

NIPANC

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024.

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

As NIPANC approaches its sixth year as a registered charity it continues to grow and develop to address its three key objectives: raising awareness of Pancreatic Cancer and its symptoms; funding necessary research; and supporting affected families. This year has seen important progress in each area.

In 2023-24 NIPANC's annual Pancreatic Cancer Awareness campaign was built on the success of previous years. The theme for the campaign in 2023 was survivors of Pancreatic Cancer. The month-long campaign aired poignant accounts from survivors, highlighting the nature of Pancreatic Cancer, its impact on their families and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment.

The campaign once again attracted great interest from the media and was successful in putting a human face on the impact of Pancreatic Cancer and the importance of seeking early diagnosis. This campaign, and those of previous years, has helped NIPANC in significantly raising public awareness of Pancreatic Cancer, as well as signposting its work.

On the research front, the clinical audit of Pancreatic Cancer cases which NIPANC funded in 2022-23 reported. The audit provided an important updating of information on the prevalence of Pancreatic Cancer the Northern Ireland, highlighting the very low survival rates and the need for earlier detection of the cancer. The audit raised a number of questions about current practice and detection rates which will generate further research.

Work also continues, in collaboration with Queens University Belfast and Focus Games on the development of a gaming app, directed at clinicians, to help them to recognise Pancreatic Cancer symptoms earlier. On completion, the app will be incorporated in clinical courses at Queens University.

NIPANC is working with its clinical advisors' group to identify significant research projects which its support would facilitate going forward. In addition, NIPANC is now supporting two PhD students at Queens University researching aspects of Pancreatic Cancer support and treatment, another collaborative approach set to grow in the coming years.

In the area of family support, and in partnership with Cancer Focus, NIPANC is funding 50% of a counsellor post, to support Pancreatic Cancer patients and their families with a commitment to grow this service as necessary, in response to demand. NIPANC is also providing grant aid to affected families as part of its 'making memories' initiative as well as funding professional family photographs for affected families.

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During the year NIPANC was engaged in the important development of a clinical pathway for Pancreatic Cancer treatments, agreed in late 2023, as a collaborative venture between the Department of Health, NIPANC and Pancreatic Cancer UK. This is to provide a model for similar developments covering other cancers.

Finally, NIPANC would wish to thank the friends, families and work colleagues of those affected by Pancreatic Cancer for their support in fundraising. Whilst NIPANC raises funds directly through its annual Pedal the Periphery event, its Charity Ball and through other smaller initiatives, NIPANC still relies heavily on the external fundraising of those affected by Pancreatic Cancer and the generosity of the wider public. The money raised through everything from coffee mornings, marathon runs, charity auctions and even world records in non-stop drumming is making a real difference.

Financial review

The income for the period was £377,483 and expenditure was £200,170. This leaves a surplus of £177,313.

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 along with their research panel are continually considering various research projects but no funds have been committed yet hence the considerable funds presently being held by the Charity. It is hoped that a suitable research project will be identified in the near future.

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:

Mr I McMinn MBE (Chairperson)

Mr R Carson (Secretary)

Ms C Booth

(Appointed 30 December 2023)

Mr A Cooke

(Appointed 30 December 2023)

Mr B Grzymek MBE

Mr B Magennis

(Appointed 30 December 2023)

Ms S McLaughlin

Ms L Strutt

Mr M Taylor

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



Mr I McMinn MBE (Chairperson)

Trustee

Dated: 28th January 2025