

MERCY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CORK FOUNDATION CLG

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2023**

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Directors & Other Information

Directors

Mr. Eoin Tobin (Chairman)
Sr. Coirle McCarthy
Mr. Will Roche
Mr. Michael O'Brien
Mr. Brian Dunphy
Mr Diarmuid Nolan (Appointed 29th May, 2023)
Mr Fergal Lennon (Appointed 29th May, 2023)
Dr. John Cahill (Retired 29th May, 2023)
Dr. Chris Luke (Retired 29th May, 2023)
Ms Yvonne Barry (Retired 29th May, 2023)

Secretary

L&P Trustee Services Ltd.

Chief Executive

Micheál Sheridan

Registered Office

9 Dyke Parade,
Cork.

Auditors

Deloitte Ireland LLP,
6 Lapps Quay,
Cork.

Bankers

AIB Bank,
33 North Main Street,
Cork.

Bank of Ireland,
32 South Mall,
Cork.

Solicitors

BDM Boylan Solicitors,
Clarkes Bridge House,
Hanover Street,
Cork.

Charities Regulator No.

20065225

Revenue Commissioners Charity No.

CHY17500

Company No.

435503

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Directors' Report on the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31st December, 2023

The Directors have the pleasure of submitting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

1. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Legal Status

Mercy University Hospital Foundation CLG (the "Foundation") was incorporated on 27th February 2007. It is a Company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The Foundation is governed by its Constitution which sets out the objects and powers of the Foundation and is managed by a Board of Directors. The objects of the Foundation are charitable in nature and it has established charitable status under the Charities Register (Registered Charity No: 20065225).

Organisation

The Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation reports to the Board of Directors and is employed to manage the Foundation's affairs. The CEO is responsible for ensuring that the charity meets its long and short term aims and that the day to day operations run smoothly. The Foundation employs an additional eight staff, with a mix of full and part time staff and funds one researcher capturing data relating to the incidence of Gastro-Intestinal cancers at Mercy University Hospital.

The Board of Directors met six times during the year. The Directors make all policy decisions including allocation of funds. There are four sub-committees of the Board: Nominations Committee, Finance Risk and Audit Committee, Governance Committee and the Project Funding Appraisal Committee.

There is clear division of responsibility at the Foundation with the Board retaining control over major decisions. The Board of Directors retain overall responsibility for the strategic direction of the Foundation in close liaison with the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is not a member of the Board.

The Foundation has a Governance Committee and a Nominations Committee in place with defined terms of reference, which detail the procedures involved in the recruitment, nomination and appointment process of new Directors to the Foundation. The succession planning process ensures that there is an appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge in place to enable the Directors to discharge their respective duties and responsibilities effectively and to oversee the work of the Charity in line with the Charity's strategy.

Directors are appointed according to the provisions as set out in the Constitution. The term of office of each Director is for a period of three years and a Director may not be reappointed for more than three successive terms.

On appointment, new Directors receive an Induction pack which introduces the Directors to the work of the Charity and to help familiarise them with Board processes and defines the core roles and responsibilities of the Board and Board Directors. Charity trustee training is provided on an annual basis to new Directors as part of their induction process and provides Directors with an understanding and working knowledge of the essential elements of good governance and adherence to the relevant legal and regulatory compliance. Charity trustee training is also provided to existing Directors as part of their ongoing training.

The Foundation's directors do not receive remuneration for their services. There were no transactions with Directors during the year.

The pay of the senior staff of the Foundation is reviewed annually, based on set five year salary scales, and an annual review of performance against key objectives is carried out to ensure the Foundation is delivering its mission in line with its values and achieving its agreed income forecasts and operating expenditure budgets. Given the nature of the charity, the directors benchmark salaries against the pay levels in other similar charities.

The Foundation engaged the following external advisors during the year:-

<i>Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>
Bankers	AIB Bank	33 North Main Street, Cork
	Bank of Ireland	32 South Mall, Cork
Solicitors	BDM Boylan Solicitors	Clarkes Bridge House, Hanover Street, Cork
Auditors	Deloitte Ireland LLP	6 Lapp's Quay, Cork.

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Risk Management

A "Risk Heat Map" highlighting the current risks to the Foundation, based on impact and likelihood assessments, was developed by the Governance Committee in consultation with the CEO. It focuses on such areas as Financial, Reputational and Operational risks and is monitored regularly and updated when necessary and where appropriate, procedures or systems are established to mitigate any risks the Foundation has identified.

Taxation Status

The Foundation has been granted charitable status under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (CHY Number 17500) and is exempt from Corporation Tax, Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. It is an "Eligible Charity" for the Charitable Donations Scheme under Section 848A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

2. PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Foundation exists for the purpose of '*promoting and supporting, by the provision of facilities, equipment, personnel and otherwise, the general improvement of the treatment, care and welfare of patients at the Mercy University Hospital and to undertake new fundraising initiatives for the Hospital and to coordinate all fundraising activities being carried out for and on behalf of the Hospital. The Foundation is charged with administering all funds raised or donated in the name of the Hospital*'.

The Foundation's Purpose: Helping Mercy University Hospital Deliver Exceptional Patient Care

The Foundation's Guiding Principles:

- **Kindness** - When we act with Kindness, we display gentleness, caring and helpfulness. We act with compassion and show appreciation towards others and ourselves.
- **Integrity** - We demonstrate Integrity by taking an ethical approach to our work and relationships. We act responsibly with confidential information. We are honest and trustworthy, and take action when we believe others, or the organisation itself, are acting improperly.
- **Working Together** - When we are Working Together, we build supportive relationships with others, based upon mutual respect and fairness. We are willing to challenge others and to accept challenge. We listen to each other, acknowledge other people's ways of working, and come together to achieve shared goals.
- **Optimism** - We act with Optimism when we can look at life in a positive fashion and keep things in perspective. We are continuously open to new learning and solutions, even in the face of setbacks and
- **Open-Mindedness** - When we are Open-Minded, we are receptive to new ideas and responsive to change. We embrace cultural diversity and are willing to consider alternative viewpoints.

The Foundation is responsible for ensuring that funds raised for MUH are managed efficiently and allocated in a transparent manner in line with a donor's wishes, the Foundation's Code of Ethics and the Foundation's Donor Bill of Rights.

The Foundation is also one of the Registered Charities that has the Charities Institute of Ireland '*Triple Lock*' standard in place. It has signed up to 'The Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising', 'The Code of Governance for Community and Voluntary Organisations' and is reporting financial activities using Charities SORP (FRS 102). The Foundation welcomes the Charities Regulatory Authority's new Governance Code and has taken steps to ensure that it would be in a position to comply with the new Code as required by the Charities Regulator.

The Foundation engages with people who wish to support MUH, ensuring that their donations truly make a difference to the lives of the circa 140,000 patients of all ages that attend MUH every year.

The Foundation's Strategic Objectives and Achievements:

In the longer term, our healthcare world is changing. We are becoming more proactive about identifying ways to contribute to the health and well-being of those who live in the communities served by MUH. We are also conscious of the role that the Foundation can play in the future by supporting MUH as it develops and grows to meet the needs of our internal MUH stakeholders and external communities.

In order to achieve the Foundation's purpose, we continue to focus on its two key strategic objectives:

- 1) Building a sustainable financial base and
- 2) Maintaining Stewardship over use of Foundation Funds

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The Foundation will achieve these objectives through:

- Meeting the needs of our beneficiaries and donors;
- Implementing and monitoring our internal processes including operations and risk management and having robust Governance processes in place;
- Supporting innovation in treatment and care;
- Exploring opportunities to build new networks of support and the role that Gratitude can play in building donors that are connected to our cause;
- Building strong collaborative relationships with key internal and external stakeholders;
- Investment in learning and growth so that our people can be equipped with the right skills and knowledge to exceed in their roles; and
- Developing and maintaining a high-performance environment underpinned by our guiding principles of kindness, integrity, working together, optimism and open-mindedness

Social Investment and Human Resources

The Foundation's 'People Strategy' is divided into five high-level people themes, which represent the key management priorities for our Strategy:

1. Attract, reward and retain the best talent;
2. Promote, champion and support transformational leadership and management;
3. Develop our people to become stronger professionals through opportunities for individual growth;
4. Achieve impact and success by ensuring that our people are motivated, challenged and supported in their work so that they like what they do, and are proud of where they do it; and
5. Foster a culture of inclusivity, good health and wellbeing underpinned by our Guiding Principles.

We acknowledge with appreciation the commitment and dedication of our staff and volunteers. The Foundation's staff members receive a salary that fairly reflects their value to the organisation. In order to achieve our vision and mission and meet the ever-increasing demands for funding, we need to recruit and retain high calibre staff at the market rate. We are committed to the continued professional development of our staff and we allocate resources annually towards a training and development programme for our staff as part of our Strategic Plan.

Our Performance Development and Performance Reward processes enable us to:-

- Measure each individual's performance against agreed objectives and behaviours in line with 'Our Ways';
- Assess the development needs of each individual; and
- Gain a deeper understanding of the career aspirations of each individual staff member.

These processes were successfully implemented in 2020 and have continued. In 2024, it is the intention of the Senior Leadership Team and Board to review these processes again and to carry out a thorough review of our HR and People Practices to ensure that we are a 'fit for our purpose' organisation.

Financial Activities for the Year

The results for the year ended 31st December 2023 are set out on pages 10 to 11.

The total incoming resources reported for the year ended 31st December 2023 are €2,881,839 compared with €2,324,373 in the previous period. This represents an increase in total incoming resources year on year of €557,466 or 24%.

In the year ended 31st December 2023, we allocated €732,619 towards Charitable Activities compared with €318,779 in the previous period and we held €2,114,178 in Restricted Funds compared to €4,064,885 at 31st December 2022 with €2,697,497 transferred to a Designated Fund representing the spend to date on the Cancer Care Centre.

The Foundation's Restricted Funds are funds which are earmarked for ongoing projects in MUH including projects like the planned Cancer CARE Centre which is due to open in the spring of 2024, the ongoing cost of the long term projects as well as funds that the Foundation holds on behalf of wards and departments for future spending needs.

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Achievements and performance

Fundraising income for 2023 was realised through a strong and robust funding mix and can be broken down as follows:-

- 34% from Individual Giving
- 18% from Community Giving
- 18% from Major Donor and the Immigrant Investor Programme
- 10% from Corporate Fundraising
- 8% from Campaigns including Radiothon and Mercy Heroes
- 10% from other sources of income including Management Fee income
- 2% from Legacies / donations from Gifts in Wills.

There were a number of fundraising highlights during 2023 which contributed to the success of the Foundation. These included:-

- The Pedal for POONS event which raised over €105,000 for the POONS mobile paediatric oncology nursing service;
- The Malin To Mizen Boat sail that saw €110,000 raised towards our Cancer Appeal which is supporting cancer and oncology related projects across the hospital;
- The annual 'Make Your Mark on Cancer' Walk that raised €69,861 in 2023 and has raised over €500,000 since it began 10 years ago.

As a result of the successes in fundraising the Foundation was able to invest in numerous patient centred projects including

- €1,589,235 invested in the Foundations Cancer Care Centre
- €127,179 allocated towards the Psycho-Oncology Service
- €93,032 allocated towards an IBD Scanner, enabling staff to carry out bedside Ultrasounds for Crohn's and Colitis patients reducing the need for CT, MRI scans and colonoscopies and freeing these up for other patients.

3. FUTURE PLANS IN THE BUSINESS

August 2022 saw the start of construction on the Mercy Cancer CARE Centre at 9 Dyke Parade and this building is expected to be completed in Spring of 2024. The building will house the offices of the Foundation as well as the Foundation's Cancer Care Centre that will provide support services to people diagnosed with cancer and at MUH and undergoing treatment at the hospital.

The Foundation will continue to explore its opportunities to advance the treatment and care of patients at the Hospital and will continue to investigate opportunities to have the broadest possible impact on the delivery of enhanced experiences for patients and for staff being treated and working at the hospital.

4. PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Directors have identified the key risks and uncertainties the Foundation faces.

The main risk issues for the Foundation are:

- **Financial** - The Foundation is 100% reliant on donations so any loss of key income streams could affect the Foundation's ability to achieve its purpose.
- **Operational** – Including risks from cyber-crime due to increased activity in this area generally.
- **Reputational** – Caused by internal or external factors for example a sectoral scandal or fraud
- **Strategic** - Changes to Government policy, a patient safety issue at MUH or delayed funding for the Cancer Care Centre putting additional strain on fundraising activities.
- **Compliance** – Including a GDPR data breach.

The Foundation mitigates these risks by monitoring and updating its Risk Heat Map every quarter. The Senior Executive and Board are continually monitoring the Foundations budgets, targets and projections. The Foundation has a policy of maintaining cash reserves. The Foundation also closely monitors emerging changes to regulations and legislation on an on-going basis.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects through its Finance Policy and Procedures, its Cash Handling Procedures and its Project Funding Selection Process. Procedures are also in place to ensure compliance with the health and safety of staff and volunteers.

5. RESERVES POLICY

The Foundation's resources at the end of the year were €6,897,828. Of the available resources, €2,114,178 is held for restricted purposes, as the funds were donated for specific areas and activities. Unrestricted funds of €2,086,153 are held at the year end. The Foundation also has a Designated fund comprising of the net spend to date on the Cancer Care Centre. It is the Foundation's policy to maintain a reserve to fund the management and administration of the Foundation for at least six months.

The Foundation's reserves policy requires:

- a) Reserves be maintained at a level which ensures that the Foundation's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and
- b) a proportion of reserves be maintained in a readily realisable form.

The determination of the required level of reserves is a part of the Foundation's planning, budget and forecast cycle. It takes into account various relevant operational matters including risks associated with each stream of income and expenditure being different from that budgeted, planned activity level and the Foundation's commitments.

The Foundation is satisfied that its reserves policy is necessary and proportionate to support the carrying on of its charitable activities.

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6. IMPORTANT EVENTS SINCE THE YEAR END

There were no significant events affecting the Foundation since the end of the accounting period.

7. DIRECTORS

The names of the individuals who were directors at any time during the year ended 31st December 2023 or were on the Board when this Report was approved are set out below. Unless otherwise indicated they served as directors for the entire year.

Mr. Eoin Tobin (Chairman)
Mr Diarmuid Nolan (Appointed 29th May, 2023)
Mr Fergal Lennon (Appointed 29th May, 2023)
Sr. Coirle McCarthy
Mr. Will Roche
Mr. Michael O'Brien
Mr. Brian Dunphy
Dr. John Cahill (Retired 29th May, 2023)
Dr. Chris Luke (Retired 29th May, 2023)
Ms Yvonne Barry (Retired 29th May, 2023)

8. BOOKS AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities under Section 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 to keep adequate accounting records for the company and are discharging their responsibility by employing experienced staff, ensuring that sufficient company resources are available for the task and liaising with the company's auditors. The company maintains all source documentation and prepares its books and records from the source documentation. The books and records are kept at 4 Washington Street West, Cork.

9. STATEMENT OF RELEVANT AUDIT INFORMATION

In accordance with Section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each person who was a director at the date of the approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of the information.

10. AUDITORS

Deloitte Ireland LLP, 6 Lapps Quay, Cork have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 383 (2) of the Companies Act, 2014.

On behalf of the Board

Date: 29th April, 2024

Michael O'Brien

Eoin Tobin

Director

Director

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities For the Year Ended 31st December, 2023

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

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2014 and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January, 2019. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the net income of the company 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 then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Board

Date: *29th April, 2024*

Michael O'Brien

Eoin Tobin

Director

Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MERCY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CORK FOUNDATION CLG

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion on the financial statements of Mercy University Hospital Cork Foundation CLG ("the company") 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 the surplus for the financial year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and, in particular, with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

The financial statements we have audited comprise:

- the Statement of Financial Activities
- the Balance Sheet
- the Statement of Cash Flows; and
- the related notes 1 to 15, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out in note 1.

The relevant 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 ("the relevant financial reporting framework").

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 the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority, 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 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 other information comprises the information included in the Reports and Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the Reports and Financial Statements. 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 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.

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Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 located on IAASA's website at: <https://iaasa.ie/publications/description-of-the-auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-financial-statements>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider 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.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
- In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements and the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

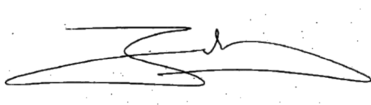
Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Act 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



John Kelly
For and on behalf of Deloitte Ireland LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
No. 6 Lapp's Quay,
Cork

13 May 2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31st December, 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds Dec-23 €	Restricted Funds Dec-23 €	Designated Fund Dec-23 €	Total Funds Dec-23 €	Total Funds Dec-22 €
Income						
Donations and Legacies		334,545	800,564	-	1,135,109	574,828
Income from Charitable Activities		1,115,555	631,173	-	1,746,728	1,749,473
Income from Investments		2	-	-	2	72
Total income		<u>1,450,102</u>	<u>1,431,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,881,839</u>	<u>2,324,373</u>
Expenditure						
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	5	(215,432)	(517,187)	-	(732,619)	(318,779)
Net Transfers to Restricted Funds		(57,094)	57,094	-	-	-
Transfer to Designated Fund			(2,697,497)	2,697,497	-	-
Expenditure on Raising Funds						
Fundraising Activities	4	(671,578)	(131,886)	-	(803,464)	(739,517)
Management & Administration	6	(354,533)	(92,968)	-	(447,501)	(345,360)
Total expenditure		<u>(1,298,637)</u>	<u>(3,382,444)</u>	<u>2,697,497</u>	<u>(1,983,584)</u>	<u>(1,403,656)</u>
Net income and net movement in funds before charges for the year		151,465	(1,950,707)	2,697,497	898,255	920,717
Bank Charges		(3,399)	-	-	(3,399)	(8,877)
Net income & net movement in funds for the year		148,066	(1,950,707)	2,697,497	894,856	911,840
Reconciliation Of Funds						
Total Funds brought forward		1,938,087	4,064,885	-	6,002,972	5,091,132
Total Funds carried forward		<u>2,086,153</u>	<u>2,114,178</u>	<u>2,697,497</u>	<u>6,897,828</u>	<u>6,002,972</u>

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**Balance Sheet
As At 31st December 2023**

	Notes	2023 €	2023 €	2022 €	2022 €
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	10		2,884,347		1,312,064
			<u>2,884,347</u>		<u>1,312,064</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	11	626,209		511,150	
Cash at Bank		<u>3,614,298</u>		<u>4,411,471</u>	
		4,240,507		4,922,621	
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	12	<u>(227,026)</u>		<u>(231,713)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>4,013,481</u>		<u>4,690,908</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			6,897,828		6,002,972
Creditors (amounts falling due after more than one year)			-		-
Net Assets			<u>6,897,828</u>		<u>6,002,972</u>
Represented By					
Restricted Funds	13		2,114,178		4,064,885
Designated Fund	13		2,697,497		-
Unrestricted Funds	13		<u>2,086,153</u>		<u>1,938,087</u>
Total Funds			<u>6,897,828</u>		<u>6,002,972</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on the 29th April, 2024
and authorised for issue on 29th April, 2024.

They were signed on its behalf by:-

Michael O'Brien
Director

Eoin Tobin
Director

Date: 29th April, 2024

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**Statement of Cashflows
For the Year Ended 31st December, 2023**

	2023		2022
	€		€
Net Cashflows from Operating Activities			
Net movement in Funds for the Financial Year	894,856		911,840
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets	16,952		23,970
Interest Income	(2)		(72)
(Increase) / Decrease in Debtors	(115,059)		(6,215)
(Decrease) / Increase in Creditors	(4,687)		(88,249)
Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities	792,060		841,274
Cashflows from Investing Activities			
Payments to acquire Tangible Fixed Assets	(1,589,235)		(410,276)
Interest Received	2		72
Net cash used in Investing Activities	(1,589,233)		(410,204)
Cashflows from Financing Activities	-		-
Net cash used in Financing Activities	-		-
Net (Decrease) / Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(797,173)		431,070
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Year	4,411,471		3,980,401
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of the Year	3,614,298		4,411,471
Note: - Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents	At 31st Dec	Cash	At 31st Dec
	2022	Flow	2023
		€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>4,411,471</u>	<u>(797,173)</u>	<u>3,614,298</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31st December, 2023

1. 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.

Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and comply with the financial reporting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS102") as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2019, and the Companies Act 2014.

Income

In common with many similar charity organisations, the company derives a proportion of its income from donations and fund raising activities held by individuals or parties outside the control of the company. Accordingly, incoming resources are recognised only when realised in the form of cash or other assets, the ultimate cash realisation of which can be reliably measured and assessed with reasonable certainty. Income from raffles or other such projects are accumulated and recorded as income at the time the project is completed. The income from these projects is recorded as deferred income until the accounting period in which the project is completed.

In the case of income receivable by the way of donations, gifts and bequests, income is recognised when the donation is entered into the Foundation's accounting system. Fundraised income is shown gross without deduction of any overhead costs involved in raising such funds. Income is treated as being general and unrestricted, unless a donor has specified the manner in which the donation is to be spent, in which case it is treated as restricted income and used solely for the purpose intended.

Interest income is included when received.

Expenditure

Expenditure on fundraising activities is recorded as expenditure when it is incurred except for expenditure in respect of raffles or other such projects which is accumulated and recorded as expenditure in the accounting period in which the project is completed. In similar fashion, front-ended costs specifically incurred in relation to certain ongoing fundraising activities are deferred when their recoverability can be assessed with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure in respect of management and administration costs is written off on a time basis as and when incurred.

Employee Benefits

The company provides a range of benefits to employees including paid holiday arrangements and defined contribution pension plans. Short-term benefits, including holiday pay are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

The company operates a defined contribution plan. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate fund. Under defined contribution plans, the company has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

For defined contribution plans, the company pays contributions to privately administered pension plans on a contracted or voluntary basis. The company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expenses when they are due.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term highly liquid investments.

Trade and Other Debtors

Trade and Other Debtors are recognised initially at transaction price unless a financing arrangement exists in which case they are measured at the present value of future receipts discounted at a market rate. Subsequently, these are measured at amortised cost less any provision for impairment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - Continued For the Year Ended 31st December, 2023

1. Accounting Policies (Continued)

Creditors and Accruals

Creditors and accruals are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected life, as follows:

Buildings	2% Straight Line
Fixtures & fittings	20% Straight Line
Computer equipment & software	33.3% Straight Line

Taxation

No charge to taxation arises as the company has been granted exemption under Section 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 and is exempt from Corporation Tax, Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. It is an "Eligible Charity" for the Charitable Donation Scheme under Section 848A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

Operating Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Fund Accounting

The following funds are operated by the Charity:-

Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds represent grants, donations and other income received which can only be used for particular purposes specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the charity.

Designated Fund

The Designated Fund represents the funds allocated to purchase and construct the Cancer Care Centre building.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds include general funds and designated funds and it represents amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the objectives of the Foundation and which have not been designated for other purposes. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

2. General Information

The Mercy University Hospital Cork Foundation CLG is a company incorporated in Ireland under the Companies Act 2014 with a registered office at 4 Washington Street West, Cork and its company registration number is 435503. It is a Company limited by guarantee and is a public benefit entity. The objects of the company are charitable in nature and it has established charitable status (Registered Charity No: 20065225).

Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in The UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2019.

Currency

The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional and presentation currency of the company and is denoted by the symbol "€". Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

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3. Critical Accounting Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgements and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

(a) Establishing useful economic lives for depreciation purposes of tangible fixed assets.

Long-lived assets, consisting primarily of tangible fixed assets, comprise a portion of the total assets. The annual depreciation charge depends primarily on the estimated useful economic lives of each type of asset and estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these asset useful economic lives and change them as necessary to reflect current thinking on remaining lives in light of prospective economic utilisation and physical condition of the assets concerned. Changes in asset useful lives can have a significant impact on depreciation and amortisation charges for the period. Detail of the useful economic lives is included in the accounting policies.

(b) Expenditure

Front-ended costs specifically incurred in relation to certain ongoing fundraising activities are deferred when their recoverability can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The directors regularly review this expenditure to ensure that the income receivable generated by these front ended costs will, or is likely to, exceed the expenditure incurred.

4. Presentation of Information

4 (a) Expenditure on Raising Funds

In 2023 and 2022, the salaries of staff involved in fundraising events on a full time basis were included in fund-raising activities.

4 (b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

In 2023 and 2022, the salaries of staff involved in charitable activities, management & administration and governance activities were apportioned across those three expenditure categories on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Governance costs are defined as costs relating to the general running of the charity as an entity as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds and include audit and accountancy fees, company secretary fees, legal fees and professional fees.

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5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Analysis of Expenditure - (exceeding €5,000)

During the year ended 31st December 2023, an amount of €732,619 (2022: €318,779) was allocated to:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Unrestricted Fund Contribution to Projects	138,873	14,270
Psycho Oncology	129,179	84,059
Other Staff Costs	76,559	49,783
Melanoma Conference	60,002	49,500
Haemathology	56,321	-
Dementia	55,570	-
Mercy Kids Fund	40,450	29,164
Cancer Research	28,280	-
ICU & Critical Care	26,285	411
GI Fund	25,896	31,972
Adult Social Work	18,198	11,703
Kids Social Work Fund	15,035	6,895
Teens & Young People	12,403	5,108
SRS	11,578	7,192
All Other Funds	10,531	6,205
Munster Gut Fund	7,800	-
Mercy Cancer Care Centre	6,868	2,645
St Mary's Urgent Care Centre	6,521	-
St. Therese's Oncology Fund	6,171	(86,058)
Cancer Appeal	99	5,889
Patient Treatment Fund	-	69,000
Nutrition Research	-	31,041
Total	732,619	318,779

Total Charitable Activity Expenditure of €732,619 comprises of three types of expenditure:- 1) direct contributions to MUH salary and non-pay costs, 2) assets purchased and donated to the Hospital and 3) other patient support costs and miscellaneous expenditure on charitable activities.

In addition to the Charitable Activity Expenditure above, the Foundation also continued with development of the Cancer Care Centre on Dyke Parade. The total amount expended in 2023 was €1,589,235 and is reflected in the Tangible Fixed Assets note on page 18.

6. Expenditure on Management & Administration - Unrestricted Funds

	2023	2022
	€	€
Management & Administration	276,667	224,363
Governance	77,866	58,264
	354,533	282,627

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7. Net Movement in Funds	2023	2022
	€	€
The net movement in funds is stated after charging / (crediting) :		
Depreciation	16,952	23,970
Directors' Remuneration	-	-
Interest Receivable	(2)	(72)
Auditors' Remuneration		
- Audit	8,795	8,795
- Non-audit services	-	-
Operating Lease Rentals	-	-

8. Staff Costs, Staff Numbers, Key Management Personnel and Related Party Transactions

	2023	2022
	€	€
Wages & Salaries	412,395	376,462
Termination Payments	84,000	-
Social Security Costs	38,250	40,869
Pension Costs	11,273	15,260
Total	545,918	432,591

The average number of employees, analysed by function was 11:-

	2023	2022
Fundraising	7	6
Charitable Activities (Medical Research)	1	1
Management & Administration	3	3
	11	10

The Foundation currently funds the salaries of a person who is working in the areas of Cancer Research and Data Collection of Cancer statistic and patient outcomes. These costs are reflected in "Charitable Activities". Our salaries are benchmarked against other comparable charities and Not For Profit Organisations using industry salary surveys.

Key management includes the Board of Directors only who make all the key management decisions.

No members of the Board of Directors received any remuneration during the year (2022: Nil) nor were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: Nil). No director received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Foundation (2022: Nil).

No director or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2022: Nil).

There are no other related party transactions that require disclosure in the financial statements.

There was one employee (2022: 1) whose total employee benefits (excluding pension costs and termination payments) for the year fell within the below categories:-

	2023	2022
€105,000 - €115,000	1	1

9. Retirement Benefits Information

	2023	2022
	€	€
Contribution to Pension Scheme	11,273	15,260
	11,273	15,260

The company operates an externally funded defined contribution scheme that covers most of the employees of the company. The assets of the scheme are vested in independent trustees for the sole benefit of these employees.

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10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings €	Fixtures & Fittings €	Computer Equip & Software €	Total €
Cost				
As at 1st January 2023	1,305,669	23,957	68,388	1,398,014
Additions	1,589,235	-	-	1,589,235
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31st December 2023	2,894,904	23,957	68,388	2,987,249
Depreciation				
As at 1st January 2023	18,964	23,957	43,029	85,950
Charged for the year	4,462	-	12,490	16,952
Disposal	-	-	-	-
As at 31st December 2023	23,426	23,957	55,519	102,902
Net Book Value 2023	2,871,478	-	12,869	2,884,347
Net Book Value 2022	1,286,705	-	25,359	1,312,064

Subsequent to the year end, Bank of Ireland took a floating charge over all of the assets of the Foundation and a fixed charge over the premises at 9 Dyke Parade, Cork.

11. Debtors

	2023 €	2022 €
Prepayments	15,159	14,444
Fundraising Expenses Deferred	516,277	414,929
Accrued Income and Sundry Debtors	94,773	81,777
	626,209	511,150

12. Creditors (Amounts Falling Due Within One Year)

	2023 €	2022 €
Trade Creditors	120,872	137,903
PAYE/PRSI Liability	6,920	8,490
Accruals & Other Creditors	99,234	85,320
	227,026	231,713

13. Movements in Accumulated Funds

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Designated Fund €	Total €
As at 1st January 2023	1,938,087	4,064,885	-	6,002,972
Incoming Resources	1,450,102	1,431,737	-	2,881,839
Resources Expended	(1,244,942)	(742,041)	-	(1,986,983)
Net Transfers Between Funds	(57,094)	(2,640,403)	2,697,497	-
As at 31st December 2023	2,086,153	2,114,178	2,697,497	6,897,828

The Designated Fund represents the funds allocated to purchase and construct the Cancer Care Centre building, which is nearing completion. The restricted funds related to this project were included in the overall restricted funds amount previously and have now been separated for clarity at the year end. The related Building Fixed Asset is included in Tangible Fixed Assets in Note 10.

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14. Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant events affecting the Foundation since the end of the accounting period.

15. Approval of the Financial Statements

The directors approved the financial statements on the 29th April, 2024.