

ACT for Meningitis 2021 Annual Report

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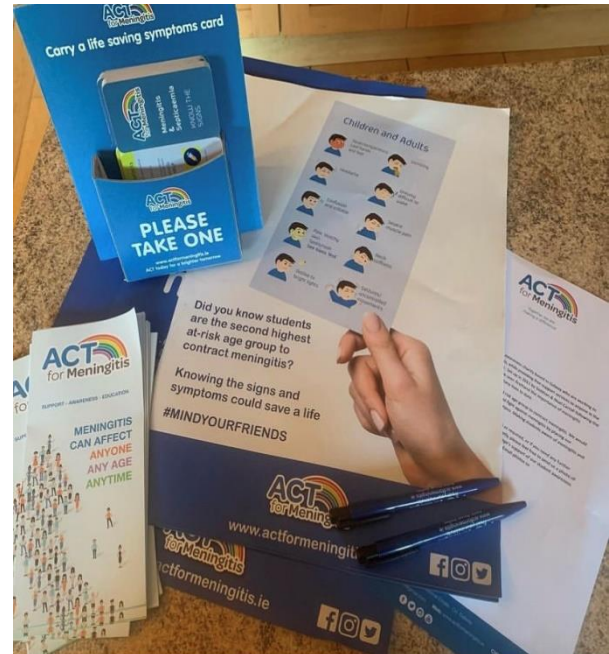
ACT for Meningitis is a national meningitis awareness charity, which was set up in 2011.

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

Our awareness campaigns were as important as ever while covid was on everyone's minds.

We encouraged people to be aware of meningitis and to trust their instincts if they suspected it as cases were still occurring around the country of meningitis.

The last couple of years have been extremely challenging for us all and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the board of directors to thank Siobhan and the team around her for their tireless work and I would like to thank our funders for their endless commitment to ACT's cause which ensures we can continue to make a difference.

Tim

Chairperson's Foreword

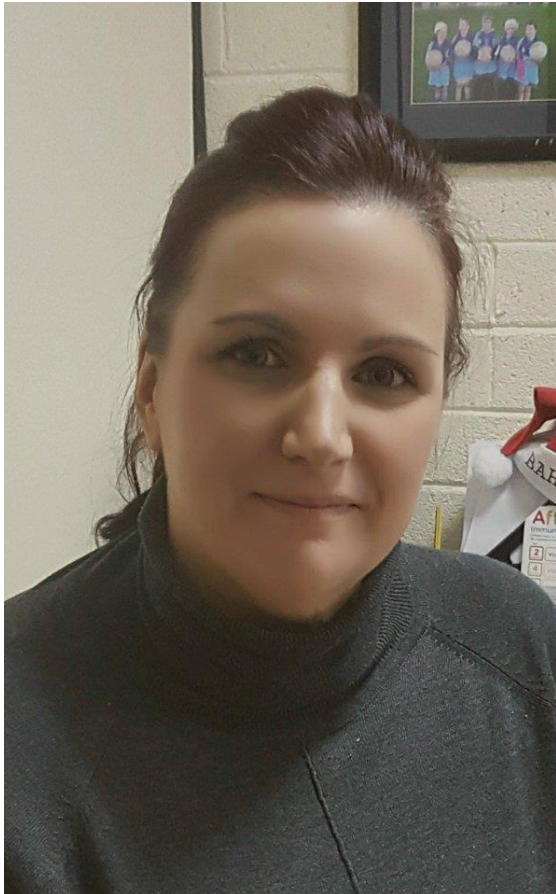
With covid still very much on everyone's minds our focus was on continuing to adapt and ensure our support services and awareness campaigns could continue throughout 2021 and ensure they were accessible for all.

Our support services aimed primarily at supporting families through the issues affecting them and individuals after the emotional impact that covid had on so many of them. We spent time developing and adapting our support services to meet these needs.

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Siobhan Carroll

CEO's Foreword

2021 was another tough year for us all with the impact of covid however we met the challenge head on and adapted our support services and awareness campaigns to ensure that our work could continue and that ACT for Meningitis was there for anyone that needed us. With our support services available online we could continue to support anyone in lockdown as and when they needed it. Promising times ahead

also as the World Health Organisation adopted a Global Road Map to Defeat Meningitis in Sept 2021.

We continue to be inspired by the individuals and families we meet through our work and remain committed to our overall mission which is to raise awareness, to promote education and to provide support to those affected by meningitis in Ireland, and encouraged by 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. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board of directors for their continued support and guidance as we worked through another challenging year. A very special thanks also to the ACT team who continued to keep things going throughout the year.

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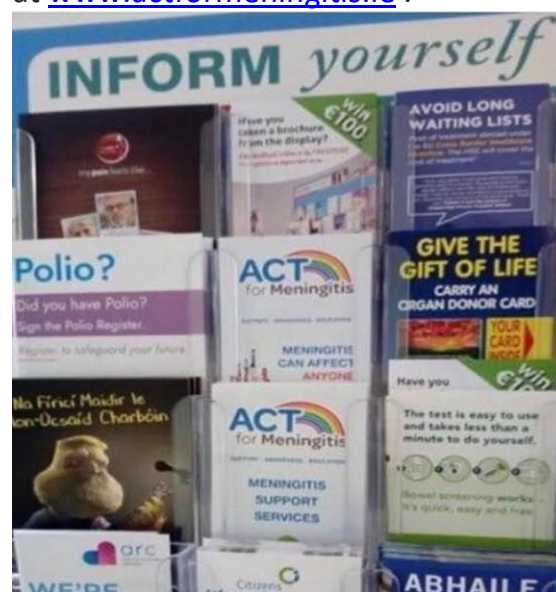
Meningitis, Cranial Sacral Therapy, physiotherapy, psychologist assessment, one to one support, and family support days. All group workshops and individual support services of ACT for Meningitis have now adapted to enable online delivery.



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 2021

The importance of meningitis awareness, knowing the signs and symptoms, how to prevent meningitis through vaccines and our key messages TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS and ACT fast if you suspect meningitis has always been at the forefront of ACT for Meningitis. We would continue to reduce the impact of this disease.

Due to continued restrictions in 2021 we remained on focusing on our online presence. With covid still very much on everyone's minds we shared key messages from the HSE on the importance of ensuring that people kept up to date with their meningitis vaccines as there had been a drop in the uptake of vaccine rates. We also did a lot of awareness raising around the key message that people may mistake the signs and symptoms of meningitis as covid and may not seek medical help. We encouraged them to ensure they knew the signs and symptoms of meningitis.

Our virtual awareness campaigns continued across all social media platforms including a new student video which was recorded in English and Irish.

This video was so important as it was a new resource to reach students as they are the second highest risk age group to contract meningitis.

Prior to this we continued to offer virtual awareness talks to students and medical groups including First Aid for everyone and student nurses. We did get back on the road to hold a talk at EMT CPC Ireland for their Emergency Paediatric medicine talk later in the year.



We celebrated World meningitis day on April 24th with the theme being #DefeatMeningitis. We used this opportunity to further raise awareness of all strains of meningitis by sharing patient stories and experiences through a wide range of platforms including social, print and radio media outlets.

We continued to restock doctors surgeries and hospitals with our life saving awareness materials and to hundreds of individuals and via schools across the country.

We joined forces with Everymum.ie in November and 22,000 of our credit card style awareness cards are now included in

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their baby packs , available to all new mums via Supervalu, as part of our #newmumawareness campaign.

We were delighted to see the World Health Organisation adopt a Global Road Map to Defeat Meningitis in Sept 2021.

“Despite successful efforts to control meningitis in several regions, meningitis continues to be a major public health issue. It kills about 250 000 people

annually, and leaves 1 in 5 of those affected with long-term devastating sequelae.

It is also a significant health security

concern. Meningitis

epidemics can strike fast, are

unpredictable and cause massive

disruption to communities and health-

systems. For these reasons, WHO, in

collaboration with partners and experts

involved in meningitis prevention and

control, has developed the first global

roadmap that sets forth a vision and

strategy to defeat meningitis by 2030. This roadmap includes three visionary goals to:

- eliminate epidemics of bacterial meningitis;
- reduce cases of vaccine-preventable bacterial meningitis by 50% and deaths by 70% and,
- reduce disability and improve quality of life after meningitis of any cause” - WHO (World Health Organisation).



As we plan our awareness campaigns for 2022 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 2021

With community restrictions still very much in place, 2021 has been another challenging year for charity fundraising in Ireland. Digital and Virtual events which had become very popular & effective in

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2020, have now been exhausted are performing much weaker in terms of funds raised. The advice from our resources in Ireland had been to err very much on the side of caution with regards to booking fundraising events for the year as restrictions would undoubtedly be changeable.

With this in mind, the main focus for our fundraising was on corporate support and public/private grants and trusts, and we were very grateful to have had sufficient success in this field to continue and indeed grow all support and awareness services over the past 12 months.

The Pobal Stability Fund, who's primary aim was to help organisations which were suffering financially due to a reduction in

their fundraising or traded income due to Covid19, awarded ACT a total of €46k.

This grant has helped us greatly to adapt and deliver these critical services to vulnerable people across Ireland throughout 2021. Grants awarded from the HSE lottery funding 2021 Grant Round,

totalling €12,244 enabled the group support workshops to continue throughout the year.

We received generous support from our corporate donors once again this year, with grants from GSK supporting our Healthcare Facilities

Awareness Campaign and from Pfizer Ireland to support the production and distribution of our brand new Student Video & New Parent Campaigns this year.



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A generous donation of €5k awarded by Bon Secours Hospital supported our online parental workshops and a further €6,500 was kindly awarded from the Community Foundation of Ireland for RTE comic relief fund, to support new laptops & equipment to assist remote service delivery.

As a small charity providing national services, we have been so grateful for this support, without which it simply would not have been possible to continue our work.

Smaller community donations were gratefully received by our volunteer fundraisers through online platforms including iDonate, PayPal, Facebook, for personal challenges, such as sponsored runs and in-house company fundraising. The Tesco Community Fund and International Financial Data Services, also made unrestricted donations which were used for general overhead costs of the charity.

The easing of restriction at the end of this year has given us hope with a return to fundraising events for 2022. We plan to bring our wonderful #TeamACT back together next year to continue their fun and exciting fundraising journey across the country with several events and we hope that we have the opportunity to see the return of our much loved and widely supported ACT Winter Ball.

As we dip our feet back into events and community fundraising, we do so with caution and less emphasis on this as a main source of income now. Trends are as of yet unknown for endemic behaviours and all other avenues of fundraising will continue to be explored, tested, and practiced.

As always, we are most grateful to the business community and our wonderful friends & supporters who have continued to do what they can to support the work of ACT and the families in our care. We hope to see you all in person throughout 2022.

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Support in 2021

The focus of the support services in 2021 primarily consisted of supporting families in addressing regression and anxiety experienced as we entered lockdown and school closures, health anxiety and supporting return to school experiences.

In 2021 we began the roll out of our family support courses via an online format. Considerable time was spent adapting our existing support courses to allow for online delivery, ensuring a high quality of service could be maintained.

In response to the ongoing pandemic we developed a Regulation in ACTion which was ran twice in 2021 to support parents understand the high levels of dysregulation amongst children due to pandemic enforced restrictions and triggering of trauma related to health. This has been very successful and very well received. Parents reported feeling much more empowered and having increased capacity to regulate themselves and their children.

Many of the families needed to avail of individual support prior to engaging in a group format, so that they could avail of bespoke support for their circumstances.

The lockdown early in the year hindered scheduling the workshops. When schools were closed the focus of our support services was shifted to managing the current situation as opposed to adding more stress to parents by expecting to attend at set times. We offered increased flexibility to meet the needs of the family including, early morning, late evening, and weekend contact.

The You, Your Thoughts your ACTIONs course also ran twice over 2021 designed for and delivered to adults who were coping with the after effects of Meningitis. The course was open to parents of children who had Meningitis, people who had been bereaved by Meningitis and adult survivors of meningitis. The course explored stress and anxiety and the part it plays in our lives, while also giving the opportunity to practice how different mindfulness practices like mindful yoga, sitting meditation and body scanning help to reduce stress.

Family support was provided via zoom, as opposed to home visits with new families to our service. This was very successful, and we are optimistic about using this medium with new families going forward.

In lieu of a family support day we ordered materials for a summer family bonding

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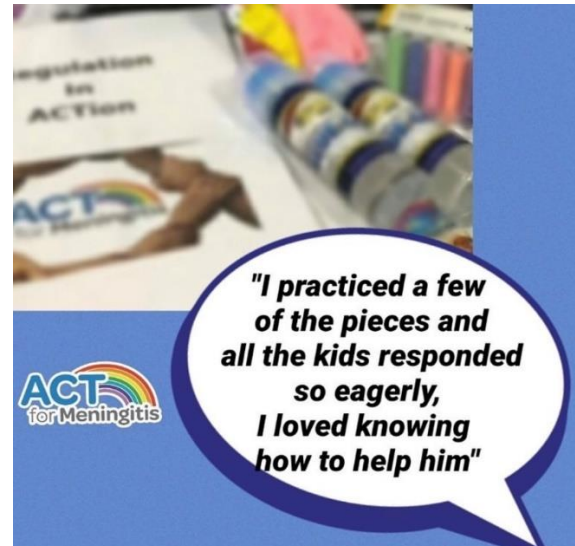
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activity which we sent out to families to complete together at home. We wanted to maintain the connection between families and the service despite not being able to gather. Likewise, we sent a reflective Christmas activity to families and a framed poem to our bereaved families. We also recorded a self-care guide video to support bereaved families at Christmas time.

We have over 160 families in our services with all varying levels of support needed and had contact with 10 new families who engaged with our support services in 2021. With varying levels of time since the meningitis experiences for each family.



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Financial Report

Income for 2021

After our forced closure of services in 2020 we upheld our presence with awareness and continued to offer our support services online for 2021. The annual income which previously depended largely on community fundraising now had a strong focus on grant applications with the support from an Pobal in 2020 helping to continue the facilitation of our services the EWSS, the HSE and various donations 2021 income deficit was lower than expected. With an income of €144,501 for 2021.



Expenditure for 2021

The expenditure for 2021 remained reduced this was largely due to the fact our services remained online for 2021 and the continued EWSS . We ended 2021 with the expenditure of €137,698

*Thank you for supporting
ACT for Meningitis in
2021*

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Abridged Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

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11. Income Statement

	2021 €	2020 €
At 1 January 2021	85,276	57,739
Surplus for the financial year	6,803	27,537
At 31 December 2021	<u>92,079</u>	<u>85,276</u>

12. Capital commitments

The company had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 31 December 2021.

13. Post-Balance Sheet Events

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

14. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 27 October 2022.

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Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Program	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2020
Purpose of Grant	Group Workshop Program
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€1,000
Expenditure	€1,000
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€1,000
Capital Grant	Nil
Restricted on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	19/11/2021
Agency	Pobal
Government Department	Department of Rural and Community Development
Grant Program	Stability Fund 2020
Purpose of Grant	Covid Support
Term	18 Months
Total Fund	€48,307
Expenditure to Date	€28,030
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	€20,277
Received in the financial year	€15,049
Capital Grant	Nil
Restricted on use	Any expenses other than wages and expenses covered by other Departments
Date Received	06/01/2021

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.

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Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Program	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2020
Purpose of Grant	Group Workshop Program
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€1,200
Expenditure	€1,200
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€1,200
Capital Grant	Nil
Restricted on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	16/02/2021
Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Program	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2020
Purpose of Grant	Group Workshop Program
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€5,069
Expenditure	€5,069
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€5,069
Capital Grant	Nil
Restricted on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	04/02/2021

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Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Program	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2021
Purpose of Grant	Group Workshop Program
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€3,244
Expenditure	€3,244
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€3,244
Capital Grant	Nil
Restricted on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	24/09/2021
Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Program	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2021
Purpose of Grant	Group Workshop Program
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€3,990
Expenditure	€3,990
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€3,990
Capital Grant	Nil
Restricted on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	05/11/2021

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Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Programme	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2020
Purpose of Grant	Group Workshop Program
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€5,760
Expenditure	€5,760
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€5,760
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	26/03/2021
Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Program	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2021
Purpose of Grant	Group Workshop Program
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
Restricted on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	06/08/2021

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9. State Funding

Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Programme	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2020
Purpose of the Grant	Group Workshop Program
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€3,860
Expenditure	€3,860
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€3,860
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	19/03/2021
Agency	HSE
Government Department	Department of Health
Grant Programme	National Lottery Grant Scheme 2021
Purpose of Grant	Group Workshop Programme
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€3,400
Expenditure	€3,400
Fund deferred or due at financial year end	Nil
Received in the financial year	€3,400
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	Group Support Home Manual production & delivery and course facilitator fees
Date Received	05/11/2021

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Act For Meningitis Company Limited By Guarantee RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' FUNDS as at 31 December 2021

	Retained surplus	Total
	€	€
At 1 January 2020	57,739	57,739
Surplus for the financial year	27,537	27,537
At 31 December 2020	85,276	85,276
Surplus for the financial year	6,803	6,803
At 31 December 2021	92,079	92,079

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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 which is also the principal place of business of the company. 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 2021 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 assets and depreciation

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

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 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.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the Balance Sheet bank overdrafts are shown within Creditors.

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.

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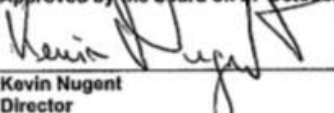
Act For Meningitis Company Limited By Guarantee BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2021

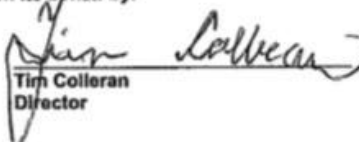
	Notes	2021 €	2020 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	3,211	1,442
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	1,395	1,151
Cash and cash equivalents		151,254	131,343
		152,649	132,494
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(63,781)	(48,660)
Net Current Assets		88,868	83,834
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		92,079	85,276
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account		92,079	85,276
Members' Funds		92,079	85,276

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 27 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


Kevin Nugent
Director


Tim Collieran
Director



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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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

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.

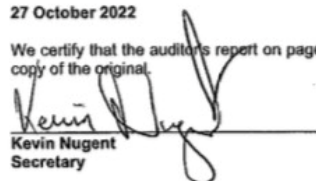
The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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."

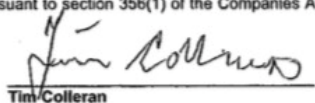
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27 October 2022

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

27 October 2022


Tim Colleran
Director

27 October 2022



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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 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 applicable legal requirements.

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the requirements of any of sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions are not complied with by the Company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, 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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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 2021 on pages 8 to 17 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 27 October 2022 we reported to the members on the company's financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 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 2021 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 2021 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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Act For Meningitis Company Limited By Guarantee DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

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

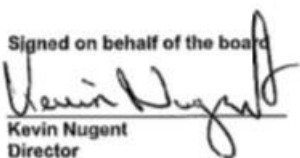
Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", 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:

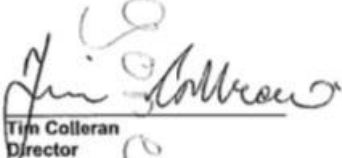
- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify 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


Kevin Nugent
Director

27 October 2022


Tim Colleran
Director

27 October 2022

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