

NIPANC

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023.

The Charity was incorporated on 29th April 2020 and commenced operations from this date.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

NIPANC is a Northern Ireland charity working to improve the outcomes of pancreatic cancer by:

- Increasing public understanding of this cancer
- Promoting awareness of the cancer's signs and symptoms by both medical professionals and members of the public
- Funding vital research
- Supporting patients and their families

NIPANC has its roots in a group of people affected by pancreatic cancer coming together for support and to raise funds to promote better diagnosis and treatment for future patients.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The past business year has been a time of steady growth and consolidation for NIPANC. During this period, it has achieved considerable success in progressing work on its three main business goals: raising public awareness of Pancreatic Cancer, funding necessary research and supporting the families of those affected.

During the year, the charity has considerably raised its game in communicating effectively with the public in Northern Ireland through a professional focused use of public relations and social media platforms. NIPANC's published information has also been helpful to Pancreatic Cancer patients and their families.

Building on its very successful 'Time Matter' campaign in 2021, NIPANC achieved even greater public visibility through its 2022 follow-on 'Time Matters' campaign. This drew on the testimonies of children who had suffered loss through Pancreatic Cancer to increase public awareness of the condition, its symptoms, and the importance of early referral.

The success of NIPANC's public awareness campaigns was reflected in the steady increase in the number of individual, family and corporate donors, who raised money during the year to support the charity's key objectives.

Thanks to this funding NIPANC was able to finance an important clinical audit of the experiences of Pancreatic Cancer patients in 2019 and 2020, due to report in Spring 2023. The audit's preliminary findings indicate that the audit will be invaluable in focusing targeted research going forward.

NIPANC also developed a close working relationship with Queen's University Belfast and Focus Games, funding and developing the first digital game to promote public awareness about pancreatic cancer. The game app was launched during Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month in November 2022. Building on the early success of this initiative, NIPANC has commissioned a more advanced and clinically focused version, directed at health professionals, to be launched in 2023.

NIPANC continues to provide support for affected families but recognises that this is an area which will require greater input going forward. We are currently exploring how to provide more effective support to families, complementing statutory provision.

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NIPANC is maturing as a charity and, reflecting its significant development in the past few years, is currently reviewing its strategic objectives. The charity is achieving positive recognition for its awareness-raising work and its research funding is set to increase significantly going forward.

NIPANC is also in discussions with other Cancer Charities to establish how it can work in partnership with them to provide better services for families touched by Pancreatic Cancer.

Overall, a very successful year but still much to be done!

Financial review

The income for the period was £257,645 and expenditure was £58,231. This leaves a surplus of £199,414.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms L Strutt

Mr I McMinn MBE (Chairperson)

Ms S McLaughlin

Ms K Irvine

(Resigned 5 March 2023)

Mr B Grzymek

Mr R Carson

Mr M Taylor

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Mr I McMinn MBE (Chairperson)

Trustee

Dated: *30th January 2024*