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ACT for Meningitis is a national meningitis awareness charity, which was set up in 2011.

Our Mission: To raise awareness, to promote education and to provide support to those affected by meningitis in Ireland.

Our Vision: To see an Ireland where lives are no longer lost to Meningitis and through our support services no one faces the meningitis journey alone.

Our Values
We believe in what we do...

Innovative Caring
Passionate
Focused Inclusive
Comity
Trustworthy
Accountable Integrity
Ambitious



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Tim Colleran

Chairperson's Foreword

2020 proved to be a difficult and challenging year, not just for ACT for Meningitis, but for our families, communities and countries worldwide. Covid 19 brought a disease that affected us all and not just our charities members. The team at ACT quickly reacted to the early restrictions and prolonged lockdowns, again making myself and the board proud to be connected to and working with such a great team.

The team began 2020 with great focus and purpose for the charities future, fund raising plans were set out for the year, awareness campaigns were set in diaries, funded and supported by our corporate partners and our great communities around Ireland, and family support workshops were all planned and resourced for the year ahead. All of this changed in early March and the team very quickly reacted. Everything went online and the whole team learned how to Zoom so that we could continue the great family support and awareness campaigns. Fundraising continued through our amazing communities, corporate partners and government supports. This all meant that ACT for Meningitis rose to the challenge of the pandemic and continued its great work in raising awareness and helping those affected by Meningitis.

Act for Meningitis continues to focus on our mission to ensure that no one in Ireland faces the meningitis journey alone and striving for a world where no one has to go through a meningitis journey. The much valued and high-standard support services continue

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to build on, we have continued to evolve and broaden the awareness and training programmes to reach each at-risk age group in an appropriate and innovative manner as we work to see an Ireland where lives are no longer lost to meningitis.

As in previous years I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the board of directors to thank our CEO Siobhan and the great team around her for their tireless work and I would really like to thank our supporters, donors and volunteers for their endless commitment to ACT's cause. Together we have weathered the storm of 2020 and continue to make a difference.

Tim

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Siobhan Carroll

CEO's Foreword

2020 started out as any other year, with us putting the plans into motion for what we expected would be another productive 12 months for ACT for Meningitis. We know first hand, that there is a continuous importance in further reaching even more people with lifesaving awareness and stressing the importance of remaining vigilant of meningitis.

Our support services were as always, available at no cost to families and individuals impacted by meningitis and we would work to ensure that their vast range of needs were met.

Life as we knew it suddenly changed in March as the impact of Covid 19 took hold on the world and indeed on the operational abilities of the charity. Once the severity of the Covid19 pandemic became known, and the strict restrictions were put in place, it was agreed with our board of management of the charity that unfortunately service provision would have to temporarily cease. Although regular contact was maintained with our members, it would be several months before we were in a position to offer support or awareness services. During this time, we worked to develop a new model for online service provision and returned to most services in September.

While 2020 was a frightening and worrying time we remained determined to reach people with meningitis awareness through our Pharmacy awareness campaign and once healthcare facilities reopened to the public, the national distribution of our leaflets in doctors surgeries and healthcare facilities resumed. Our virtual awareness campaigns continued throughout the pandemic in an effort to keep this life saving information in the public domain. Due to the strict restrictions in place, our group support and one-to-one support services were adapted accordingly and

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ACT for Meningitis moved to facilitating virtual family support and workshops, as opposed to the traditional home visit with families in our services. This ensured that everyone still received the support they needed during such challenging times.

As community & event fundraising was extremely minimal throughout the year, the charity turned its focus to grant, trusts & corporate fundraising. We were extremely grateful to receive subsidy government funding, HSE lottery grants & several corporate donations along with donations from our volunteer fundraisers to support our ongoing work.

The year 2020 was like no other and our main focus was for the charity to survive these turbulent times and continue to do the best we could to support those who needed it the most, our members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board of directors for their continued guidance throughout a very challenging year. As always we are grateful to everyone who supported us over the past 12 months. Our vision is to see an Ireland where lives are no longer lost to meningitis and through our support services no faces the journey alone, and we are proud to have continued to achieve this in such unsure times.

Our aim for 2021 is to endeavour to continue adaption across all our

services as required, to ensure we will be here, and no one faces the meningitis journey alone.

Thank you for helping us to get there.
Siobhán

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About ACT for Meningitis

ACT for Meningitis was set up in 2011 by Siobhan and Noel Carroll following the tragic loss of their daughter Aoibhe, aged just 4, to Meningitis. Losing Aoibhe changed their lives forever and they wanted to try and prevent another family going through that heart break. They felt there was an urgent need for more awareness around Meningitis and that support be made available to anyone affected by the disease, therefore, in July 2011 they set up ACT for Meningitis, with a Mission to raise awareness, to promote education and to provide support to those affected by meningitis in Ireland, and with a vision to see an Ireland where lives are no longer lost to meningitis, and through our support services no-one faces the meningitis journey alone.



ACT are completely focused on trying to make a big difference and in 10 years through self-fundraising ACT

have become the only organisation to offer a vast range of free support services to anyone in Ireland affected by Meningitis, either through bereavement of living with the severe after effects of this life-changing disease.



Support Services

Our support services are tailored to the needs of the individual /family to find the most appropriate and beneficial service for them. Meningitis has a wide range of severe side effects coupled with the trauma of the experience and in 1 in 10 cases it tragically results in bereavement. Our trained family support officer assesses where the charity will be most beneficial in providing support.

Our services include creative therapies-including play and art therapy which help children deal with the impact of the disease, free counselling services for families or individuals who have been affected by

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Meningitis, Cranial Sacral Therapy, physiotherapy, psychologist assessment, one to one support, and family support days. All group workshops and individual support services of ACT for Meningitis have now adapted to enable online delivery.



Awareness & Education

ACT for Meningitis is committed to raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of Meningitis. To date, we have distributed over one million awareness cards and have held hundreds of talks and presentations to schools, community groups and the public across the country further supplying numerous facilities, such as universities, crèches, schools, pharmacies and paramedics and nurses and many places of work, with these life-saving cards.

Our various annual national awareness campaigns such as our Student Awareness Campaign, the Winter Warning, our Back-to-School Campaign and ACTION Teds Crèche Campaign enable us to reach thousands of new people every year with awareness. We further continue our awareness raising activities through print, radio and social media campaigns further reaching millions with life saving awareness, and with the availability of our free downloadable awareness card at www.actformeningitis.ie.



Once healthcare facilities reopened to the public, Inform resumed national distribution of our leaflets in doctors surgeries and health centres nationwide.

“Knowing the signs and symptoms of Meningitis can save a life. ACT for Meningitis will strive to ensure through our awareness and education we can reduce the impact of this disease.” - CEO Siobhan

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Awareness 2020

The importance of meningitis awareness has always been at the forefront of ACT for Meningitis, encouraging people to act immediately if they suspect meningitis we can reduce the impact of this disease . We started 2020 by launching our Pharmacy awareness campaign in January, with introductory pharmacy packs sent to hundreds of pharmacies around the country. In February we continued with our awareness talks, meeting with groups such as the Doughiska Active Retirement group and we also continued with our paramedic training with Siobhan as guest speaker was asked to speak to the National Ambulance Service student paramedics.



Due to the pandemic and the restrictions that followed in March a blanket closure of all support services was put in place as a temporary safety measure . Our online awareness campaigns continued across all social media platforms including #DefeatMeningitis on World Meningitis Day, which reached over 80,000 .



As restrictions remained in place we learned to adapt and respond continuously finding new innovative ways to raise awareness and provide support . Once restrictions were lifted in September we resumed our pharmacy awareness campaign .



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As we plan our awareness campaigns for 2021 we are hopeful of returning to our communities for awareness talks and training and we will continue to grow our online services in the meantime

Fundraising in 2020

The year started off with an amazing donation from our 2019 Corporate Partners, FONUA Ireland, for €23,559.36, following 12 months of in-house fundraising by the staff & management and a matched funding donation from the company. We travelled to Dublin and visited all 3 of their locations to accept the cheques and thank the company for their brilliant efforts.

This was followed by a successful grant application to GSK Ireland, to fund phase 2 of our hugely successful National Pharmacy Campaign.

A HSE lottery grant of €2,500 was awarded to fund support workshops, this was as part of the 2019 HSE lottery grant applications. And a generous grant of €5,000 was awarded by The Ireland Funds to purchase “Play Therapy At Home” Packs which have been designed to extend support following group support workshops.



In terms of Community Fundraising, a group of 40 fundraisers were recruited to take on the RunaMuck Challenge, which involved a free 6 week training bootcamp and a fun bus trip to Kildare to run walk & crawl 5k through a muddy farm, collectively raising over €5,000.

Next up was the recruitment stage of Strictly 2020. 22 dancers were recruited and had their intro day. Great excitement and fundraising plans were put in place with rehearsals to begin on March 1st.

Various other volunteer led community fundraising events took place during quarter 1

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including an awareness day/bucket collection (€1,200) Collections at the Galway Rally (€1,000) Curiosity Westport Raffle (€1,000) McGuire's Pharmacy Birthday Fundraiser (€1,000) & Dave Daly Benefit Night (€1,000)



Following the untimely temporary closure of the charity due to Covid-19, it became clear that all fundraising events such as Strictly, the ACT Winter Ball & Womens Mini Marathon would be cancelled. We began to look at how we could obtain the funds needed, to tide us over and cover the core costs of the charity until such a time as we could resume normal fundraising activities once again. A successful funding application to Pfizer Ireland, enabled us to ensure all healthcare facilities would be topped up with awareness materials during this time.

In late April, Pobal released details of a Covid Stability Fund put in place by the department of Rural & Community Development, to support charities who's fundraising had been affected by Covid-19. This grant application was made and a grant of €33,258 was

awarded to cover day-to-day running costs of the charity

Throughout the lockdown restrictions, we were unable to organise fundraising activities ourselves, However, many volunteers continued to support us with fundraising such as the "555 Campaign" (€1,800) 3 skydivers (€2,000) and even A Family Dribble-a-thon (€900)!



On returning to service provision in mid September, the focus for fundraising was mainly on Grants & Trusts as community & corporate fundraising was still very much non-existent. The 2020 HSE Lottery Grants opened and applications were made to all 9 CHO's to fund the remodelled delivery of on-line group support workshops over the coming 12 months, resulting a total of €22,889 in grants awarded. Grant applications were also made to the Community Foundation of Ireland for funding from the RTE Comic Relief. These grants were awarded to support charities with adaption & response to the new required online service delivery models and to purchase the equipment required to deliver these services

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while working remotely. A generous amount of € 10,000 was awarded .



A corporate grant from GSK Ireland was awarded to fund our National Healthcare Facility Awareness Campaign Phase THREE. And a further grant from GSK was awarded to fund one-to-one online support services. Community fundraising continued to be extremely restricted and virtual fundraising had begun to grow exhausted. One cancelled event, a Route 55 Trip for which fundraising was already in full swing, resulted in a €4,000 donation, but the future of community events hung in the balance and would be very much dependant on the future of Covid-19 control. In the meantime, we will continue to apply to grants & trusts, and encourage our volunteers & supporters to take on various virtual challenges.



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for Meningitis in
2020*

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Support in 2020

As 2020 began family support was focused on planning workshops to run throughout the year however the COVID 19 Pandemic meant that this was disrupted as the support services were temporarily closed on 13th March.

When services resumed on 15th September priority was given to connecting with all families and assessing their level of need. This was a long process, and time was given to setting up individualised support plans where needed and identifying the need for groups to meet.

Our workshops were assessed , determining which could be rolled out via an online delivery service such as zoom, and made necessary adaptations to facilitate this. Due to the level of need, many of the families needed to avail of individual support prior to engaging in a group format. Individualised supports took priority in stabilising families to return to prior coping and functioning.

“There was a lot of information, but in a good way, each bit was explained and then we could practice along the way”

Work undertaken primarily consisted of supporting families in addressing regression and anxiety experienced throughout the first lockdown, return to school and covid restrictions and was delivered individually and through our Regulation in ACTion. course.

This course was created to help empower parents to be able to assist their children in regulation, understand how regulation happens and support their own regulation.

The course was a mix of theoretical input so that the neurobiology of regulation is understood and the impact of meningitis on this process is considered and explored, there is an abundance of practical techniques explored and taught. The variety of techniques caters for different age groups, interest levels and physical abilities.



Dylan Finlay , who contracted meningitis in 2017

Regulation is the underpinning of functioning, we cannot function when we are dysregulated we are moved into survival mode.

Empowering parents to be able to support this process at home and understand what is happening for both their child and themselves

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when dysregulation occurs means that there can be consistent feedback and resourcing for children on parents.

Delivery in group format meant that we were addressing isolation felt helping to normalize behaviour and building a community to support each other.

ACT for Meningitis has also moved to facilitating zoom meetings and family support via zoom, as opposed to a home visit with families in our service. This has been very successful and we are optimistic about using this medium going forward.



As we were unable to facilitate our usual Christmas Family day, ACT for Meningitis sourced and purchased some stocking filler type toys which aided in regulation, which ACT for Meningitis sent to families in the lead up to Christmas. This was to maintain the supportive connection and the sense of community building we had been unable to continue in person due to the pandemic, while also resourcing families.

The impact of Covid 19 on our support services brought many challenges which we met head on and adapted to ensure that our families and those in need of support received it remotely. Even through our most challenging times ACT endeavoured to be there for those that needed support.



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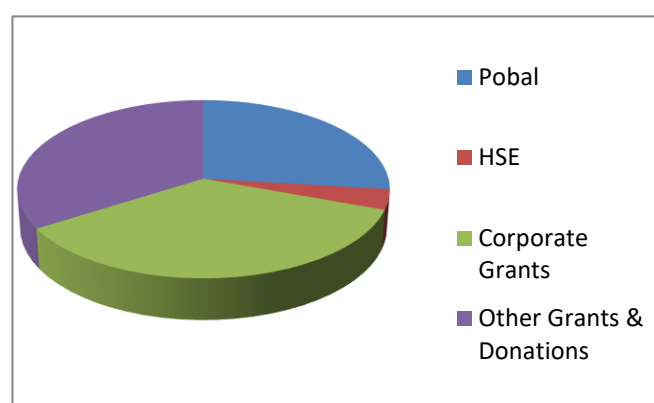
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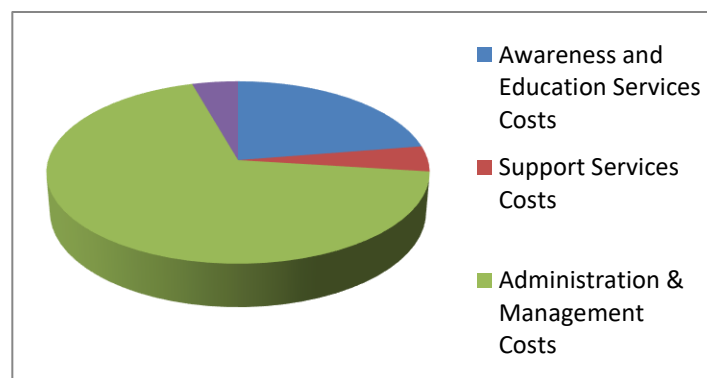
Income for 2020

Considering the forced closure of our support services due to COVID19 for several months ACT for Meningitis were gratefully in a financial position to resume all services once restrictions were lifted the annual income which previously depended largely on community fundraising now had a strong focus on grant applications with the support from An Pobail , HSE and various donations 2020 income deficit was lower than expected. With an income of €123,626 for 2020.



Expenditure for 2020

The expenditure for 2020 was greatly reduced due to the suspension of services for 5months and the introduction of the wage subsidy scheme , Which greatly reduced our admin costs. We ended 2020 with the expenditure of €96,089.



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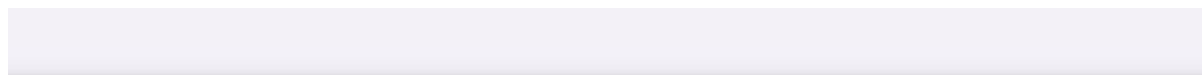
Board Members 2020



- Edina Moylett
- Margaret Martin
- Richard Healy
- Tim Colleran (Trustee Chairperson)
- Kevin Nugent
- Patricia Freeley
- Mary Hazlett

Every member of our board freely donates their time, their skills and their experience. We would like to thank them for their leadership and support.

Accounts 2020



ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Abridged Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

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(A company limited by guarantee, without a share capital)

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ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

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 the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard, issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit 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 for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 surplus or deficit 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 readily and properly 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.

Signed on behalf of the board

Edina Moylett
Director

Kevin Nugent
Director

25 October 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S SPECIAL REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE pursuant to section 356(1) and 356(2) of the Companies Act 2014

Opinion

In our opinion the directors are entitled under section 352 of the Companies Act 2014 to annex to the annual return of the company the abridged financial statements and those abridged financial statements have been properly prepared pursuant to the provisions of section 353 of that Act (exemptions available to small companies).

Basis of opinion

We have examined :

- (i) the abridged financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 8 to 13 which the directors of ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE propose to annex to the annual return of the company; and
- (ii) the financial statements to be laid before the Annual General Meeting, which form the basis for those abridged financial statements.

The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that the directors are entitled to annex abridged financial statements to the annual return and that those abridged financial statements have been properly prepared, pursuant to section 353 of the Companies Act 2014, from the financial statements to be laid before the Annual General Meeting.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

It is your responsibility to prepare abridged financial statements which comply with section 352 of the Companies Act 2014. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion that the directors are entitled under section 352 of the Companies Act 2014 to annex abridged financial statements to the annual return of the company and that those abridged financial statements have been properly prepared pursuant to sections 352 and 353 of that Act and to report our opinion to you.

This report is made solely to the company's directors, as a body, in accordance with section 356(2) of the Companies Act 2014. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the directors those matters we are required to state to them in our report under section 356(2) of the Companies Act 2014 and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the directors for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Other Information required by the Companies Act 2014

On 25 October 2021 we reported to the members on the company's financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 and our report was as follows:

"Report on the audit of the financial statements"

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE ('the company') for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Members' Funds and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council, applying Section 1A of that Standard.

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 2020 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 3 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

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

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

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

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

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is contained in the appendix to this report, located at page 7, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

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

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

Brian Feeney
for and on behalf of
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Galway.

25 October 2021

We certify that the auditor's report on pages 4 made pursuant to section 356(1) of the Companies Act 2014 is a true copy of the original.

Kevin Nugent
Secretary

Edina Moylett
Director

25 October 2021



ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE APPENDIX TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

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

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

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

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ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,442	1,980
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	1,151	1,255
Cash and cash equivalents		131,343	60,637
		132,494	61,892
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(48,660)	(6,133)
Net Current Assets		83,834	55,759
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		85,276	57,739
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account		85,276	57,739
Members' Funds		85,276	57,739

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

We as Directors of ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE, state that -
The company has relied on the specified exemption contained in section 352 Companies Act 2014. The company has done so on the grounds that it is entitled to the benefit of that exemption as a small company and confirm that the abridged financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with section 353 Companies Act 2014 and the small companies' regime.

Approved by the board on 25 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Edina Moylett
Director

Kevin Nugent
Director

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ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' FUNDS

as at 31 December 2020

	Retained surplus	Total
	€	€
At 1 January 2019	100,880	100,880
Deficit for the financial year	(43,141)	(43,141)
At 31 December 2019	57,739	57,739
Surplus for the financial year	27,537	27,537
At 31 December 2020	85,276	85,276

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ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE NOTES TO THE ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

1. General Information

ACT FOR MENINGITIS COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in the Republic of Ireland. The registered number of the company is 505135. The registered office of the company is Unit 7, Royal Rock, Ballybane Industrial Estate, Galway. The principal activity of the company is a Charity to educate and create awareness of signs and symptoms of Meningitis and fundraising to finance these activities. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities) and the Companies Act 2014.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A, issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The company qualifies as a small company as defined by section 280A of the Companies Act 2014 in respect of the financial year, and has applied the rules of the 'Small Companies Regime' in accordance with section 280C of the Companies Act 2014 and Section 1A of FRS 102.

Income

Income is represented by the total funds raised from the activities of the charity during the year.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 12.5% Straight Line
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The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

Taxation

Current tax represents the amount expected to be paid or recovered in respect of taxable income for the financial year and is calculated using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the Balance Sheet date.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the Income and Expenditure Account.

3. Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature, we use our auditors to prepare and submit tax returns to the Revenue and to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

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4. Operating surplus/(deficit)	2020	2019
	€	€
Operating surplus/(deficit) is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>538</u>	<u>762</u>
5. Employees		
The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the financial year was 4, (2019 - 5).		
	2020	2019
	Number	Number
Employees	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
6. Tangible fixed assets		
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	€	€
Cost		
At 1 January 2020	6,099	6,099
At 31 December 2020	<u>6,099</u>	<u>6,099</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2020	4,119	4,119
Charge for the financial year	<u>538</u>	<u>538</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>4,657</u>	<u>4,657</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,442</u>	<u>1,442</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,980</u>	<u>1,980</u>
7. Debtors	2020	2019
	€	€
Other debtors	600	600
Prepayments	<u>551</u>	<u>655</u>
	<u>1,151</u>	<u>1,255</u>
8. Creditors	2020	2019
Amounts falling due within one year	€	€
Taxation	2,985	4,903
Other creditors	(1,606)	-
Accruals	<u>1,230</u>	<u>1,230</u>
Deferred Income	<u>46,051</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>48,660</u>	<u>6,133</u>

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9. State Funding

Agency	HSE
Government Department	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2020
Grant Programme	Group Workshop Programme
Purpose of the Grant	Delivering training to parents affected by meningitis to combat its side effects
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€2,500
Expenditure	€2,500
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€2,500
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	Restricted to Group Workshop Programme
Date Received	14/02/2020
Agency	HSE
Government Department	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2020
Grant Programme	Group Workshop Programme
Purpose of Grant	Delivering training to parents affected by meningitis to combat its side effects
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€2,000
Expenditure	€2,000
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€2,000
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	Restricted to Group Workshop Programme
Date Received	30/11/2020

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Agency	An Pobal
Government Department	Department of Rural and Community Development
Grant Programme	Covid 19 Stability Scheme
Purpose of Grant	To provide financial intervention to secure the charity's future during Covid 19
Term	18 Months
Total Fund	€33,258
Expenditure	€12,075
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	€21,183
Received in the financial year	€33,258
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	Restricted to Non Pay Costs
Date Received	19/10/2020

10. Status

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding € 1.

11. Income and expenditure account

	2020 €	2019 €
At 1 January 2020	57,739	100,880
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year	27,537	(43,141)
At 31 December 2020	85,276	57,739

12. Capital commitments

The company had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 31 December 2020.

13. Post-Balance Sheet Events

The pandemic will continue to have significant implications for the business of the company throughout the remaining months of 2021. Due to the unique impact of the pandemic on business and the economy, the directors are unable to quantify or determine what the extent of these implications are for the company as at the date of approval of the financial statements.

14. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 25 October 2021.