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# Altnagelvin Parents Group

## Annual General Meeting June 2022- June 2023

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
7.30pm

### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Chairpersons Annual Report for 2022-23
4. Presentation of Annual Accounts & Financial Report
5. Office Bearers: chairperson, treasurer, secretary, Childrens ward rep
6. Findings from evaluation (June 2023)
7. Plans for year ahead
8. Chairpersons Thanks & Closing Remarks
9. Presentation on the new Childrens ward design layout



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**ALTNAGELVIN PARENTS GROUP**  
**NIC108762**  
**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

**Registered Address**

W S Sterritt & Co, Chartered Certified Accountants, Carton House, 15 Ebrington Tce, Derry, BT476JS

**Trustees**

Lisa Storey, Deirdre Cassidy, Kellie McGowan, Yvonne Devenney

**Basis of Reporting**

This report covers the activities of the Group for the year 2022-2023 (June 2022-June 2023)

**Committee**

At the AGM all committee members' roles continued to remain filled. No Vacant positions.

**Election of Office Bearers**

In line with the procedure laid down in our Constitution, the Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Childrens Ward representative were elected to office by the Committee members.

These were Chairperson – Lisa Storey, Treasurer – Deirdre Cassidy, Secretary – Kellie McGowan and Childrens Ward representative Yvonne Devenney.

**Election of Committee Members**

Existing Committee members Lisa Storey, Deirdre Cassidy, Kellie McGowan and Yvonne Devenney were re-elected.

**Resignation of Committee Member**

None

**Meeting our Stated Objectives**

The work of the Group continues to focus on the stated objectives in our governing document and as ever, any review and evaluation of our work must assess how well we have fulfilled those objectives in the past year.

**Ongoing work**

The core work of the Group continues to be undertaken by our small, dedicated team of Committee members, who keep our primary goal of support families to children with life long and life limiting medical conditions and who attend Altnagelvin Hospitals Childrens Wards to the fore at all times.



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We are indebted to Deirdre Cassidy, who not only acts as our Treasurer, but is one of the key members of the working group who plans and organises events and takes a lead role in all of our projects.

As a result of receiving £5,000 from the Halifax foundation we were delighted to commission Shannon Healy to undertake some of the administration and support tasks that have been increasing, this is extremely valuable support for the charity and alleviate some of the pressures from the voluntary working group.

With the Group having an ever-growing digital social media presence, and a reliance on engaging with our parents and the general public, our Social Media platform has expanded to now include Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (X) and continues to be overseen by Deirdre Cassidy, Shannon Healy and myself.

The quality of posts and photographs on social media has ensured consistency and professionalism in everything we post, share and present to the public.

The work of the Group ranges, and it is clear that we would not be able to perform our roles and provide the support we do without the ongoing and unwavering financial donations we receive from fundraisers, whether patient families, friends and generous members of the public.

We were delighted to work in partnership with Sion Swifts football team to develop and launch diabetes starter packs for all families of newly diagnosed children before discharge from the children's ward. We put together 100 of these packs and formally presented them to the western trust children's ward management and diabetes team in April 2023.

In May 2023 we developed two short surveys and launched as part of a public consultation, one survey was for any parent who has had a child admitted and stayed on the children's ward (since 2018) and the other survey was for young people who have been admitted to hospital since (2018). The feedback from both will help us shape our activities and projects going forward.

We held a successful parents afternoon tea in June 2023 in Bishops gate hotel, which received excellent feedback from all who attended. It was one of our first parents only events.

All donations we receive is put to use here in the northern sector of the Western Trust to further the charity's goals and purposes.

### **Financial Report**

The total net worth of the Group on 1st July 2022 was £23,779, HSBC Current Account.

Total expenditure for the year came to £18,560.



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Total donations received for the year came to £4,520.

Total donations including funding received from Halifax foundation and the National Lottery community fund came to £16,220.

Our governance costs including Public and Trustees Liability Insurance premium £540.

Administration costs £891

We continued to replenish our Bravery baskets which were introduced to the treatment rooms on wards 6&16 in June 2019, to help support children receiving procedures whilst on the wards and reduce impact of trauma experienced at these times. Feedback on our Bravery Baskets continues to be extremely positive.

We introduced care box for parents staying on the ward, so they have access to sanitary items and products to help them freshen up during hospital admissions with children, items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, wipes, deodorant etc.

We were delighted to successfully receive funding from National Lottery community fund for our annual family Christmas event this year. It was held on a Sunday at the end of Nov 2022. Our families were invited, as well as the team from the Childrens ward. It was a magical day, and included a Sunday carvery lunch, plenty of activities and a family visit with Santa. We hope to build on this for Christmas 2023.

The year finished with a total net worth of £21,439 HSBC Current Account

### **Conclusion**

Fundraising activities and donations continued to be quite a bit less this year due to continued impact of Covid and ongoing cost of living crisis. We hope to focus on this again next year with local marathon fundraising etc.

I am immensely proud of how our committee has worked diligently in their service to the Parents Group, and with a strong commitment to their roles.

Lisa Storey

**Chairperson and Parent**

### **Accounts as of 1st July 2022**

HSBC Current Account £23,779

### **Plus, Income**

Donations / Funding received £16,220.

### **Less Expenditure**

£18,560

### **Accounts as of 30th June 2023**

HSBC Current Account £21,439



**Notes**

**Altnagelvin Parents Support Group  
Financial Statement for Period Ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
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→ Blaney - Chairperson 6/3/24

Dorothy Cassidy - Treasurer 6/3/24