

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust

(a Trust established in 1925)

Also known as LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice

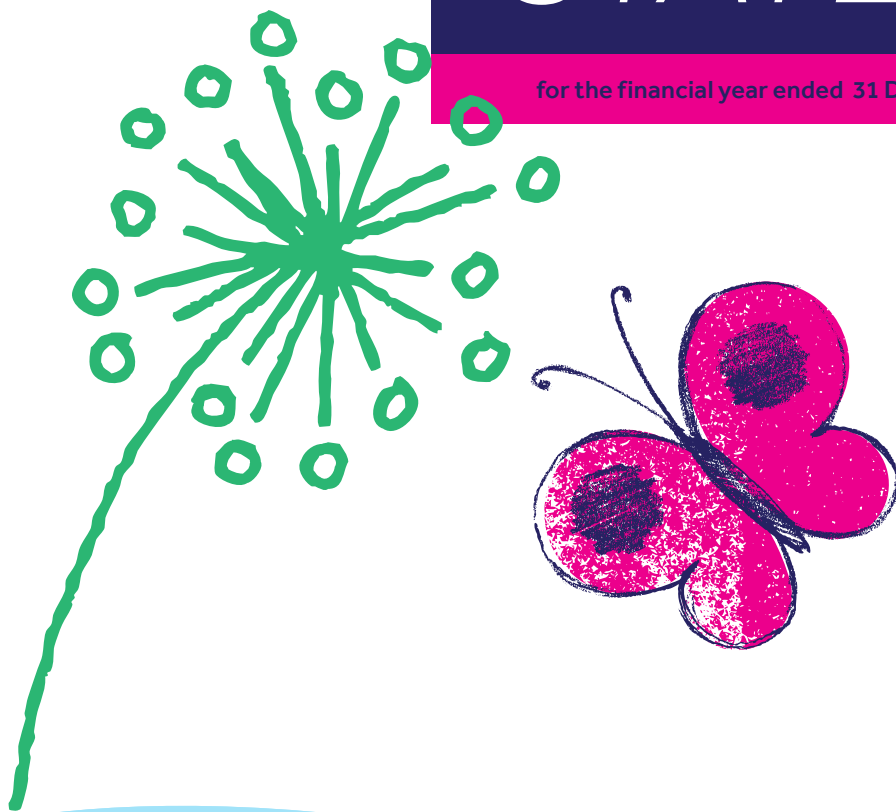
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for the financial year ended 31 December 2019



LauraLynn

IRELAND'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

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and Other

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Best Practice in Transparency and Accountability

The trustees present this report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. The Trust presents its financial statements in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) FRS 102 – Accounting and Reporting for Charities, although not obliged to do so.

Objectives & Activities

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust, The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services are known collectively as 'LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice' (LauraLynn).

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust (the 'Trust') was founded in 1925 and its primary objective was to provide care for sick children. Today, the trustees act as guardians of the organisation's assets and are entrusted with the land and buildings on its campus on Leopardstown Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18. In carrying out its function, the Trust raises and invests funds to enable the continued operation of the services of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services.

The services provided by The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services (the 'Group') are run from the Trust's campus in Leopardstown. Details of these services are as follows:

The Children's Sunshine Home (Disability Service)

- The Children's Sunshine Home provides care and support to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This was originally overseen by the Trust until the establishment of The Children's Sunshine Home in 1985. Today, The Children's Sunshine Home offers respite and residential services to children with complex disabilities, as well as residential care for 7 adults with profound disabilities who have been in the care of The Children's Sunshine Home since they were children.
- The service is provided under a Section 38 Service Agreement with the Health Service Executive (HSE). Consequently, the main source of funding for this service is provided by the HSE.

CSH Childcare Services (Hospice Service)

- CSH Childcare Services provides appropriate high quality home support, step-down/ crisis care, short break stays, symptom management, and end of life care to children and families of children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. Care is evidence-based, and provided by an interdisciplinary team of health and social care professionals in the hospice, the family home, hospital or community setting, depending on the family's preference and medical needs of the child. All of the care is provided free of charge to families.
- CSH Childcare Services is accounted for as a subsidiary of The Children's Sunshine Home who controls the composition of its Board of Directors.
- The main source of funding for this service is provided by The Children's Sunshine Home Trust.

The financial results of these two companies are consolidated. Further information regarding The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services is included in the LauraLynn Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements, which are available on the LauraLynn website: www.lauralynn.ie.

Achievements & Financial Performance

The Statement of Financial Activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 and the Balance Sheet at that date are set out on pages 17 and 18, respectively. After depreciation and amortisation, the net expenditure for the financial year amounted to €949,584 (2018: net income €1.28m). Excluding the one off donation of €2.4m from the Immigrant Investment Programme (IIP) received in 2018, the net position was a deficit €1.12m.

Thanks to their continued generosity, in 2019, LauraLynn, through the Trust raised a total of €4.38m in donations from the public and businesses. This represents a reduction of 28% on 2018. Excluding the one off donation of €2.4m from the Immigrant Investment Programme (IIP) received in 2018, this represents an 18% increase on 2018, showing continued support from the public for the service that LauraLynn provides. Table 1 below provides details of total income received by the Trust since 2015.

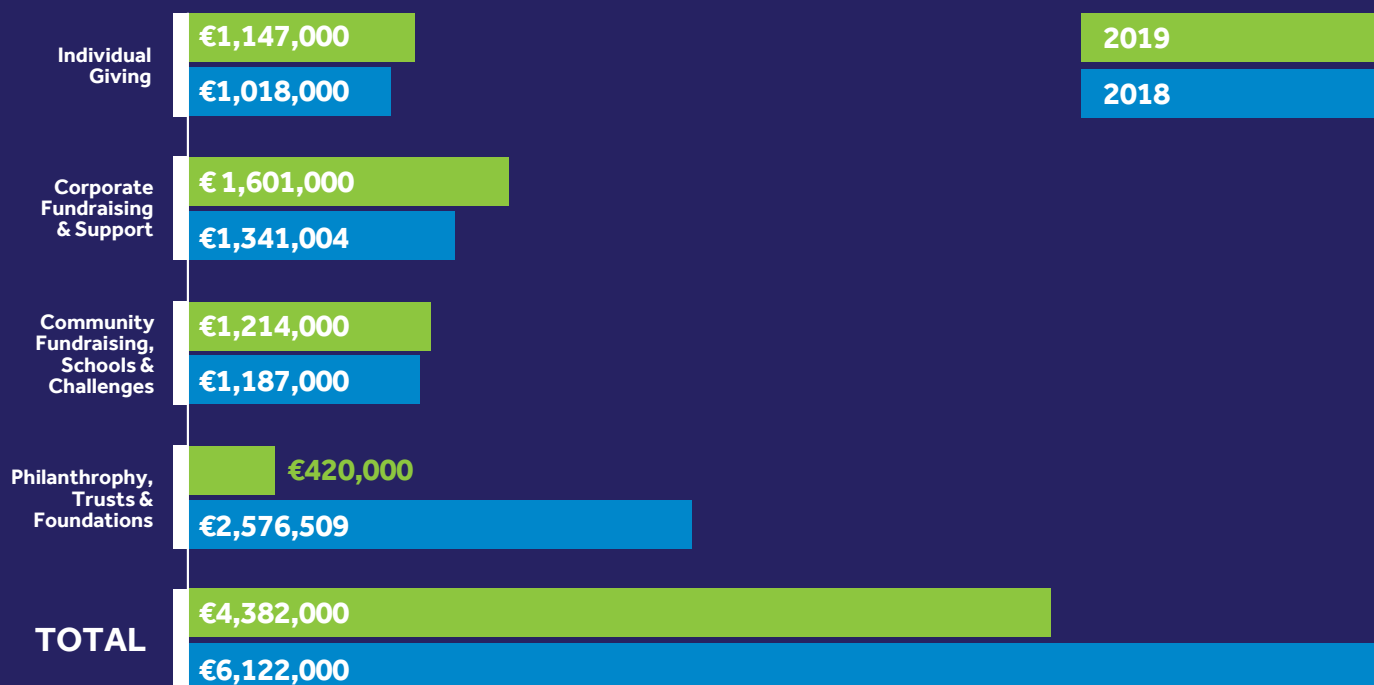
Income

LauraLynn, through the Trust, raises income from individuals, companies, organisations and community fundraisers to enable the operation of LauraLynn's Hospice Service, helping to support some of the most vulnerable children and families in Ireland. The main sources of income are from donations, bequests, legacies and from fundraising activities.

Table 1: Trust Income since 2015

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	€000's	€000's	€000's	€000's	€000's
Donations, bequests and legacies	1,893	2,310	2,222	2,145	2,695
Donations: fundraising activities	1,006	1,061	1,287	1,577	1,687
Donations: IIP funding (one off)	—	—	—	2,400	—
Total donations	2,899	3,371	3,509	6,122	4,382
Investment income	133	66	31	17	11
Miscellaneous income	2	3	—	—	—
Other Income	—	—	—	—	163
Total Income	3,034	3,440	3,540	6,139	4,556

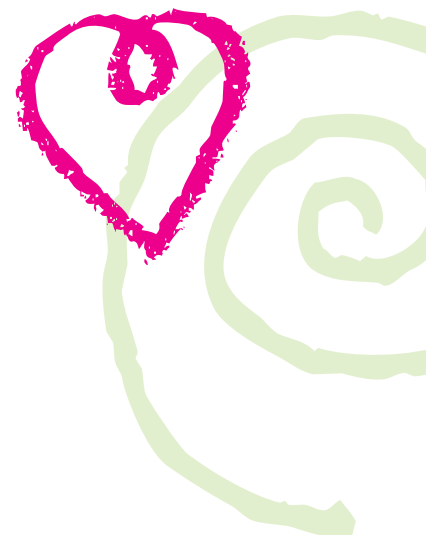
How LauraLynn Raised Funds in 2018 and 2019



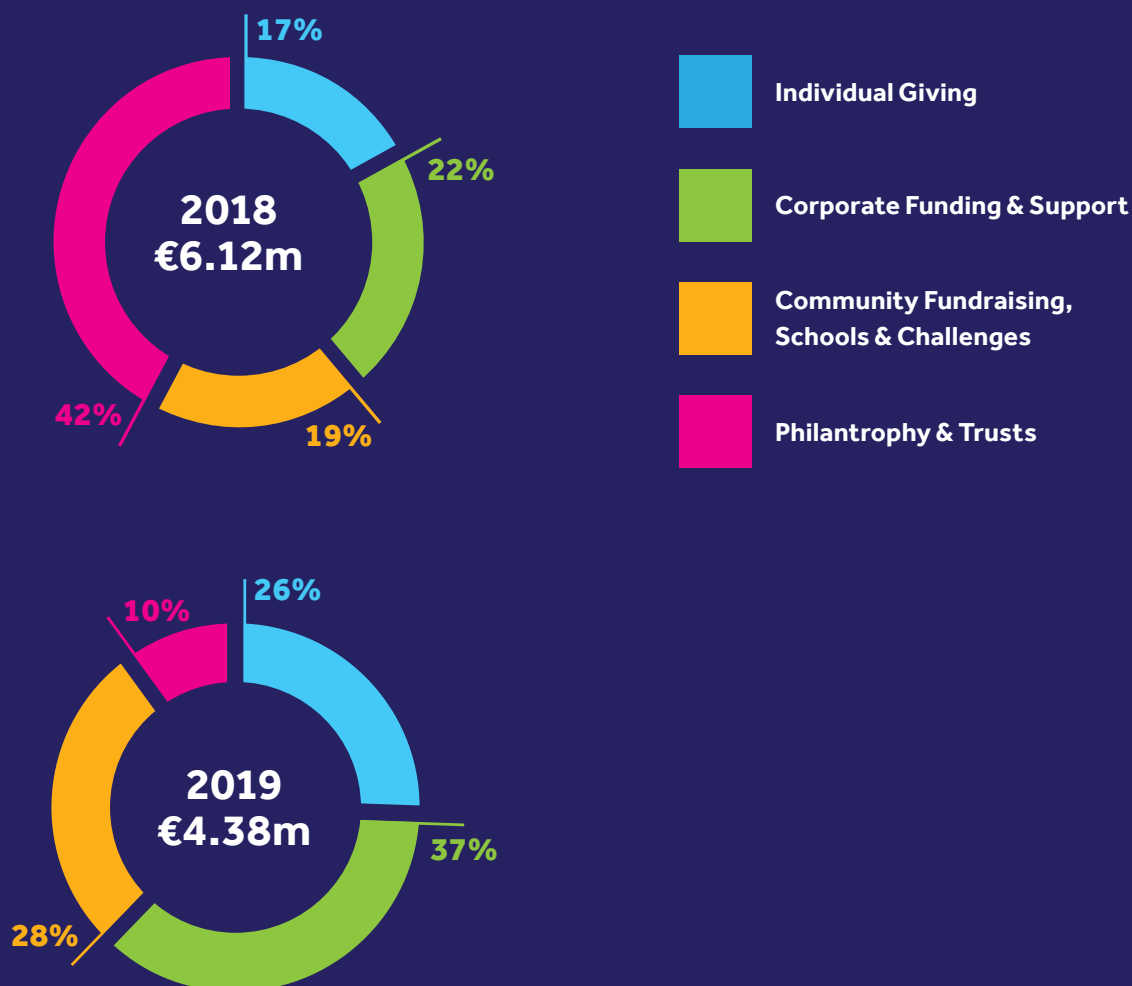
2019 was an exciting year for fundraising, as a new fundraising strategy was developed to support the overall organisational strategy to increase sustainable income to meet the annual operating costs of the LauraLynn hospice service.

Regular Giving continues to be a vital component in delivering sustainable income. In 2019, LauraLynn, through the Trust engaged with supporters through door to door activity, TV and digital media campaigns to increase its number of monthly donors. LauraLynn is really grateful to those who committed to help to provide LauraLynn with a secure foundation to invest and deliver a community of care into the future.

During the year LauraLynn increased and customised its communications with existing and new cash supporters and mail appeals were delivered using an integrated approach across all media. This allowed LauraLynn to reach a wider audience of potential supporters and increase overall income.



How LauraLynn Raised Funds in 2018 and 2019, as a percentage of the total



Yet again, the **Business Community** made a huge impact on LauraLynn in 2019. With 718 companies contributing a total of €1.6m it was an incredible year, with LauraLynn feeling the full weight of the power of friends in companies across Ireland.

Not only did LauraLynn benefit from staff-led fundraising and corporate donations, it also has wonderful support from corporate volunteers. In 2019, LauraLynn welcomed 214 corporate volunteers who helped on site and at fundraising events. The volunteers most certainly represent the truth of the quote *"volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart"*.

The LauraLynn annual Heroes Ball was another huge success in 2019. Net Funds raised grew from €108,411 in 2018 to €156,535 due to increased sponsorship and a very successful auction on the night.

Community Fundraising brought in over €1.2m in 2019 from hundreds of events with everything from bake sales, jumping out of planes and a whacky and wonderful Animation Festival. Fundraisers walked, jogged and ran over 63,000kms, climbed over 100,000 feet and cut off over 11.8 metres of hair. The Dublin Marathon was a great success with 32 runners taking part for LauraLynn and the Women's Mini Marathon saw a big increase with 534 participants this year. Overall, fitness challenges were on the rise.

LauraLynn introduced its first virtual event titled '100K' in November. This challenge saw over 400 people running, jogging or walking 100 kilometres during November for LauraLynn. 300 of these set up a Facebook Fundraiser account and asked friends and families to donate towards their fitness journey. This group of fundraisers raised €96,916 for LauraLynn in 2019.

Expenditure

The table below shows that since 2015 funding from the Trust to CSH Childcare Services, to run the hospice service, has increased significantly from €3.04m in 2015 to €4.32m in 2019. This is a reflection of the increased

level of investment required to support the volume of services that need to be provided. Table 2 below provides details of total expenditure incurred by the Trust since 2015.

Table 2: Group Income since 2015

	2015 €000's	2016 €000's	2017 €000's	2018 €000's	2019 €000's
Funds transferred to CSH Childcare Services:					
Charitable activities	2,630	2,782	2,961	3,314	3,500
Fundraising services*	406	497	652	715	815
Subtotal	3,036	3,279	3,613	4,029	4,315
Fundraising, events & merchandise	272	323	547	285	604
Overheads & indirect expenditure	112	119	130	142	181
Depreciation & amortisation	383	384	396	399	404
Total Expenditure	3,803	4,105	4,686	4,855	5,504

*Includes the cost of Fundraising, Marketing and Communication staff employed by CSH Childcare Services

Although the Trust does not employ any employees directly, the charitable activities funding it provides facilitate a staffing complement which consists of non-clinical management and administrators, working alongside a range of nurses and health care assistants who deliver frontline care.

Direct expenditure on 'fundraising, events and related merchandise' increased from €285,267 in 2018 to €604,041 in 2019. This increase was primarily driven by the recommencement of Door to Door campaigning and a TV campaign in 2019 to grow the pool of regular monthly donors, and increase sustainable revenue in line with the LauraLynn Strategic Plan.

LauraLynn will continue to focus on Door to Door activity again in 2020 in order to extend LauraLynn's reach and awareness to both families that might need hospice services and also to the general public who might be interested in supporting LauraLynn. This is a much needed investment if the organisation is to grow in line with the strategic plan and expand services across the country in the future.

Reserves Policy & Funds Employed

The purpose of the Reserves Policy of The Children's Sunshine Home Trust is to:

- i. Ensure the stability of the services provided by LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice (LauraLynn), and to allow it to fulfil its mission statement;
- ii. Give confidence to stakeholders that the charity's finances are being managed and to also provide an indicator of future funding needs; and
- iii. Support the care of sick adults and children with life-limiting conditions by the provision of funding to the Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services.

It is the Trust's policy to retain sufficient funds to safeguard the continuity of both the hospice and disability services, to enable LauraLynn to deliver its Strategy 2019-2023 and to also ensure that it can manage financial, governance and operational risk.

Total funds of €24.72m at 31 December 2019 falls into two categories:

1) Restricted funds

Of the available resources, €364,930 (2018: €465,890) is held in restricted funds. Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes which are within the overall aims of LauraLynn. It is the Trust's policy to fully apply such funds for the purposes for which they were donated as quickly as possible.

2) Unrestricted funds

Of the available resources, €24.35m (2018: €25.2m) is held in unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds are funds that have no specific restrictions attached to them and are categorised as follows:

- *Unrestricted general funds* are funds for use at the discretion of the Trust in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. The main objective is to support the care of sick children and adults with life limiting conditions and their families by the provision of funding to the Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services.

The Children's Sunshine Home (disability service) is currently fully funded under a Section 38 Agreement of the Health Act 2004 and it has not required any further funding from the Trust.

If funding from the HSE and donations to the Trust were to cease, the unrestricted general funds of €9.72m would enable both the disability and hospice services to continue for one year at the current level of spend.

The trustees therefore consider the amount held in unrestricted general funds to be appropriate.

The reserves policy requires that a free reserve target, from unrestricted funds, totalling 12 months of total organisational operating costs for CSH Childcare Services and The Children's Sunshine Home Trust based on the next budget year be maintained.

The Trust reviews the level of funds held periodically. The last review was carried out in December 2019 in conjunction with the approval of the 2020 budget and LauraLynn Strategy 2019-2023. At that time, it was agreed that the level of funds held was appropriate to ensure continuity of the service and to enable LauraLynn to deliver its Strategy 2019-2023.

Investment Policy

The Trust seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk and capital preservation is of paramount importance. The primary mechanism for meeting this objective is to invest in fixed interest deposit accounts, spreading the total invested and limiting the amount invested with any individual financial institution. These financial institutions are reviewed by the trustees on a periodic basis.

The levels of these deposits are monitored to ensure that the Trust has sufficient liquid funds to meet operational cash flow and planned capital expenditure requirements. The investment return in the current year was in line with expectations having factored in the rates currently offered in the market. The existing Investment Policy will be reviewed in 2020.

Table 3: Cash and Bank 2018 and 2019

	2018	2019
	€000's	€000's
Restricted	450	364
Unrestricted	10,580	9,720
Total Cash and Bank	11,030	10,084

Going Concern

At the balance sheet date, the Trust had net current assets of €9.8m (2018: €10.58m).

Based on the results for the year, the year-end financial position and the approved 2020 budget, the trustees believe that The Children's Sunshine Home Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the trustees continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the financial statements. Additional information is provided in the accounting policies, note 1, in the financial statements.

Risk and Uncertainties: COVID-19

In early March 2020, the COVID-19 virus was declared a global pandemic. The impact will continue, with nobody knowing for how long.

The trustees have taken into consideration the existing and anticipated effects of the outbreak on the organisation's activities and finances in its assessment of the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis. As the outbreak continues to evolve, it is difficult, at this time, to estimate the full extent and duration of the business and economic impact. Management will continue to carefully monitor the situation and evaluate its options during this time. No adjustments have been made to these financial statements as a result of this uncertainty.

Subsequent Events After the Balance Sheet Date

Since 31 December 2019, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel plans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses world-wide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Global stock markets have also experienced great volatility and a significant weakening. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilise economic conditions.

Impact on the Charity Sector

The COVID-19 pandemic and the reaction to it has caused numerous operational issues for the charity sector including:

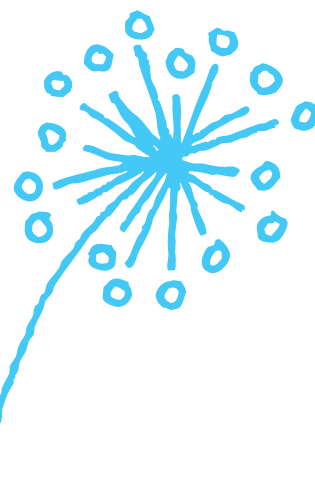
- the ability to fund-raise, including events being postponed or direct debits/memberships cancelled by donors;
- access to beneficiaries and donors with social-distancing measures in place;
- staff sickness and absences;
- contingency plans considerations regarding employees (shorter working hours, redundancies, forced annual leave etc.);
- impact of high level of staff now working remotely, IT infrastructure and related supports; and
- procurement issues around the increased requirements of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and supplies for those operating in health care settings.

Impact on LauraLynn

At this point in time the financial position and performance of the organisation has not been materially affected as result of COVID-19. The service continues to operate in a stable manner despite changes to working practices, and the postponement of all planned short family stays and respite care, which are as a result of Government restrictions. The continued generosity and support from the public and corporate donors has been overwhelming during these unprecedented times.

Management have carried out an assessment of the impact on the organisation including the current financial position, obligations due and funds necessary to maintain LauraLynn's operations. Estimated reductions in fundraised income as a direct result of COVID-19 are offset by the postponement or deferral of any non-essential or discretionary expenditure. Any remaining deficit in funding required to fund the hospice service will be met from cash reserves.

The trustees have therefore assessed that, in light of committed funding from the HSE and The Children's Sunshine Home Trust for 2020, that the company will remain a going concern and that this is a non-adjustment subsequent event. Accordingly, the financial position and results of the operations as of and for the year ended 31 December 2019 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the organisation for future periods.



Risk

The trustees consider that the following are the principal risk factors that could materially and adversely affect the organisation:

Financial risk

- There is a dependence on the HSE for short, medium and long term funding for the disability service. If this funding was to cease it would severely impact on the Trust's ability to continue funding both services in the medium and long term. There is a reasonable expectation that such funding will continue.
- The Trust is also dependent on voluntary contributions from the public for the continued funding of CSH Childcare Services for the hospice service. The trustees are very much aware of maintaining the trust of the public, and so remain vigilant with regards to the management and governance of both Trust assets and funds, and the management and use of the funding it provides.
- If the above mentioned streams of funding were to be withdrawn, the current unrestricted cash reserves of €9.7m would enable both services to continue for one year at the current level of spend.

Reputational Risk

- As is the case with many other charities, LauraLynn's principal risk is reputational damage. Failure to comply with applicable legislation, regulations and standards across a wide range of compliance areas could result in penalties, reputational harm and damage to relationships with clients, funders and donors. Failure to comply with applicable legislation, regulations and standards across a wide range of compliance areas could result in penalties, reputational harm and damage to relationships with clients, funders and donors.
- To mitigate this risk, The Children's Sunshine Home, CSH Childcare Services and The Children's Sunshine Home Trust are 'Triple Lock Members' of Charities Institute Ireland. 'Triple Lock Membership' provides assurances with regard to ethical fundraising, transparent reporting under Charity SORP (Standard of Reporting Practice under FRS 102) and the principles of good governance.

Risk Management

Risk is the effect of uncertainty on an individual's or service's objectives. It is measured in terms of consequences and likelihood. The process of risk management in LauraLynn involves a cycle of identifying risks, evaluating their potential consequences and determining the most effective methods of responding to them (i.e. of reducing the chances of them occurring and reducing the impact if they do occur). The risk management cycle is completed by a system of regular monitoring and reporting.

In 2019, LauraLynn reviewed the risks assessment and adapted the format in line with the HSE's risk management policy. All staff in the organisation have received mandatory training on risk management and completing risk assessments.

Risk Registers

Risk registers provide managers with a high level overview of the organisations' risks and risk status at a particular point in time and becomes a dynamic tool for the monitoring of actions to be taken to mitigate those risks. The risk registers are live documents and therefore are changed on a regular basis.

Currently there are four risk registers that are active in LauraLynn for the following areas: Corporate (organisation wide), Disabilities service, Hospice and Palliative Care service and the LauraLynn@Home community service.

Governance

Both the Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services are governed by the same Board of Directors.

Only members of the Board may be appointed as trustees. Trustees are selected by the Board with regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

The trustees have no beneficial interest in either The Children's Sunshine Home or its subsidiary, CSH Childcare Services.

The trustees, who served at any time during the financial year except as noted for appointments and resignations, were as follows:

Trustees:

Niall McHugh (Chair)

Nicholas Quigley

Frances Fletcher (resigned 29 November 2019)

Tony McPoland

Trustee Meetings

The trustees met on three occasions in 2019. Attendance by each trustee at these meetings is set out below.

Table 4: Trustee meetings attendance during 2019

	Trustee Meetings
Number of Meetings	3
Niall McHugh (Chairman)	2 (3)
Nicholas Quigley	3 (3)
Frances Fletcher	2 (3)
Tony McPoland	3 (3)

Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees are non-executive, receive no remuneration for their services, are drawn from diverse backgrounds, and possess a wide range of skills and experience. They give their time and advice freely, as volunteers, and although they are entitled to reimbursement for vouched expenses, no such claims have been made in 2019.

Transparency & Accountability

In LauraLynn, credibility depends on public trust, so it is important that the commitment and trust of donors, funders and the public is taken very seriously and business is conducted with the highest levels of accountability and transparency.

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust, along with The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services are registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority and are a 'Triple Lock Member' of Charities Institute Ireland. 'Triple Lock Membership' provides assurances with regard to ethical fundraising, transparent reporting under Charity SORP (Standard of Reporting Practice under FRS 102) and the principles of good governance.

Additionally, all entities are also compliant, where required and practicable, with the HSE Annual Compliance Statement. They are also compliant with the Charities Regulator Authority Charities Governance Code. They are signed up to the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations Fundraising from the Public issued by the Charities Regulator Authority and adhere to the data protection laws including the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

In addition to the annual statutory audit provided by Mazars, the Financial Audit Board Sub-Committee appointed an internal audit consultant to provide further independent and objective assurance of the financial procedures and practices of LauraLynn.

Information Relevant to Environmental Matters

LauraLynn is committed to protecting the environment and continues to proactively minimise its carbon footprint. This year marked the completion of a large scale sustainability project in collaboration with SEAI and SSE Airtricity, aimed at achieving energy savings across LauraLynn's campus. A generous donation from Microsoft facilitated the installation of photovoltaic solar panels, energy efficient radiators, LED lighting, insulation, and electric vehicle charging ports which aim to yield significant savings in energy costs. A 20% saving has already been realised month on month since installation in August 2019. LauraLynn's partnership also continues with WEEE Ireland, the electrical and battery recycling scheme, on their 'small things matter campaign' encouraging households and schools across Ireland to recycle their e-waste.

Public Benefit

LauraLynn meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 as an organisation whose primary objective is to provide care and services to children with palliative care needs and complex disabilities; and a home for adults with complex disabilities.

Lobbying & Political Contributions

There were no political contributions in 2019 (2018: Nil), and as a result no disclosures are required under the Electoral Act, 1997.

As required under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015, LauraLynn records all lobbying activity and communications engaged in with the Designated Public Officials (DPOs). It has made all the returns and submissions required by the Act.

Accounting Records

The Trust's accounting records are maintained at the Trust's registered office at Leopardstown Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18.

Disclosure of Information to Auditors

In the case of each of the persons who are trustees, at the time the Trustees' Report and financial statements are approved:

- A) So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditors are unaware; and
- B) Each trustee has taken all steps that ought to have been taken by the trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the Trust's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Mazars, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, will continue in office.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Niall McHugh
Trustee

Tony McPoland
Trustee

Date: 28 April 2020

Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements of the Trust for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Trust, and of the income and expenditure of the Trust for that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies for the Trust financial statements and then to apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Trust, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the accounting policies. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also obliged to ensure that a financial and activity report is filed annually with the Charities Regulator, and that all letterheads, stationery leaflets, brochures, website and other media display the Registered Charity Number (RCN).

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Niall McHugh
Trustee

Tony McPoland
Trustee

Date: 28 April 2020

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Children's Sunshine Home Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom & Ireland Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its results for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the trust in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' 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 we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees 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 Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity'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 Trustees either intend to liquidate the charity 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 the IAASA's website at http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with our engagement letter. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees 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 Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 28 April 2020

Statement of Financial Activities

(Including an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the financial year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 Restricted Funds €	2019 Unrestricted Funds €	2019 Total €	2018 Restricted Funds €	2018 Unrestricted Funds €	2018 Total €
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	309,020	4,072,887	4,381,907	145,747	5,976,704	6,122,451
Other Income	4	162,517	—	162,517	—	—	—
Investment income		—	10,953	10,953	—	16,768	16,768
Total Income		471,537	4,083,840	4,555,377	145,747	5,993,472	6,139,219
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	14,600	1,174,819	1,189,419	14,600	811,673	826,273
Charitable activities	6	556,897	3,758,645	4,315,542	295,050	3,734,732	4,029,782
Total Expenditure		571,497	4,933,464	5,504,961	309,650	4,546,405	4,856,055
Net Income		(99,960)	(849,624)	(949,584)	(163,903)	1,447,067	1,283,164
Net movement in funds		(99,960)	(849,624)	(949,584)	(163,903)	1,447,067	1,283,164
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		464,890	25,200,203	25,665,093	628,793	23,753,136	24,381,929
Total funds carried forward	13	364,930	24,350,579	24,715,509	464,890	25,200,203	25,665,093

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 20 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Fixed Assets			
Intangible Assets	9	23,505	—
Tangible assets	10	14,893,677	15,088,895
		14,917,182	15,088,895
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	27	3,513
Cash at bank and in hand		10,084,373	11,029,682
		10,084,400	11,033,195
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(286,073)	(456,997)
Net Current Assets		9,798,327	10,576,198
Net Assets		24,715,509	25,665,093
Represented By:			
Restricted funds	13/14	364,930	464,890
Unrestricted funds - LauraLynn Hospice and Community Programme	13	24,350,579	25,200,203
Total Charity Funds		24,715,509	25,665,093

The notes on pages 20 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Niall McHugh
Trustee

Tony McPoland
Trustee

Date: 28 April 2020

Statement of Cashflows

for the financial year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 €	2018 €
Net cash (used in)/ provided by operating activities	15	(712,689)	1,622,318
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	9	(25,184)	—
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	10	(207,436)	(62,495)
		(232,620)	(62,495)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(945,309)	1,559,823
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		11,029,682	9,469,859
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year		10,084,373	11,029,682

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Information

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust (the 'Trust') is a public benefit entity. It was founded in 1925 and its primary objective was to provide care for sick children. Today it raises and invests funds, to enable the continued operation of the services of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services. Along with the Trust, these are collectively known as LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice ('LauraLynn').

The address of the registered office is Leopardstown Road, Foxrock, Dublin 18.

The objectives of the Trust are charitable in nature. It has been granted charitable tax exemption by the Revenue Commissioners (Charity number CHY 21947) and is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA number 20154844). The nature of the Trust's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Trustees' Report on pages 3 to 13.

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the financial year, and the preceding year.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis, in accordance with the historical cost convention and in accordance with the formats provided for in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015, which has been recognised as best practice for financial reporting by charities in Ireland), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The financial statements are presented in Euro €.

Statement of Compliance

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust has adopted Irish and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), FRS 102, in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable possible changes in performance, show that the Trust will be able to operate within the level of its current cash and investment resources. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amount and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the Trust was unable to continue as a going concern.

Risk and Uncertainties

Since 31 December 2019, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In early March 2020, the COVID-19 virus was declared a global pandemic. The impact will continue, with nobody knowing for how long.

The trustees have taken into consideration the existing and anticipated effects of the outbreak on the organisation's activities and finances in its assessment of the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis. As the outbreak continues to evolve, it is difficult, at this time, to estimate the full extent and duration of the business and economic impact. Management will continue to carefully monitor the situation and evaluate its options during this time. No adjustments have been made to these financial statements as a result of this uncertainty.

Income Recognition

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with SORP which is based on three criteria being met, which are entitlement, measurement and probability.

- i Donations - public donations and similar income arising from fundraising events are accounted for when received. As with many similar charitable organisations, independent groups from time to time organise fundraising activities in the name of LauraLynn. However, as amounts collected in this way are outside the control of the Trust, they are not included in the financial statements until received by the Trust.
- ii Donations received from individuals and companies using online fundraising platforms to raise funds are recognised when the funds are received.
- iii Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned.
- iv Capital Grants received are recognised as restricted income in the financial year and the depreciation on the related capital asset is charged against the restricted capital fund.
- v Revenue Grants received are recognised when the Trust has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.
- vi Income from all other sources is recognised when received.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

- i Expenditure is analysed between raising funds and charitable activities (activities in furtherance of the charity's objects).
- ii Expenditure is recognised in the period to which it relates. Expenditure incurred but unpaid at the balance sheet date is included in accruals and other creditors.

Charitable expenditure comprises all expenditure incurred by the Trust in meeting its charitable objectives as opposed to the costs of raising funds to finance these activities.

Support Costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the Trust but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office and governance costs which support the Trust's programmes and activities.

Governance costs are included within 'overhead and indirect costs' and are the costs associated with the stewardship arrangements of the Trust. They comprise of costs arising from constitutional and statutory obligations, as well as costs associated with the strategic management of the Trust's activities. Typical costs would be internal and external audit costs.

Foreign Currency

The functional currency of the Children's Sunshine Home Trust is considered to be Euro (€) because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the organisation operates.

Transactions in foreign currency are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Funds of the Charity

All transactions of the Trust have been recorded and reported as income into or expenditure from funds of the charity which are classified as 'restricted' or 'unrestricted'.

Restricted Funds

Income is restricted where by the donor or grant making institution has specified that it must be used for a particular purpose or where it has been raised for a particular purpose. All other income is treated as unrestricted. Expenditure is treated as being made out of restricted funds to the extent that it meets the criteria specified by the donor or grant making institution.

Restricted donations or grants may become repayable in the event that the conditions of the related agreements are not adhered to.

Unrestricted Funds

All other income is treated as unrestricted. Unrestricted funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the Trust. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital investment.

Designated Funds

Designated funds represent funds that the trustees may at their discretion and/or with the agreement of the original donors of the funds, set aside funds for specific purposes in the furtherance of the charity's objects, which would otherwise form part of the unrestricted funds of the Trust.

Intangible Fixed Assets

In 2019 LauraLynn commissioned the upgrade of the new LauraLynn website to an external third party. The development included improved donation functionality into the website.

Intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. The website is amortised over its estimated useful life of 5 years on a straight-line basis.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Freehold buildings are stated at deemed cost or valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The Trust properties, excluding LauraLynn House, were professionally valued at 1 June 2012 and are carried at this amount less accumulated depreciation. Fixed asset additions after that date are reflected at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of fixed assets is charged on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	—	50 years
Equipment	—	5 years

Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition estimated at the end of its estimated useful life.

Impairment of Assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as described below.

An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced to below its carrying amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

Financial Instruments

The Trust only holds basic financial instruments and has chosen to adopt Section 11 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered

Financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Financial assets include debtors and cash at bank and in hand. Financial liabilities include creditors.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or are settled, b) the Trust transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of the ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Trust, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Balances that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

Taxation

The Trust has been granted charitable tax exempt status by the Revenue Commissioners under CHY number 21947 and therefore no provision for Corporation tax is required.

2. Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

In the application of the Trust's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Risk and Uncertainties

In light of the current uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have applied judgement in assessing the underlying assumptions of the impact on LauraLynn. This is discussed further in note 1, Accounting Policies, Going Concern and note 18, Post Balance Sheet Events.

Critical estimates in applying the Trust's accounting policies

The following are the critical estimates that the trustees have made in the process of applying the accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Estimated useful lives

The annual depreciation charge for tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful lives and residual values of the assets. Determination of appropriate estimated useful lives is a key estimate and the useful lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

There is no change in the estimated useful lives in 2019.

3. Donations and Legacies

Current Year	Restricted €	Unrestricted €	2019 Total €
Donations	305,187	2,082,541	2,387,728
Fundraising activities	3,833	1,682,710	1,686,543
Bequests and legacies	—	62,419	62,419
Other	—	245,217	245,217
	309,020	4,072,887	4,381,907

Prior Year	Restricted €	Unrestricted €	2018 Total €
Donations	145,747	4,209,981	4,355,728
Fundraising activities	—	1,577,207	1,577,207
Bequests and legacies	—	11,046	11,046
Other	—	178,470	178,470
	145,747	5,976,704	6,122,451

All income arises from monies received in the Republic of Ireland.

4. Other Income

	Restricted €	Unrestricted €	2019 Total €	2018 Total €
Energy efficiency grant	11,539	—	11,539	—
Sustainable energy project income	150,978	—	150,978	—
	162,517	—	162,517	—

5. Expenditure on Raising Funds

Current Year	Activities undertaken directly €	Support Costs €	2019 Total €
Fundraising, events & merchandise	80,698	523,343	604,041
Overheads & indirect expenditure	—	181,045	181,045
Depreciation & amortisation	—	404,333	404,333
	80,698	1,108,721	1,189,419

Prior Year	Activities undertaken directly €	Support Costs €	2018 Total €
Fundraising, events & merchandise	89,390	195,877	285,267
Overheads & indirect expenditure	—	142,329	142,329
Depreciation & amortisation	—	398,677	398,677
	89,390	736,883	826,273

6. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Expenditure on charitable activities relates to funds transferred to CSH Childcare Services, for the operation of the hospice service, and is broken down as follows:

Current Year	Restricted €	Unrestricted €	2019 Total €
Charitable activities	556,897	2,943,152	3,500,049
Fundraising services	—	815,493	815,493
	556,897	3,758,645	4,315,542

Prior Year	Restricted €	Unrestricted €	2018 Total €
Charitable activities	295,050	3,019,276	3,314,326
Fundraising services	—	715,456	715,456
	295,050	3,734,732	4,029,782

7. Remuneration & Employees

The trustees do not receive any remuneration for their services. They give their time and advice freely and although they are entitled to reimbursement for vouched expenses no such claims have been made in 2019 or prior years.

There are no employees of the Trust

8. Net (Expenditure) / Income

	2019 No.	2018 No.
The net (expenditure)/income for the financial year is stated after charging the following:		
Amortisation (note 9)	1,679	—
Depreciation (note 10)	402,654	398,677
Auditor's remuneration for audit of financial statements	5,057	5,000

9. Intangible Fixed Assets

	Website €	Total €
Cost:		
At 1 January 2019	—	—
Additions	25,184	25,184
At 31 December 2019	25,184	25,184
Amortisation:		
At 1 January 2019	—	—
Charge for financial year	1,679	1,679
At 31 December 2019	1,679	1,679
Net Book Value:		
At 31 December 2019	23,505	23,505
Net Book Value:		
At 31 December 2018	—	—

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings €	Equipment €	Total €
Cost:			
At 1 January 2019	17,232,286	326,670	17,558,956
Additions	160,283	47,153	207,436
At 31 December 2019	17,392,569	373,823	17,766,392
Depreciation:			
At 1 January 2019	2,256,157	213,904	2,470,061
Charge for financial year	346,249	56,405	402,654
At 31 December 2019	2,602,406	270,309	2,872,715
Net Book Values:			
At 31 December 2019	14,790,163	103,514	14,893,677
At 31 December 2018	14,976,129	112,766	15,088,895

The Trust properties, excluding LauraLynn House, were valued at €11,980,000 on 1 June 2012 by Independent Chartered Surveyors O'Mally and Associates. This valuation less accumulated depreciation to date of transition was deemed cost on transition to FRS 102. LauraLynn House is recognised at its construction cost. The trustees are satisfied that the carrying value of buildings is not impaired.

11. Debtors

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	27	3,513

All debtors are due within one year.

12. Creditors

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Due to CSH Childcare Services (note 16)	—	14,853
Due to The Children's Sunshine Home (note 16)	286,073	442,144
	286,073	456,997

Amounts due to CSH Childcare Services and The Children's Sunshine Home are repayable on demand.

13. Restricted & Unrestricted Trust Funds

	Restricted Funds (note 14)	Unrestricted Funds LauraLynn Hospice and Community Programme	Total Restricted and Unrestricted Funds	Total Restricted and Unrestricted Fund
	2019 €	2019 €	2019 €	2018 €
Fund balances at 1 January	464,890	25,200,203	25,665,093	24,381,929
Net income/(expenditure) before depreciation and amortisation	(85,360)	(459,891)	(545,251)	1,681,841
Depreciation	(14,600)	(388,054)	(402,654)	(398,677)
Amortisation	—	(1,679)	(1,679)	—
Fund balances at 31 December	364,930	24,350,579	24,715,509	25,665,093

Analysis of Trust net assets between funds:

	Restricted Funds (note 14)	Unrestricted Funds LauraLynn Hospice and Community Programme	Total Restricted and Unrestricted Funds	Total Restricted and Unrestricted Fund
	2019 €	2019 €	2019 €	2018 €
Tangible fixed assets	408	14,893,269	14,893,677	15,088,895
Intangible fixed assets	—	23,505	23,505	—
Cash*	364,522	9,719,851	10,084,373	11,029,682
Current assets	—	27	27	3,513
Current liabilities	—	(286,073)	(286,073)	(456,997)
Fund balances at 31 December	364,930	24,350,579	24,715,509	25,665,093

*The cash reserve of €10,084,373 represents 2.7 times the 2019 funding to the LauraLynn hospice service. The trustees are satisfied that this represents sufficient funding in the medium term to support the service.

14. Restricted Funds

	2019 €	2018 €
Capital Grants		
At 1 January	15,008	29,608
Depreciation in the year	(14,600)	(14,600)
	408	15,008
Donor Restricted Funds	364,522	449,882
Total Restricted Funds at 31 December	364,930	464,890

15. Note to the Statement of Cash Flows

	2019 €	2018 €
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(949,584)	1,283,164
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	402,654	398,677
Amortisation	1,679	—
Decrease/ (Increase) in debtors	3,486	(2,087)
Decrease in creditors	(170,924)	(57,436)
Net cash (used in)/ provided by operating activities	(712,689)	1,622,318

16. Related Party Transactions

The Children's Sunshine Home Trust (the 'Trust') was founded in 1925 and its primary objective was to provide care for sick children. Today it raises and invests funds, to enable the continued operation of the services of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services (the 'Group').

In order to meet the demand for the level of services provided by the Group, financial support for the provision of the hospice services is provided by the Trust with the support of donors and volunteers.

The trustees of the Trust are also directors of The Children's Sunshine Home and CSH Childcare Services. They have no beneficial interest in either of the companies, and receive no remuneration.

In 2019, the Trust transferred funds of €4,315,542 (2018: €4,029,782) to cover the costs of CSH Childcare Services and fundraising costs on behalf of the Trust.

CSH Childcare Services is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Children's Sunshine Home and during the financial year, funds are initially transferred to The Children's Sunshine Home for CSH Childcare Services.

Balances at year end represent expenses paid or payable by the Trust not yet transferred to CSH Childcare Services. At the year end, the amount due from the Trust to CSH Childcare Services is €Nil (2018 €14,853), and to The Children's Sunshine Home is €286,073 (2018: €442,144).

17. Financial Instruments

	2019 €	2018 €
Financial assets		
Measured as undiscounted amounts receivable:		
Other debtors (note 11)	27	3,512
Cash at bank and in hand	10,084,373	11,029,682
	10,084,400	11,033,194
Financial liabilities		
Measured as undiscounted amounts payable:		
Due to CSH Childcare Services (note 12)	—	14,853
Due to The Children's Sunshine Home (note 12)	286,073	442,144
	286,073	456,997

18. Post Balance Sheet Events

Since 31 December 2019, the spread of COVID-19 has severely impacted many local economies around the globe. In many countries, businesses are being forced to cease or limit operations for long or indefinite periods of time. Measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, including travel plans, quarantines, social distancing, and closures of non-essential services have triggered significant disruptions to businesses world-wide, resulting in an economic slowdown. Global stock markets have also experienced great volatility and a significant weakening. Governments and central banks have responded with monetary and fiscal interventions to stabilise economic conditions.

Impact on the Charity Sector

The COVID-19 pandemic and the reaction to it has caused numerous operational issues for the charity sector including:

- the ability to fund-raise, including events being postponed or direct debits/ memberships cancelled by donors;
- access to beneficiaries and donors with social-distancing measures in place;
- staff sickness and absences;
- contingency plans considerations regarding employees (shorter working hours, redundancies, forced annual leave etc.);
- impact of high level of staff now working remotely, IT infrastructure and related supports; and
- procurement issues around the increased requirements of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

At this point in time the financial position and performance of the organisation has not been materially affected as result of COVID-19. The service continues to operate in a stable manner despite changes to working practices, and the postponement of all planned short family stays and respite care, which are as a result of Government restrictions. The continued generosity and support from the public and corporate donors has been overwhelming during these unprecedented times.

Management have carried out an assessment of the impact on the organisation including the current financial position, obligations due and funds necessary to maintain LauraLynn's operations. Estimated reductions in fundraised income as a direct result of COVID-19 are offset by the postponement or deferral of any non-essential or discretionary expenditure. Any remaining deficit in funding required to fund the hospice service will be met from cash reserves.

The trustees have therefore assessed that, in light of committed funding from the HSE and The Children's Sunshine Home Trust for 2020, that the company will remain a going concern and that this is a non-adjustment subsequent event. Accordingly, the financial position and results of the operations as of and for the year ended 31 December 2019 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the organisation for future periods.

19. Approval of the Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 28 April 2020.

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