - we have identified past service users who have joined as volunteer Peer Companions. They are there to lend a hand, listen or provide practical assistance like travel with a new service user if needed.

Strategic Priority 3 - To provide information and awareness about cancer in our community

- Objective - to engage a wider range of groups to avail of our awareness talks - letters sent to all TY co-ordinators, primary schools, GAA Clubs and advertise the service on local radio. - We did see an increase in the uptake from schools and groups and hope to continue to grow this service.

Strategic Priority 4 - To create new ways to support our service users in practical ways

- Objective Identify Volunteer Reps in strategic areas in the county to support our service users - we now have volunteer drivers in different locations around the county. This means that they don't have to drive long distances to pick up a service user and also makes the service accessible to more people. We have also engaged the services of taxi providers where we do not have volunteers. This ensures that no one is left without transport when it is needed

Strategic Priority 5 - To change lives by inspiring and engaging a range of supporters through volunteering and fundraising

- Objective Identify ways to recruit specific volunteers with skill sets to benefit organisation.- we have linked with our local volunteer centre to help find volunteers for specific events. This has made a big difference to the organisation.
- Objective Identify particular funding streams – we haven't been successful in obtaining regular statutory funding but have identified many companies who give us regular funding through community benefit funds.



What Kerry Cancer Support Group Is All About

Kerry Cancer Support Group Health Link Transport is run by a voluntary Board and has 2 staff members and was established 14 years ago to provide essential transport services to and from Cork to enable Cancer Patients attend appointments to receive treatment. To date the 100% voluntary funded organisation has provided transport to 75% of those diagnosed in the region to cancer related appointments.

From humble beginnings in 2010 we now provide practical free services to our service users such as a bus services 5 days a week, bridging transport service, information service to schools and community groups and a peer companion service.

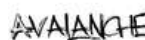
Over 2 million km has been covered while taking service users to 8 hospitals across Cork, Limerick and Galway in the past 14 years. We work in partnership with the HSE, the medical profession, the ICS, NCCP and other relevant agencies. We are independently governed and operated and don't receive any statutory funding apart from our local council.

The service is only made possible by the dedication of our bus drivers and volunteers. We help people through their journey with the help of funding of community groups, donations, sponsorship and fundraising activities. On average there are 200 fundraisers held each year for the service.

What we do -

Principal Activities

- Healthlink transport - The principal activity for which the Company is established is to act as a charitable organisation that provides transport free of charge to those needing it to cancer treatment in a safe, secure, confidential and supportive manner and to also provide support and information to those using our service and to the wider community.
- Bridging Transport – supported individual transport to cancer related appointments where no other service meets patients' needs referred by medical centres
- Information and Awareness – Raising awareness around cancer prevention in the community.
- Peer Companion – Peer Companions are past service users who meet/talk with new one to help them through their journey
- Centre – Centre in Maine St Tralee where service users can drop in for a chat, information and support around their cancer journey
- Research and Development - Kerry Cancer Support Group does not engage in research and development



Healthlink transport – 2023 we transported patients to 3888 cancer related appointments at the Glandore Centre CUH, Hillman Cancer Centre Bons, Mercy Hospital, South Infirmary, Lee Clinic, Cork Clinic and Breast Check in Cork. We transported 1315 to the Mid Western Radiation Oncology Centre in Limerick. We did 181 trips in our bridging transport referred service and our volunteer drivers did 71 trips. This service looked after patients to appointments referred by oncology teams and to centres that our buses don't travel to. We have seen a rise on referrals from oncology social workers. This has meant adding extra services and recruiting more volunteer drivers. We have also had to liaise with some taxi providers in the county connect patients with our service. We cover the cost of this for the patient where needed. We covered all appointments and no one missed out on treatment in 2023.



Information and Awareness - 2023 was better with everything back to normal post covid and we were able to resume full in person information sessions. Breda gave many talks to school groups both primary and secondary (primary talks focus on sunsmart and the sunsmart code), GAA Clubs, men's and women's groups.



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



SEEK



SLIDE



Peer Companion – In 2023 we continued to have service users anxious about diagnosis and just needed reassurance. We in consultation with the hospitals put them in touch with past service users to have a friendly chat to put their minds at rest. We facilitate this over the phone or in person. We will do whatever makes our service user feel most at ease.



Blankets of Hope – Our blankets of hope initiative continues to grow and we now have 8 groups located all around the county and beyond crafting beautiful blankets for our welcome/care packs. These groups not only provide the blankets for the service but are also a social outlet and support network for many of those who attend them. The care packs are given to service users when they start with us and contain the beautiful hand crafted blanket along with toiletries that are safe to use during treatment.



Main Centres we transport to

Glandore Centre CUH



Bons Cork



Mid Western Centre UHL



Satellite Centres

Mercy Hospital Cork



South Infirmary Cork



St Catherine's Cork



South Infirmary Cork



Cork Clinic



Breast Check Cork



University Hospital Kerry



University Hospital Galway



2023 in Review



To All Involved

Thank you for the amazing standard of service and care that was given to our Dad/Grandad. What he experienced was so much more than just a lift up and down to treatment. It was one less worry to have, it was comfort and comradery where otherwise there would have been none. It was positivity in a sea of negativity.

To know that this service is available to people during one of the worst periods of time in their lives, especially in the times that we are in now, is such an inspiration and a credit to all involved.

Please accept this donation to your service from our family as a sign of our gratitude. We hope that it will help in some small way with the amazing service that is being provided. Once again thank you from the bottom of our hearts and please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any help with your service in the future.



2023 at a Glance

January - This is always a busy month for us with reflection on the year past and planning for the year ahead. We hit the ground running and having been very lucky to be approved for Clár measure 2 funding for our new wheelchair accessible vehicle we set up a committee to organise a golf classic in March. This group was headed by Colm Cooper with Members Jenny Piggott, Micheál Ó’Cinnéide, Board Member Maurice Laide and Manager Breda Dyland all stepping up to help out. While this was going on to raise the funds we started the procurement process to purchase the new bus and in the background January is the month when our audit starts.

February - Literary evenings at The Rose Hotel with Emma, Larkin, Victoria Kennefick and Liz Quirke took place compared by our Board Secretary Seán Lyons. Breda delivered awareness and prevention talks to Tureencahill Community Group, did a piece on Radio Kerry for World Cancer Day on February 4th and visited schools to raise awareness around the HPV vaccine catch up programme. We had an awareness and prevention stand at the Lions Club fair in Killarney. The Tureencahill tractor run took place and Tralee postman Aidan Griffin Shaved his head for the charity.



March - We launched our Golf Classic with Colm Cooper and Lisa ummins from the Mater Private. The literary evenings at The Rose concluded with Amanda Geard. There was a reggae night in the Inn Between in Beaufort and the annual Barraduff tractor run was very well attended. We continued to raise awareness on the HPV vaccination catch up programme.

We celebrated our wonderful service users and volunteers on International Women’s Day. We were part of an information and awareness day at The Skellig Hotel with Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership and our Golf Classic was a great success at the end of March.

April - We had the Maurice Collins Vintage weekend at Easter. Thomas O’Callaghan from Dingle launched his charity CD at Benners in Dingle. The Conroy family held the first Brendan Conroy Memorial Golf day. We delivered breast cancer awareness talks at local GAA clubs as part of the Healthy Club Initiative. Fine weather meant our sunscreen board was back out at our centre in Maine St.





Following a very rigorous process Noone Turas in Straffan won the process and we picked up our brand new wheelchair accessible bus in April.



May - Awareness talks to schools in the region continued. Breda met with the newly formed support group in Millstreet.

Phobail Scoil Sliabh Luachra had their annual Pink Day to raise breast cancer awareness. We had a few Choir performances, in Macroom, Castleisland and in Killorglin. Eoghan Galvin ran from home in Tralee over the Conor Pass to



work in Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne. There was a run in Killarney in memory of Mike Clifford and Killarney Lions Club held their Golf Day.

June - Sun-Smart talks took place in local primary schools getting the message out that even in Ireland we need to be aware of the damage exposure to the sun can do and that early intervention and protection is always best. We were on the Joe McGill show on Radio Kerry and were presented with the proceeds from Radio Bingo the same day. Philip Kissane took part in the Cork City Marathon and we held the official launch for our new bus at the Rose Hotel in Tralee.



July - We took our awareness to the Dingle Agri-cultural show.

August - Endurance runner Tom Foley took part in the race across Scotland. We were a beneficiary of the Tom Crean Dingle Peninsula 24 hour challenge. We were invited and attended Dingle races with an awareness stand. Councillor Martin Grady signed up to make a monthly donation to the charity. Paudie Horgan who had been growing his hair for nine years shaved it off in memory of his mother Noreen. Ceann Sibéal held their annual Seniors event for the charity and we had a spinathon in Dingle.



September - We were once again one of the beneficiaries for Wild Water Adventures Dip in the Nip. This has become a very popular good will event with many of those taking part being women who have been through a cancer journey or have had family or friends who have been through one. We had the Seán Ó'Sé memorial tractor run in Caherciveen and a walk to remember the late Jim O'Connor on the Abbeyfeale to Listowel Greenway.



October - October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and we had all of the usual awareness raising campaigns along with talks to local women’s groups. Miriam Costello and Donna Ahearne had their annual event where people kindly sponsor the toiletry products that go into the care packs that we give to our service users. One of our regular fundraisers Margaret Fleming organised a dance in Scartaglen. We had the annual Halloween 5K fun run in Causeway and there was a vintage tractor run in Duagh. A new linac machine called the Halcyon for radiotherapy was installed in the Mid Western Radiation Oncology Centre in Limerick. It is the first of its kind in Ireland and will reduce treatment times. One of our service users was one of the first patients to use it and said that it greatly reduced his anxiety and made the whole experience a lot better.



November - Was lung cancer awareness month. We had an information and awareness day in Castleisland day-care centre. We were presented with some beautiful blankets for our care packs afterwards. Gina Herlihy launched her Monster Christmas Raffle. Jack Fitzgerald organised a music event in Sheila Buns in Killorglin. The Village Inn in Kilcummin held the village’s first ever tractor run. There was a coffee morning in O’Sullivan’s The Bridge Café in Killorglin. The literary evenings at The Rose were back with Nuala Moore, Roisin Meany and Noel Duggan, all ably MCed by our own Sean Lyons. We finished the month with a book signing with Donal Murphy in Knocknagoshal.



December - Gina Herlihy held her monster Christmas on the 8th of December live on Facebook to officially start our run up to the season. Jimmy Briens Bar in Killarney in conjunction with Skellig Chocolates replaced turkeys with chocolate chickens and they proved hugely popular with some being shipped as far as China all in aid of the charity. We had a beautiful Christmas Carol service in the parish church in Castleisland by the Castleisland Parish Choir. Paidí ó Sé's hosted a raffle on Christmas Eve. We had our Annual Christmas Day swim on Inch Beach. The John Street Wren and Dreolín an Chuasa both raised funds on St Stephens Day and we ended the year with the Aidan Daily Memorial Run in Currow.

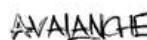


Mater Private sponsored Golf Classic 31st March 2023

A committee was formed in late 2022 and set to work in January 2023 to raise the remaining funds for the new wheelchair accessible vehicle for our Cork route. The committee was headed by Colm Cooper assisted by Jenny Piggott, Micheál Ó’Cinnéide, Maurice Laide and Breda Dyland. The Mater Private Limerick very generously agreed to come on board as the main sponsor of the event which took place in the beautiful Killarney Golf an Fishing Club. We had some very inclement weather in the run up to the event but we were able to go ahead and 27 teams teed off and had a very enjoyable day with prizes and a fantastic raffle all done afterwards in the clubhouse after a beautiful meal.



Above are only a sample of the shots from the day. All are available on our Facebook page. We want to thank everyone who played and supported in any way to make the day a fantastic success.



Bus Launch at The Rose Hotel

We officially launched our new Cork bus at an event at The Rose Hotel on the 25th of June. It was an afternoon to thank our funders and supporters but most of all a get-together for past and present users of the service. The new state of the art vehicle is fully accessible with an automatic wheelchair lift installed. It has a full leather interior with zoned and boosted heating systems. It also has a special air filtration system along with the most up to date air conditioning unit. Our Chairman Dan Horan welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Fr Tom Looney followed assisted by Reverend Jim Stephens and Thomas O'Callaghan with a short service and the bus was blessed and its driver Mike Brosnan from Castleisland cut the ribbon to a very positive cheer from everyone present. The Rose Hotel provided some beautiful refreshments to cap off what was a beautiful occasion in the charities year.



How we keep our service on the road- volunteering and fundraising

We don't charge for any of the services we provide - Ensuring that everyone has access to all of our services is our first priority at Kerry Cancer Support Trust, and that is why we don't charge for any of our services – so whether you are dropping in to our Centre, availing of a school talk or using our bus for 8 weeks – there is no cost to you or your family.

How your funding is used- Your money will help us to provide a variety of services that help make sure no one has to go through a cancer experience alone. We relied on fundraisers for almost 70% of our funding support in 2023 so you really are very important. If you'd like more detail on where your money goes, please contact us. You can also contact us for an informal talk about any fundraising or volunteering support you might be able to give.

We really appreciate and are careful with your money - With more and more people using our services each year, the need for services constantly growing. Thanks to our loyal and committed fundraisers and donors, almost 70% of our income came from voluntary giving and fundraising in 2023,

You too can be part of our team - Now, more than ever, we need people like you to join our team and get involved. Whether you organise an event, take part in one of ours, make a donation, or give your time and energy, you can make a huge difference for people affected by cancer. You can keep up with the latest by following us on social media or give us a call and we will be happy to give you whatever information that you need.

Events - 2023 We were very lucky to be able to have many events, all of them vital to the operation of the service. We are grateful to the organisers and supporters.



VOLUNTEERS

Kerry Cancer Support Trust has a strong culture of volunteering. We believe that the voluntary sector organisation should be a platform for people to show their care and compassion, and that the experience should be as beneficial to the volunteers as it is to us. We will ensure that volunteers have a strong involvement in the development of the organisation.

We are grateful for the unstinting efforts of our volunteers who provide such added value to those benefitting from our services. Volunteers also play an active role in supporting our administration and fundraising functions. In 2023, the number of volunteers who helped us out through driving, online support, blankets of hope and many other ways was 141. The volunteer hours given to the organisation were over 5,201. For this we are always extremely grateful.

Kerry Cancer Support Group have a volunteer policy in place, overseen by our service manager. Volunteers are given support in each service where they are placed. There is a comprehensive induction programme in place before commencing any work in our services and there is on-going review and support in place.



EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT AND INCLUSION OF EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

Kerry Cancer Support Trust embraces the potential of people and has a strong commitment to fostering an inclusive, empowering, and developmental environment for both staff and volunteers. Here's a breakdown of the key elements:

1. Empowerment and Growth:

- **Belief in Potential:** The organization believes in the innate potential of individuals, emphasizing that everyone has the ability to grow, learn, and contribute meaningfully.
- **Empowering Decision-Making:** By encouraging people to make decisions, set goals, take risks, and learn from mistakes, the organization fosters a culture of autonomy and continuous improvement.

2. Respect and Collaboration:

- **Respect for Individuals:** All staff and volunteers are treated with respect, ensuring that everyone feels valued within the organization.
- **Consultation and Communication:** We place strong emphasis on listening to our members, consulting them on matters that affect them, and acting based on their input. This collaborative approach likely enhances job satisfaction and team cohesion.

3. Commitment to Development:

- **Investment in People:** Kerry Cancer Support Trust recognizes that the development of staff and volunteers is crucial to achieving its mission. By investing in their growth through training, support, appraisal, and feedback, the organization ensures that individuals can continually improve and contribute effectively.
- **Organizational Development:** The focus on both individual and organizational development suggests a commitment to a dynamic, evolving workplace where both people and processes are continually refined and improved.

4. Comprehensive Policies:

- The implementation of detailed policies related to personnel matters shows the organization's commitment to maintaining a structured, fair, and safe working environment. These policies likely provide clear guidelines for conduct, safety, confidentiality, and volunteer engagement, ensuring consistency and transparency in how the organization operates.

Overall, Kerry Cancer Support Trust seems to prioritize creating a supportive and progressive environment that values the contributions of its people, encourages their growth, and ensures their well-being through thoughtful policies and practices.



Structure, Governance and Management



Thanks a whole lot for what you do! I was with you for eight weeks. I thought before I started that it would never end. The health link bus takes the worry out of the journey in more ways than one. No driving, no parking, no trying to find a crew of drivers, most of all no stress. I was able to concentrate on my appointments and treatment and you have all helped me to look forward to my recovery. Many thanks to all of you.

-Lisa, Mid Kerry



Our History

Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG is a fully registered charity that was established in 2007 and came about as a result of changes in the health service at the time. Many cancer services were moved from regional hospitals to centres of excellence. This left many in the region with the obstacle of transport to these centres. The charity was established to meet these needs and has gone from strength to strength since then. Kerry Cancer Support Group is a fully registered charity (Registered Charity Number 20074159, Revenue Charity Number CHY19048). Following vast consultation with the public, service users and health care providers we found that the service that was most needed in the region was a supported transport service. Our service to Cork launched in 2010 and we now have three full time vehicles serving eight centres in Cork, Kerry and Limerick. Since then, we have transported over 75% of those diagnosed to their cancer related appointments. That is a lot of car journeys. We now have two buses and a jeep and cover eight locations. Our service is not just a transport service but a travelling support group. We have a very definite referral pathway with consultants at all hospitals recommending our service as part of treatment because service users get there in a very positive frame of mind and are with us for years after for all follow ups. The service is completely free to the service user and confidentiality is guaranteed. We have an arrangement with the hospitals where our service users have a “block booking”. This means that those who travel on the buses are seen together so there are no delays and long waiting times for appointments within reason.

Our funding comes from sponsorship and fundraising events held by the public around the County and beyond. Because we are a local Charity all monies stay in the County. We receive no statutory funding apart from an annual local authority grant from Kerry Co Co. With incidence of cancer set to grow we at Kerry Cancer Support see our services being needed even more.

We strive to make our services accessible and are contactable through the centres that we travel to, our website, our social media channels and our centre in Tralee.

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2022



2023



• **Constitution**

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity in Republic of Ireland (Revenue Charity number CHY19048 and Charity Regulator number 20074159).

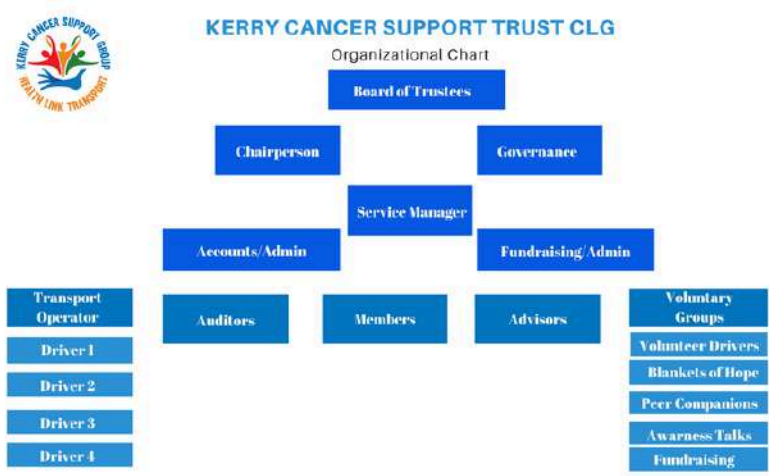
The primary object for which the Company is established is to act as a charitable organisation that provides transport free of charge to those needing it to cancer treatment in a safe, secure, confidential and supportive manner and to also provide support and information to those using our service and to the wider community. There have been no changes to this since the last annual report.

• **Policy**

Kerry Cancer Support Group’s governance structure was reviewed in 2019 in accordance with national changes. This is now ongoing and responsibility has been taken by one of our Trustees and our Service Manager. Kerry Cancer Support Group is satisfied that we have a very high governance standard and is committed to full compliance with the CRA, our adoption of the Charities Governance Code and our compliance with the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on fundraising from the public.

The charity has the following policies in place:

- Governance Policy
- Expenses policy
- Financial Management Policy
- Reserves Policy Statement and Reserves Policy
- Transport Policy, Transport Aims and Objectives and Criteria for Bridging Transport Service
- Fundraising Policy
- Code of Conduct for Board/Staff/Volunteers
- Conflict of Interest and Loyalty Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Comments and Complaints Policy and a Donor Charter
- Media Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Health and Safety Statement
- Safeguarding
- Volunteer Policy
- Equality Policy
- Vulnerable Adult Policy



METHOD OF ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

In accordance with the Constitution the directors are required to retire by Rotation. Dan Horan and Ken Hayes retired in '23 and offered themselves for re-election. The strategic direction and governance of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. Kerry Cancer Support Trust's constitution was reviewed and updated in 2017.

The names of the Trustees of the board at any time during the year ended 31 December 2023 and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

The Board met 6 times in 2023 through various means. These included in person, remotely, online, email and conference call.

POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Newly appointed trustees receive an induction pack covering responsibilities and involvement outside of formal Trustee meetings. This pack contains all relevant documentation relating to the charity and relevant policies. Anew Board Handbook was approved at a meeting in Dec '23.

OUR GOVERNANCE

Our governance structure was reviewed in 2017 in accordance with national changes. This is now ongoing and responsibility has been taken by one of our Trustees and our Service Manager. Kerry Cancer Support Trust is satisfied that we have a very high governance standard and is committed to full compliance with the CRA, our adoption of the Charities Governance Code and our compliance with the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on fundraising from the public.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

In order to ensure that Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG is managed efficiently and effectively, the Trustees have delegated a range of day-to-day decision-making powers to management. The Trustees have established appropriate controls and mechanisms to ensure that the staff team operate within the powers delegated to it. Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG Have 2 full time Staff members.

In 2023 the team comprised of Service Manager (Breda Dyland) and Trish Kelly (Admin/Accounts). The Team is responsible for the management of the organisation, in line with the strategic direction agreed with the Trustees and with robust reporting structures in place.

KCST Board – In 2023 our Board were from left - Mr Daniel Horan (Chairperson), Mr Sean Lyons (Company Secretary), Ms Sandra Breen (Business Rep), Mr Kenneth Hayes (Accounting and Governance) and Maurice Laide (Community and Volunteer Rep)



RISK MANAGEMENT

Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG has assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Financial risks – the organisation exposes itself to a variety of financial risks. We have focused on the reduction or where possible the mitigation of the impact of volatility of risk factors. For example, a key risk is a reduction in income from the public leading to funding shortfalls. Measures to mitigate this risk include strong budgetary management and cost control and proactive negotiations with key stakeholders on appropriate project budgets designed to cover direct and indirect costs.

Performance risk – We place importance on continuous monitoring of the performance of the organisation and hold regular meetings to review in detail. For example, as an organisation we are committed to high quality service provision. To ensure this, we adopt several measures including regular meetings and discussions with service users and centres we transport to as to how we can improve.

Insurable risk – the organisation incurs exposure to employer, public and property damage liability by virtue of the nature of its operations. A strong emphasis is placed on health and safety and risk management practices and insurance cover is maintained which further mitigates this risk, subject to levels of insurance where it is deemed appropriate to do so.

Reputational risk – We are conscious of the importance of charity reputation. We have undertaken steps to ensure our governance and management structures are robust to ensure confidence from all stakeholders.

IT risk– Due to the increasing complexity of IT practices and applications, together with comprehensive regulation on Data Protection, we have included these issues in our risk management processes to mitigate risk.

Health and Safety risk – We recognise the importance of health and safety in all of our services. To ensure this, there are robust systems and structures in place with regular reporting to the Board.

People risk – We recognise the importance of employee and volunteer engagement within the organisation. To ensure this, we adopt a number of measures including regular updates on staff and volunteers and implement strategies to maintain high levels of staff morale.

Covid-19 – Due to the vulnerability of our service users Covid 19 remains a risk. The effect of Covid-19 presents a number of risks for the charity, the effects of which cannot be fully reported. We monitor on an ongoing basis and put appropriate measures in place to minimise risks.



Financial Review



Many thanks for the service that you provide. I was on for 23 days. I made friends, I laughed, we connected and they are still in contact. It was something totally unexpected in my journey. Well done and keep up the fantastic work.
-Brendan, North Kerry



Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG Financial Review (for year ended 31st December 2023)

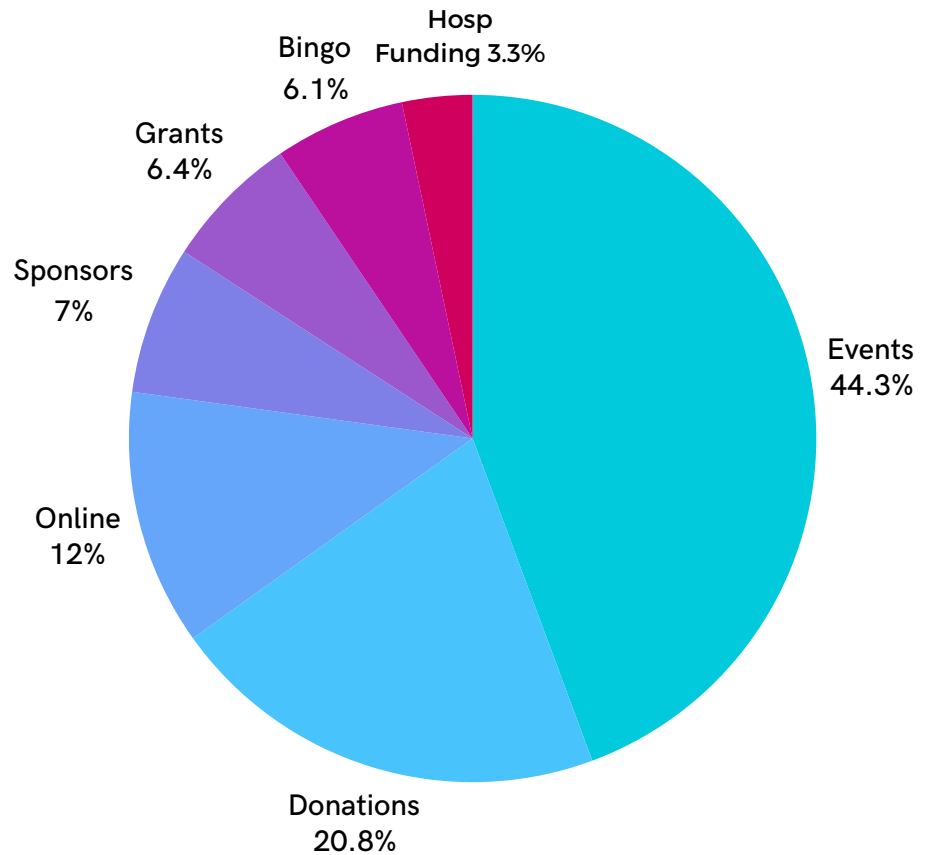
Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG continues to rely on a high level of support from the public to deliver our essential services and this has become challenging in the economic environment in recent years. We continue to drive efficiencies where possible within the organisation in order to keep our frontline services running. More and more people are turning to our service for support and even though the financial environment for charities is a challenging one we strive to meet the needs of our service users. The Annual Accounts and Financial Statements for Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG are audited annually by PSC Accountants & Advisors, Certified Public Accountants and Statutory Auditors as prescribed in the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102, which is the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland, issued by the Financial Reporting Council. In 2023 83.2% of our funding came from voluntary fundraising. In common with other charities whose main sources of income are fundraising and donations, we must maintain and develop our income sources to ensure continued supply of vital services.

Reserves Policy

We have adopted a reserves policy which we consider appropriate to ensure the continued ability of the charity to meet its objectives. Consideration is given to assessing the risk probability and the likely impact on our ability to meet our financial obligations or reduce our expenditure in the short term as a result of a decline in income. To mitigate this risk, we review all sources of income on an ongoing basis and implement policy of growth and development. In addition, reserve levels are monitored to ensure that they are maintained at a reasonable level in the context of planned expenditure and future commitments. The organisation is well placed with any risk of any economic challenges that it faces.

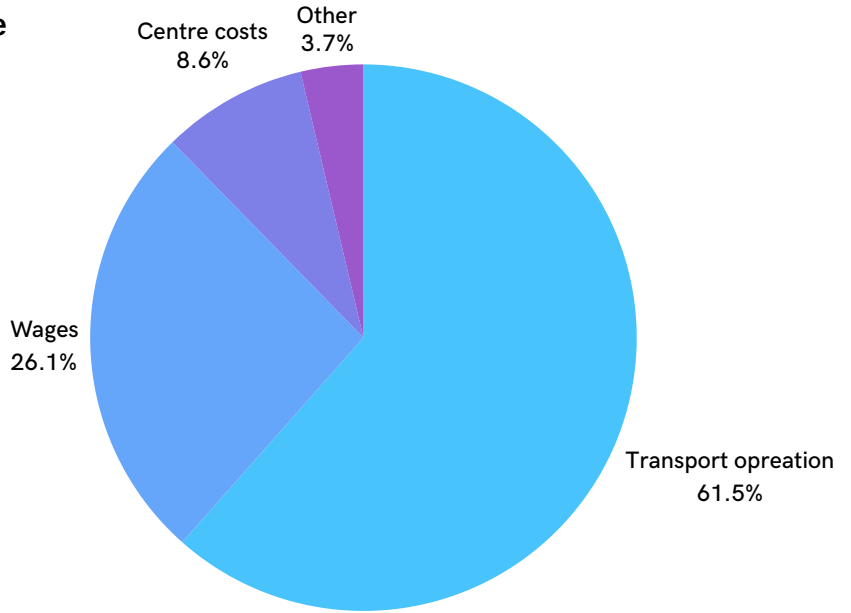
Based on our 2023 Accounts our incoming resources can be explained as followed -

83.2% of our funding came from public donations. We categorise public funding as all monies that come from events organised by members of the public or the charity, donations (including online), sponsorship, and RK bingo. Grants are categorised as funding received from applications made to various companies and are restricted to specific projects. We also recieved one off funding in 2023 from Clár application of €100,000 which went directly into the purchase of our new wheelchair accessible vehicle. We traded our existing vehicle for €68000 and this too was put directly towards the purchase of the new one.



Based on our 2023 accounts our expenditure can be explained as follows -

Our service costs €5,500 aprox per week to operate. We had a very succesful fundraising year in 2023 because we had a goal of buying our new accessible vehicle and had some very fruitful fundraising events attached to this. We also received a one off grant payment towards the purchase. Our biggest expense is the operation of our Healthlink transport services and keeping the vehicles on the road. We have two employees and a centre in Tralee. Other costs include consultancy and accountancy/auditing fee



Surplus -

Kerry Cancer Support Group recorded a surplus in 2023. The majority of this surplus is made up of unrestricted funds which will go directly back into the operation of services. A percentage will go into reserves and some of the surplus was restricted funds which were grants obtained from corporate social giving for particular projects which carried over to 2024.

Auditors Report

PSC conduct an annual audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. They are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements. They believed that the audit evidence they obtained for 2023 was sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their opinion.

In their opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, they reported that:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements were prepared were consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

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



MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT

In 2023, the organisation were delighted to be associated with many national organisations to make information available and to raise awareness around cancer screening and prevention. We also became Associate members of the Alliance of Community Cancer Support Centres and Services with the National Cancer Control Programme.



FUTURE PLANS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2024:

Our main priorities for 2024 are as follows:

- Review of our strategic plan and update for 2025-2028.
- Continue to improve our supported transport service in line with new guidelines and to operate our existing services to the high standard expected.
- Continue our awareness work and find ways to expand and improve it to reach more people.
- To create new ways to support our service users in practical ways
- Continue to lobby and influence others for change and improvement to services.
- Advocate for HSE funding.
- Continue to update our stakeholders through the different media outlets available to us and increase media presence where possible.
- Continue with our fundraising and find new and sustainable ways to continue the work that the charity does.
- Review our links with other agencies to help our service users in the best way possible.

We are not expecting to make any significant changes in the nature of the organisation or our activities in the near future.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the Members of Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG ('the company') for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Members' Funds, the Cash Flow Statement and the related 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" 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 2023 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"; 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 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.

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.

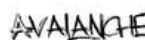
Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

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

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report have 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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the Members of Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG

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.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, 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 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 intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, 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 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 financial statements is contained in the appendix to this report, located at page 10, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

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

Our 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 any 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.



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for and on behalf of

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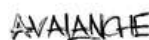
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30 May 2024



Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Income	4	540,150	460,586
Expenditure		(316,456)	(279,975)
Operating surplus	5	223,694	180,611
Surplus on sale of fixed asset	6	68,000	-
Surplus before interest		291,694	180,611
Interest receivable and similar income	7	75	-
Surplus for the financial year	17	291,769	180,611

Approved by the board on 30 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Daniel Horan
Director



Sean Lyons
Director



Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	185,778	11,712
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	160,889	183,842
Cash and cash equivalents		1,019,362	910,492
		1,180,251	1,094,334
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(19,046)	(49,743)
Net Current Assets		1,161,205	1,044,591
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		1,346,983	1,056,303
Government grants	15	(108,633)	(109,722)
Net Assets		1,238,350	946,581
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account	17	1,238,350	946,581
Charity Funds		1,238,350	946,581

Approved by the board on 30 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Daniel Horan
Director



Sean Lyons
Director



Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG RECONCILIATION OF CHARITY FUNDS

as at 31 December 2023

	Retained surplus	Total
	€	€
At 1 January 2022	765,970	765,970
Surplus for the financial year	180,611	180,611
At 31 December 2022	946,581	946,581
Surplus for the financial year	291,769	291,769
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,238,350</u>	<u>1,238,350</u>

Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Surplus for the financial year		291,769	180,611
Adjustments for:			
Surplus on sale of fixed asset		(68,000)	-
Interest receivable and similar income		(75)	-
Depreciation		56,784	10,614
Amortisation of government grants		(33,989)	(8,609)
		<u>246,489</u>	<u>182,616</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		22,953	(161,096)
Movement in creditors		(30,417)	29,176
Cash generated from operations		<u>239,025</u>	<u>50,696</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		75	-
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(230,850)	-
Net cash proceeds from sale of property		68,000	-
Net cash (used in)/generated from investment activities		<u>(162,775)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Government grants		32,900	100,000
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		109,150	150,696
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		909,987	759,291
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	11	<u>1,019,137</u>	<u>909,987</u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

These financial statements comprising the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Members Funds, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes constitute the individual financial statements of Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Kerry Cancer Support Trust CLG is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Ireland (CRO no. 476098). The registered office is 124 Tralee Town Centre Apartments, Maine Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry which is also the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's operations and its' principal activities are set out in the Directors Report.

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 company's financial statements.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Ireland and Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Income

Income includes donations, collections and funds raised from other voluntary activities.

All of the company's income is comprised of unrestricted funds with the exception of some funding which is specifically received to reimburse certain expenditure and are available for use at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Where fundraising for the benefit of the company is undertaken by third parties, the company will not become responsible for these funds until such time as the funds are handed over to the company. The related income is recognised as donations received on receipt of the funds from the independent party. Income received post year end relating to events held pre year end is recognised as income in the current year through accrued income.

Currency

The financial statements of the company are presented in euro (€), the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates (its functional currency).

Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible 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 assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:



Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 25% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	- 20% Straight Line

Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, fixed assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered impairment in the recoverable amount. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and compared with its carrying value. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount and any impairment loss is recognised immediately in the surplus or deficit.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

immediately in surplus or deficit.

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account.

Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are dealt with in the Income and Expenditure Account as incurred over the period of the rental agreement.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs relating to the acquisition of assets are capitalised at the appropriate rate by adding them to the cost of assets being acquired. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on the assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation. All other borrowing costs are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which they are incurred.

Employee benefits

The company provides a range of benefits to employees, including paid holiday arrangements.

Short term benefits

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

Taxation

The company has charitable status.

Government grants

Capital grants received and receivable are treated as deferred income and amortised to the Income and Expenditure Account annually over the useful economic life of the asset to which it relates. Revenue grants are credited to the Income and Expenditure Account when received.

Financial Instruments

Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash consists of cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents consist of short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.



Other financial assets

Other financial assets including accrued income is initially measured at the undiscounted amount of cash receivable from that donor and is subsequently measured at amortised cost less impairment, where there is objective evidence of an impairment.

Other financial liabilities

Trade creditors are measured at invoice price, unless payment is deferred beyond normal business terms or is financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate. In this case the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, and the financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Exceptional item

Exceptional items are those that 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.

3. ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgments and estimates in arriving at the figures in the financial statements. The areas requiring a higher degree of judgement, or complexity, and areas where assumptions or estimates are more significant to the financial statements are disclosed below:

Useful Lives of Tangible Fixed Assets

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of fixtures, fittings and equipment and motor vehicles represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation and amortisation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation and amortisation charge for the financial year. The net book value of Tangible Fixed Assets subject to depreciation at the financial year end date was €185,778 (2022: €11,712).

Going Concern

The directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.



4. INCOME

Kerry County Council

Included within income is €10,000 funding received from Kerry County Council for 2022 (2021: €10,000). This is comprised of €6,000 community support funding and €4,000 corporate allocation.

The whole of the company's income is attributable to its activity in the Republic of Ireland and is derived from the principal activity of a charity.

5. OPERATING SURPLUS

Operating surplus is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 €	2022 €
Depreciation of tangible assets	56,784	10,614
Operating lease rentals		
- Land and buildings	6,000	6,000
Amortisation of Government grants	(33,989)	(8,609)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Surplus on sale of fixed asset

	2023 €	2022 €
Surplus on sale of fixed asset	68,000	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

Bank interest

	2023 €	2022 €
Bank interest	75	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION**Number of employees**

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

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administration	1	1
Manager	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	2	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The staff costs comprise:

	2023 €	2022 €
Wages and salaries	74,460	73,120
Social welfare costs	8,288	7,971
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	82,748	81,091
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employee received a remuneration in excess of €60,000 during the above year.

There were no other compensation costs paid out during the year.

All the amounts shown above were treated as an expense of the company in the financial year.

No amount was capitalised into assets.



9. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Motor vehicles €	Total €
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	22,209	226,155	248,364
Additions	-	230,850	230,850
Disposals	-	(182,056)	(182,056)
At 31 December 2023	22,209	274,949	297,158
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	19,316	217,336	236,652
Charge for the financial year	1,794	54,990	56,784
On disposals	-	(182,056)	(182,056)
At 31 December 2023	21,110	90,270	111,380
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	1,099	184,679	185,778
At 31 December 2022	2,893	8,819	11,712

10. DEBTORS

	2023 €	2022 €
Trade debtors	2,624	-
Other debtors	-	12,300
Prepayments	5,552	5,736
Accrued income	152,713	165,806
	160,889	183,842

All debtors are due within one year.

The fair value of prepayments and accrued income approximate to their carrying amounts.

11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 €	2022 €
Cash and bank balances	869,270	760,400
Bank overdrafts	(225)	(505)
Cash equivalents	150,092	150,092
	1,019,137	909,987



12. CREDITORS	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year	€	€
Amounts owed to credit institutions	225	505
Trade creditors	2,028	11,106
Taxation and social welfare (Note 13)	2,118	2,148
Accruals	14,675	9,084
Deferred Income	-	26,900
	<u>19,046</u>	<u>49,743</u>

Trade creditors include amounts owing to suppliers, who purport to include reservation of title clauses in their conditions of sales. It is not practicable to quantify this amount.

13. TAXATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE	2023	2022
	€	€
Creditors:		
PAYE	1,033	1,063
PRSI	1,085	1,085
	<u>2,118</u>	<u>2,148</u>

14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company has chosen to apply the provisions of Section 11 and 12 of FRS 102 to account for all of its financial instruments.

	2023	2022
	€	€
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost		
Accrued Income	152,713	159,351
Cash at bank and in hand	1,019,362	910,491
	<u>1,172,075</u>	<u>1,069,842</u>
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Trade creditors	2,028	11,106
Accruals	14,675	9,084
	<u>16,703</u>	<u>20,190</u>



15. GOVERNMENT GRANTS DEFERRED	2023 €	2022 €
Capital grants received and receivable		
At 1 January 2023	168,834	41,934
Increase in financial year	6,000	100,000
	<u>174,834</u>	<u>141,934</u>
At 31 December 2023		
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2023	(32,212)	(23,603)
Amortised in financial year	(33,989)	(8,609)
	<u>(66,201)</u>	<u>(32,212)</u>
At 31 December 2023		
Net book value		
At 31 December 2023	<u>108,633</u>	<u>109,722</u>
At 1 January 2023	<u>136,622</u>	<u>18,331</u>

16. STATUS

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 € 1.

17. INCOME STATEMENT

	2023 €	2022 €
At 1 January 2023	946,581	765,970
Surplus for the financial year	291,769	180,611
	<u>1,238,350</u>	<u>946,581</u>
At 31 December 2023		



18. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

A new business letting agreement was signed on 18 January 2023 with a 3 year lease term commencing from 1 January 2023 with rent payable of €6,000 per annum.

19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

2023	2022
€	€

Details of capital commitments at the accounting date are as follows:

Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	-	238,650
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55% of the above capital expenditure was met with a capital grant. This grants were approved from An Clár 2022 funding programme.

20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company did not have any contingent liabilities as at the 31 December 2023.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**Ultimate controlling party**

The company is limited by guarantee.

Key management personnel compensation

The employees remuneration disclosed in the notes to the financial statements includes the total compensation paid to key management personnel. The directors were not in receipt of any remuneration.

Other related party transactions

There were no transactions between the company and any related party during the above year and prior year.

22. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The directors are not aware of any events or circumstances after the balance sheet date that require disclosure in the financial statements.

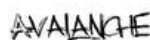
23. RESERVES

The income and expenditure account represents cumulative surplus and deficits recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Reserves are intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as a sudden increase in expenses, one time unbudgeted costs, unanticipated loss in funding or uninsured losses. The reserve may also be used for one time, non recurring expenses that will build long term capacity, such as replacement of vehicles, developing new services, staff development or investment in infrastructure. It is the aim of the charity to hold in reserves sufficient funds to cover the operating costs of the charity for a period of between two and five years.

24. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 30 May 2024.



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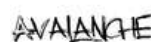
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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 €	2022 €
Income		
Fundraising and donations	496,563	451,977
Government grant income	9,598	-
Amortisation of government grants	33,989	8,609
	<u>540,150</u>	<u>460,586</u>
Expenditure		
Wages and salaries	74,460	73,120
Social welfare costs	8,288	7,971
Rent payable	6,000	6,000
Insurance	2,644	2,373
Computer costs	276	499
Light and heat	2,985	875
Repairs and maintenance	217	10
Printing, postage and stationery	3,249	1,760
Advertising	2,336	8,190
Telephone	1,667	1,634
Car hire	9,000	9,000
Bus running expenses	115,536	129,781
Motor and transport costs	10,800	5,474
Bus hire	2,400	6,650
Legal and professional	640	640
Accountancy	5,093	4,488
Bank and transaction charges	1,183	457
General expenses	456	687
Fundraising	5,821	6,607
Subscriptions	2,636	119
Auditor's remuneration	3,985	3,026
Depreciation	56,784	10,614
	<u>316,456</u>	<u>279,975</u>
Exceptional items		
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed asset	(68,000)	-
Miscellaneous income		
Bank interest	75	-
Net surplus	<u>291,769</u>	<u>180,611</u>



THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of those who supported us in any way during 2023. You helped to keep our services on the road. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

