

Annual Report

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Message From Chairperson

As we approach the end of 2024, Gort Cancer Support reflects on a year of significant progress and continued impact in delivering vital services to individuals and families affected by cancer. The achievements of the past year have been made possible through the generosity, commitment and collaboration of our community and volunteers.

In 2024, the organisation delivered over 240 counselling sessions, 300 complementary therapy treatments and 75 manual lymph drainage treatments, providing essential emotional and physical support to those in need. In addition, 120 transport drives ensured patients had reliable access to oncology appointments and treatments. Over 900 supportive activities were participated in, such as peer support, yoga, tai chi, art, arts and crafts, meditation and a singing group, each contributing to the holistic well-being of our clients.



These outcomes reflect our ongoing commitment to providing accessible, high-quality support services. We extend our sincere appreciation to our donors, volunteers and the wider community, whose continued engagement enables us to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

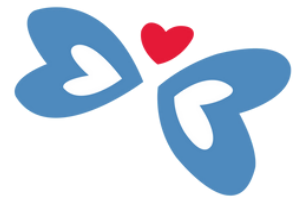
2024 also represented a period of strategic development for Gort Cancer Support Centre at Hollyblue House. Following our admission as an associate member of the Alliance of Cancer Support Centres in 2023, we have dedicated significant effort this year to fulfilling the requirements for full membership, including comprehensive documentation and preparatory work ahead of a peer review visit scheduled for January 2025.

Achieving full membership will represent an important milestone in our growth, aligning Gort Cancer Support with national standards of excellence and strengthening our contribution to the wider cancer support sector. We remain fully committed to continuous improvement, collaboration and the delivery of compassionate, professional and person-centred care.

David Kelly
Chairperson

SUMMARY OF THE ORGANISATION'S PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

The main object for which the company is established is to benefit the community of Gort and its environs through the provision and operation of a confidential cancer support service. This service aims to assist and support anyone affected by cancer by offering a range of supports tailored to individual needs.



These services may include counselling, complimentary therapies, financial assistance, transport to hospital treatments, social support groups and any other beneficial non-medical therapies. Support is available from the time of diagnosis, throughout treatment and at any time thereafter.

Our Journey of Growth and Support



Gort Cancer Support was founded in June 2007 to provide practical and emotional support to anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis across the South Galway and North Clare areas. In 2012, the organisation moved to a semi-detached house in Garrabeg, Gort, made possible through the generosity of kind benefactors. A National Lottery Grant awarded in 2015 enabled the expansion of our facilities, to include the addition of a dedicated Studio Room, officially opened in 2016.

As demand for our services continued to grow, it became clear that additional space was needed to accommodate ground floor treatment rooms and a dedicated play therapy room. In November 2019, with the support of a mortgage, we purchased the adjoining semi-detached property. This has since been integrated into our existing centre and named Hollyblue House, inspired by the delicate Hollyblue butterfly — one of the first signs of spring, symbolising hope and serenity.



Our Vision

Our aim is to support people affected by a cancer diagnosis.

Our Mission

is to provide a caring, confidential and equitable local community-based cancer support service that promotes holistic and positive well-being. We aim to create a safe haven environment where anyone affected by cancer can find solace, understanding and the resources they need to navigate their journey. Our high-quality services are tailored to support individuals and their loved ones at every stage of their journey, ensuring they receive the compassionate care and understanding they deserve.

Gort Cancer Support is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every individual, regardless of age, race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or religion, is welcomed, respected and valued. We embrace diversity and recognize that people with different backgrounds, cultures and experiences can benefit our organization. By ensuring our services are relevant and accessible to all, we strive to be inclusive of everyone and value the differences that make each person unique.

Our Values



Our Trustees



David Kelly

Trustee
Chairperson

David joined Gort Cancer Support in 2017, bringing with him a strong connection to the local community and a deep appreciation for the centre's impact, shaped by personal experience through family and friends. A local businessman, he has led the organization through significant growth in both facilities and services. Outside of his role, David is active in community life as a coach with South Galway Athletic Club, a member of the parish council and a singer in the local choir.



Mary Nolan

Vice Chair

Mary has been a dedicated volunteer with Gort Cancer Support since 2007. She led the development of the Hollyblue Gift Shop and managed the centre voluntarily until its first staff appointment in 2023. A retired Bank of Ireland professional, Mary brings expertise in financial management, fundraising and community engagement, along with deep empathy shaped by personal experience. Her dedication was recognised with a Galway People of the Year award in 2023 and a Volunteer Ireland nomination in 2024.



Anne McInerney

Anne, a Gort native, joined the Gort Cancer Support committee in 2016 and was appointed Director later that year. In her role, she brings valuable financial expertise as Manager of Gort Credit Union Ltd., along with a deep personal connection — Gort Cancer Support was dedicated to her late father, Joe McInerney, who, alongside her mother Sadie, played a key role in founding the Centre. Anne is deeply committed to community service, having volunteered with Galway Lifeboats, Christmas in Gort and other local initiatives.



**Dr Lorraine
Mulkerrins**

A dedicated family doctor based in Gort, Lorraine joined the Board in February 2020. Living locally in Peterswell with her husband and three children, she brings valuable medical expertise, clinical insight and community awareness to the centre's work. Her recent experience supporting her husband through a cancer diagnosis has deepened her understanding of the vital role services like Hollyblue House play during challenging times.



Olive Hughes

Based in Peterswell, Olive has run a preschool in Gort since 1999 and brings her passion for early childhood care to her role. She began volunteering at Hollyblue House in 2021, joined the committee shortly after and became a Director in 2024. Her commitment is deeply personal, inspired by the memory of a close friend lost to cancer. Olive contributes strong community engagement, volunteer leadership and early education expertise to the Board.



Lorraine Burke

Originally from Cork and now living in St Thomas's, Galway, Lorraine joined the committee in early 2024 and became a Trustee shortly after. With a background in education and extensive volunteer experience, she brings expertise in community engagement, child wellbeing and organisational leadership. Her interest in play therapy is shaped by years supporting students affected by illness. Lorraine is proud to support the work of Hollyblue House.

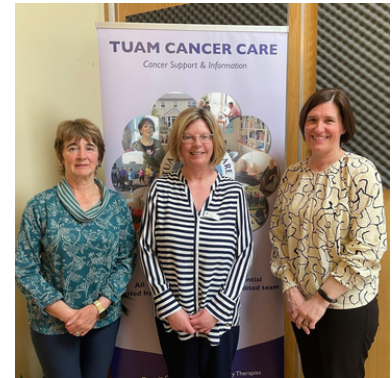


David McSweeney

Originally from Claregalway, David has lived in various counties across Ireland and spent time working in California in 2010. With over 26 years of experience in the medical device industry, he currently works as an Engineering Program Manager. A double cancer survivor, David became involved with Gort Cancer Support in 2023, motivated by a desire to contribute to a cancer-related charity. He is a father of two daughters and is engaged to be married. His personal interests include travel, gardening and rugby.

Collaboration and Community Engagement

The Gort Cancer Support Centre continues to strengthen its collaborative network to enhance service delivery and ensure comprehensive, person-centred support for individuals and families affected by cancer.



Strategic Partnerships

The Centre maintains active partnerships with community organizations such as the Family Resource Centre, healthcare providers including local GPs, the HSE, University Hospital Galway, Galway Clinic and Community Nurses, as well as charitable organizations such as Cancer Care West and Galway Hospice. These partnerships support joint initiatives in awareness and education focused on cancer prevention, early detection and patient support.

Collaborative Initiatives

Throughout the year, the Centre delivered a range of joint events, workshops and seminars in partnership with professionals and organizations. These sessions addressed key themes such as men's health, nutrition, mindfulness, coping strategies and survivorship, contributing to the overall wellbeing of clients and their families.

Referral and Professional Networks

Referrals to the Centre are received from local doctors, hospitals and specialist services. We maintain an extensive network of healthcare and social care professionals, including hospitals, hospices, counsellors and social workers, to ensure coordinated and holistic care pathways for clients.

Professional Collaboration

Ongoing engagement with healthcare professionals and charitable partners, including the National Cancer Control Programme, Hand in Hand, Cancer Care West and other cancer support centres, ensures alignment with best practice standards and the delivery of high-quality, evidence-informed support services.

External Environment and Influencing Factors

Several external factors continue to influence the Centre's operations and the demand for its services:

1

Public Awareness

Increased visibility and awareness of cancer support centres and services drives higher engagement and service utilisation.

2

Health Trends

Variations in cancer incidence and related health patterns directly impact service demand.

3

Technological Advancements

Progress in treatment and early detection contributes to increased survivorship, heightening the need for long-term support services.

4

Economic Conditions

Economic fluctuations affect both service demand and available funding, influencing operational capacity and resource allocation.

5

Community and Corporate Partnerships

Collaboration with local organizations, businesses and agencies enhances service reach, reputation and sustainability.

Gort Cancer Support remains committed to maintaining excellence in service provision while adapting strategically to emerging trends and external challenges. Our continued focus on collaboration, innovation and quality care ensures that those affected by cancer receive the highest standard of support.



Our Beneficiaries

Gort Cancer Support exists to provide compassionate, confidential, practical and professional support to individuals and families affected by cancer across South Galway, North Clare and the surrounding regions. Our services are designed to meet the diverse and evolving needs of our community, ensuring that no one faces cancer alone.

Primary Beneficiaries

Our primary service-users include:

- **Individuals Diagnosed with Cancer**

We support people at all stages of their cancer journey, from initial diagnosis through treatment, recovery and beyond. Our services are tailored to address the physical, emotional and psychological challenges that accompany a cancer diagnosis.

- **Cancer Survivors**

Survivorship brings its own set of challenges. We assist individuals in navigating life after treatment, offering resources and support to help them rebuild confidence, manage long-term effects and maintain wellbeing.

- **Family Members and Carers**

Recognising the vital role of carers and the emotional impact on families, we provide dedicated support to those caring for loved ones with cancer. This includes counselling, as well as complementary therapies and activities.

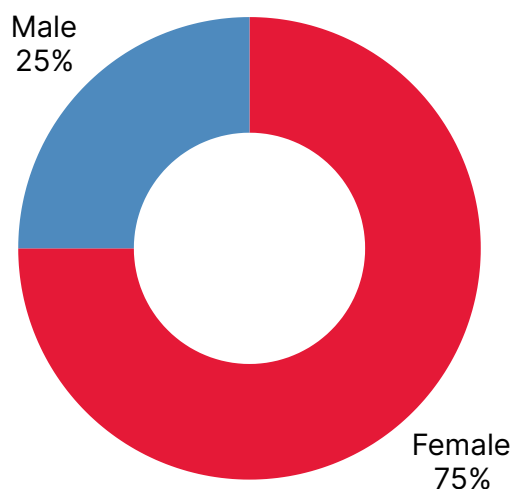
- **Bereaved Individuals**

For those who have lost a loved one to cancer, we offer bereavement support to help them cope with grief and loss in a compassionate and understanding environment.

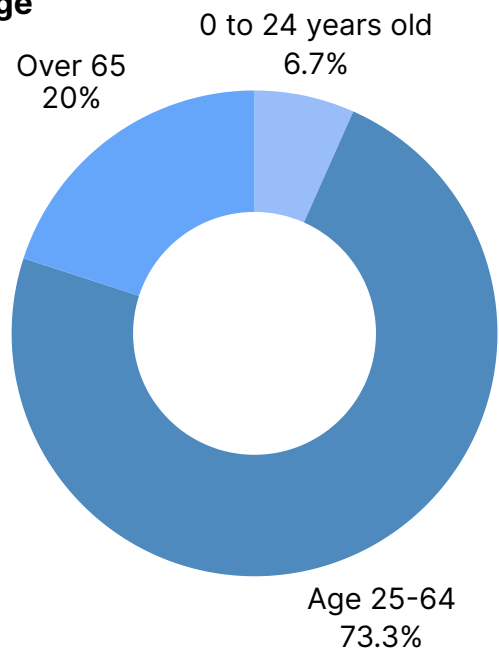
New Client Demographics

In 2024, Gort Cancer Support welcomed a diverse group of new clients, primarily women aged 25–64. Most were individuals living with a cancer diagnosis, accessing support through self-referral.

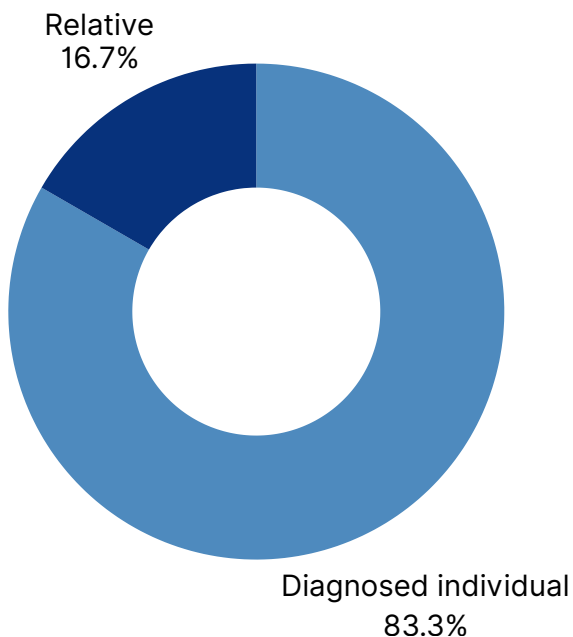
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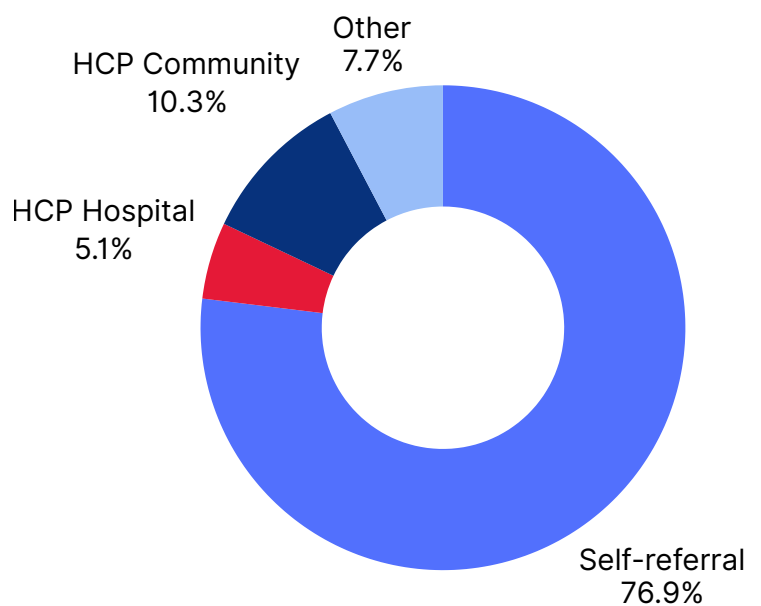
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Cancer Status



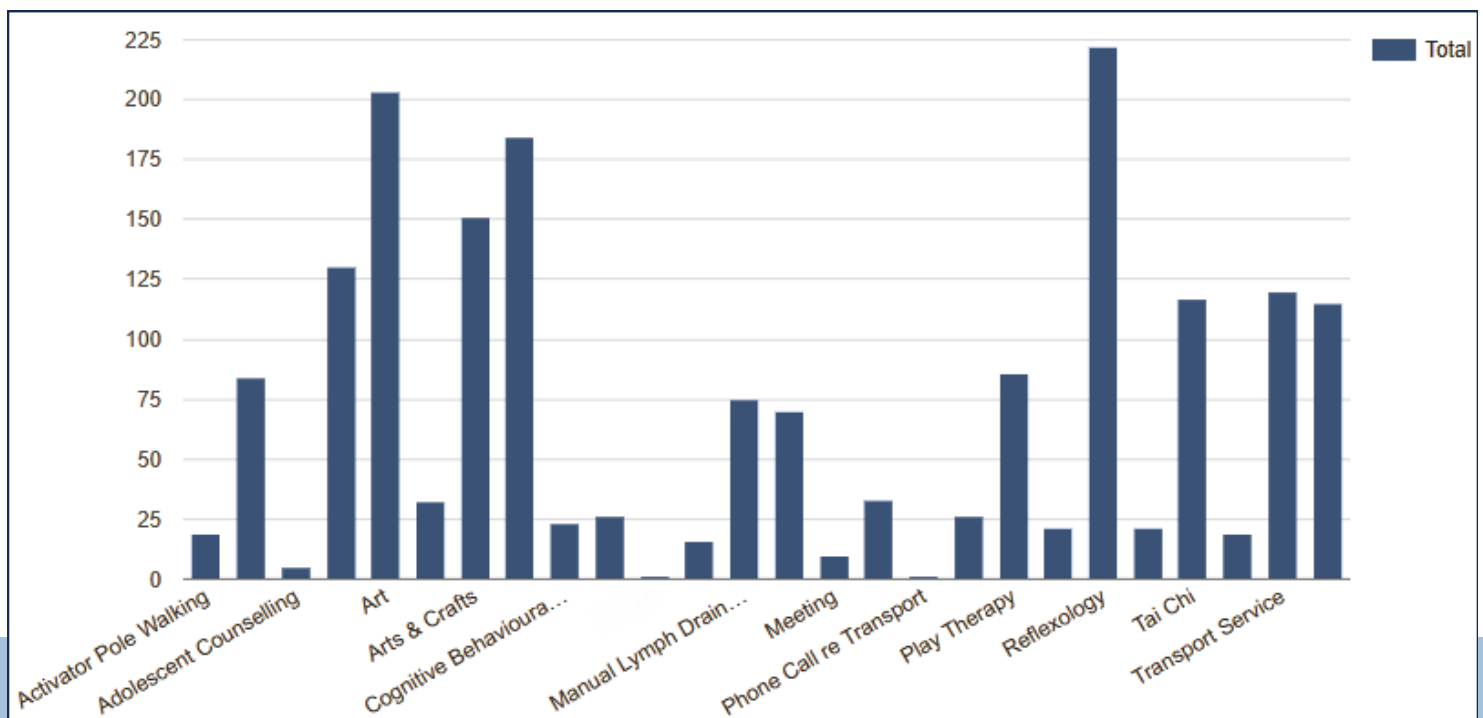
Referral Source



Main Services and Activities

In 2024, Gort Cancer Support Centre delivered 1,699 supports, reflecting strong engagement across therapeutic, emotional and practical services. Popular offerings included Reflexology (217 sessions), Chair Yoga (181), Art (200) and Adult Counselling (128). Group activities like Tai Chi (116) and Arts & Crafts (151) helped foster wellbeing and connection, while Transport Services (120) ensured accessibility. These figures highlight our commitment to holistic care and community support.

Activity Type



This broad engagement highlights the Centre's holistic approach — supporting not only physical and emotional health but also building a sense of community. The variety and volume of services and activities delivered demonstrate our continued commitment to meeting the evolving needs of those affected by cancer in a compassionate and inclusive environment.

A Diverse and Inclusive Community

Our beneficiaries reflect the rich diversity of our region. We are committed to inclusivity and strive to ensure that our services are accessible to all, regardless of age, gender, nationality or background. We work closely with local healthcare providers, community organisations and volunteers to reach individuals who may be isolated, vulnerable or unaware of the support available to them.

Commitment to Accessibility

We recognise that accessibility is fundamental to effective support. To this end, we offer services in a welcoming, non-judgemental environment and provide language and cultural supports where needed. Our aim is to remove barriers to care and ensure that every individual feels seen, heard and supported.

Looking Forward

As the needs of our community continue to evolve, Gort Cancer Support remains steadfast in its commitment to adapt and respond. Through ongoing consultation with our service-users and stakeholders, we strive to enhance our offerings and ensure that our support remains relevant, responsive and impactful.



Testimonials

"I found the art therapy helped me rethink how I approached life – especially day to day life skills.

I also found it opened up the world of creativity to me and made me feel very relaxed and mindful of what was going on in my life. Helped me to give my life more balance" (CK).

"Thank you very much to each one of you and to the people who took me and picked me up in Galway, God bless you all" (MC).

"Things came up that I wasn't expecting and it was nice to use art as a medium to help understand and process emotions. It was something I looked forward to every week. Helen allowed plenty of time for reflection, digestion and silent space to understand thoughts and emotions" (LL).

"An amazing supportive service, it really made a difference to my stress /anxiety levels. I felt part of a community who understands the challenges of treatment" (anonymous).

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"Friendly excellent support. Always someone to listen if you need to talk" (anonymous).

"My experience at Hollyblue is a very positive one. It is a haven. I do not know where I would be without it. The transport to and from oncology appointments is invaluable.

From the minute someone opens the door at Hollyblue with a warm and welcoming smile you feel 'at home'. It is spotless, every space's interior detail and decor is so tastefully chosen. The professionalism and the people of Hollyblue create the magic and are my 'angels'" (anonymous).

"Gort Cancer Support is one of the best service's I have encountered, both the physical activities, counselling and acupuncture and reflexology services are brilliant.

It's a very welcoming house just like home, there's nothing official or clinical about it, just lovely and lovely people there to welcome you and your family" (anonymous).

Organisation and Governance

Gort Cancer Support Group CLG is a registered charity (Registered Charity Number 20075927). The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and is registered as Gort Cancer Support (Company No 496940).

Appointment of Management Committee

The management committee oversees the operations and strategic direction of the Gort Cancer Support Centre. It consists of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and expertise to ensure the organization's smooth functioning. The election takes place in October at the AGM. Typical processes for electing or nominating committee members include:

1**Nomination**

Interested individuals may express their willingness to serve on the committee. Nominations can come from existing committee members and directors, staff or the community.

2**Election**

If there are more nominees than available positions, an election may be held. Committee members or stakeholders (such as service users) may vote to select the new members.

3**Skills and Expertise**

The committee aims for diversity in skills, backgrounds and experiences. Members with relevant expertise (e.g., healthcare, finance, community engagement) are valuable.

4**Commitment**

Prospective members should demonstrate commitment to the organization's mission and values.

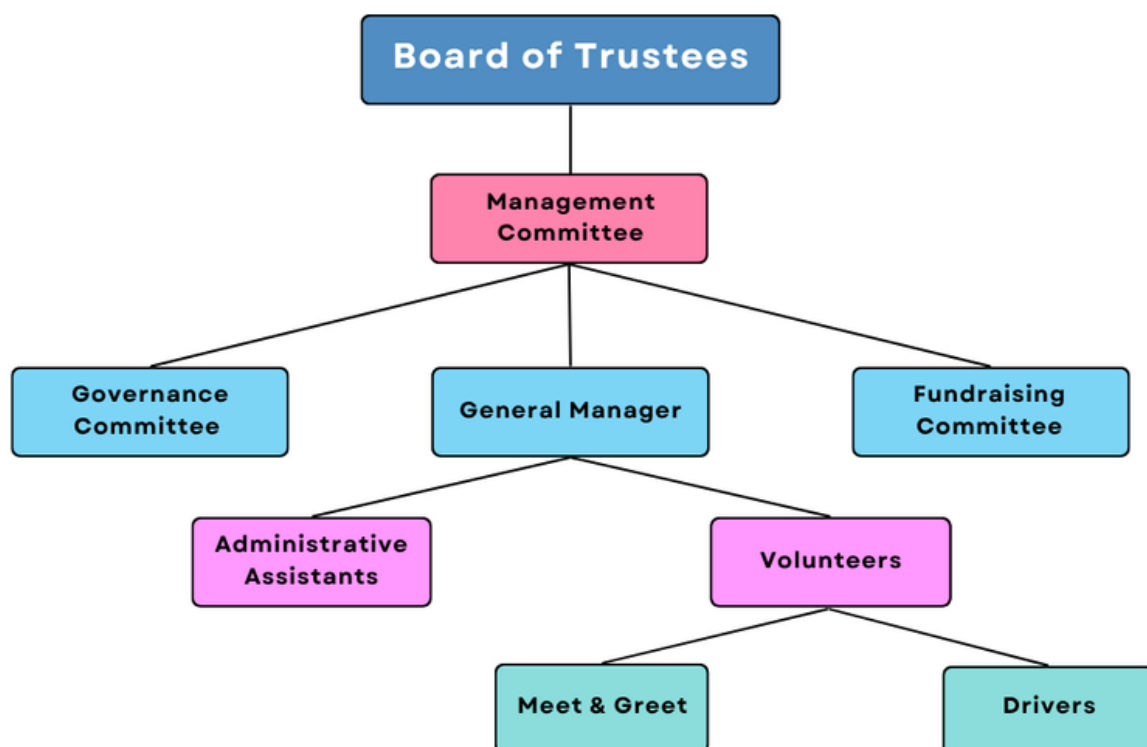
5**Term Limits**

Committee members typically serve for a year and are eligible for re-election for an annual basis. The process is transparent, ensuring that interested individuals understand the requirements and expectations.

Induction of the Board

To ensure a smooth transition for new board members at Gort Cancer Support, we facilitate their integration by providing essential documents, including our comprehensive policies and the Trustees' Code of Conduct. Additionally, we coordinate introductory meetings with pertinent individuals.

The Role of the Board



Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees holds the ultimate oversight and decision-making authority within Gort Cancer Support. They are responsible for strategic planning, financial management and ensuring the organization adheres to its mission and values. Key decisions that must be approved by the Board include budget approvals, major expenditures, changes in services or programs, amendments to bylaws or governance policies and the appointment or removal of key management personnel.

Management Committee.

Reporting directly to the Board of Trustees, the Management Committee implements board decisions and oversees daily operations. They ensure that the organization's activities align with the strategic goals set by the Board.

Governance Committee.

This subcommittee focuses on compliance with laws and regulations, maintaining ethical standards and ensuring good governance practices within the organization.

Fundraising Committee.

Responsible for developing and executing strategies to generate financial support for the organization. They plan and coordinate fundraising events and campaigns to ensure the sustainability of Gort Cancer Support.

General Manager.

The General Manager oversees the day-to-day operations of the organization, supported by Administrative Assistants. They ensure that the organization's activities run smoothly and efficiently and report to the Management Committee.

Volunteers.

The Meet & Greet and Drivers volunteers provide essential support services, enhancing the experience and accessibility of the organization's programs for those affected by cancer.



Board meetings and committee meetings

Gort Cancer Support holds monthly committee meetings also attended by the Board of Trustees. Additionally, the Board of Trustees convenes separate trustee meetings as needed.

The Board of Trustees at the Gort Cancer Support Centre takes conflicts of interest seriously to ensure transparency, ethical conduct and the best interests of the organization and its beneficiaries. Here's how they address conflicts:

Disclosure. Board members are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest promptly. This includes financial interests, relationships or affiliations that could impact their decision-making.

Recusal. When a conflict arises, the affected board member must recuse themselves from discussions and decisions related to the matter. They do not participate in voting or influencing the outcome.

Transparency. The board ensures that all relevant conflicts are documented in meeting minutes. Transparency helps maintain trust with stakeholders and demonstrates accountability.

Independent Decision-Making. The remaining board members make decisions objectively, considering the organization's best interests. They prioritize the centre's mission and the well-being of those affected by cancer.

Policy Adherence. The board follows established conflict of interest policies and guidelines. These policies outline procedures for handling conflicts and reinforce ethical behaviour.

Conflict of interest policy



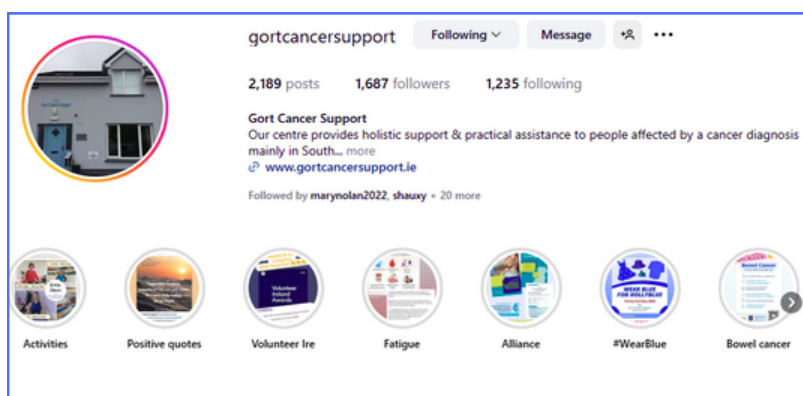
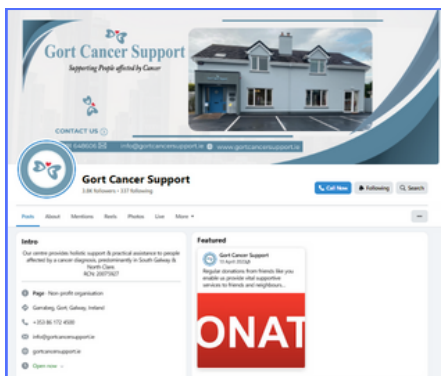
Stakeholders

Gort Cancer Support maintains strong relationships with our clients, volunteers, staff, therapists, Board Members, funders, donors and supporters. We consistently express our gratitude to our donors and supporters through social media posts, thank you letters, public acknowledgments and media articles.

We keep them informed and engaged with regular updates, quarterly newsletters and social media posts.

We organise and participate in community events, fostering a sense of community and appreciation among stakeholders.

These efforts help maintain strong relationships and show our appreciation for the ongoing support.



Galway People of the Year Awards

The Galway People of the Year Awards, established in 1995, aim to publicly honour individuals who have made significant contributions to their communities, either locally or internationally, through their leadership, involvement, bravery or accomplishments. These awards are now considered one of the most prestigious honours in the county. Each awardee is selected by the people of Galway through a nomination process, with the final decision made by an independent panel.



We had a fantastic experience at their Awards Ceremony on Friday 22nd November. It was truly an honour to be chosen as one of the featured charities for this event, alongside the Galway Parkinson's Association. We wish to extend our gratitude to our dedicated committee members and staff who represented us with such enthusiasm and professionalism. Their efforts made our participation memorable and impactful.

Well done to Bernice Forde Carolan, one of our volunteer drivers, who was presented with her award on the night. Since returning to Gort 6 years ago, Bernice has become involved with many local organisations. As well as volunteering her time with our charity, Bernice is involved with Gort Credit Union Ltd., Gort Tidy Towns, Gort Welcomes Ukraine, Gort Town Team, the local Tourist Office run by Burren Lowlands and the Family Resource Centre's Food Cloud initiative.

A well deserved award, Bernice, for your ongoing commitment to helping the community.

Volunteer Ireland Awards

In 2024, we were proud to celebrate the incredible dedication of our volunteers, whose commitment makes everything we do possible. One highlight of the year was Mary Nolan being shortlisted for a Volunteer Ireland Award — a national recognition of her outstanding contribution to Gort Cancer Support.

Mary has been a cornerstone of our volunteer team for many years, offering her time, energy and compassion to support individuals and families affected by cancer.

Her work has touched countless lives, from providing a warm welcome at the centre to assisting with events and fundraising initiatives. This nomination reflects not only Mary's personal dedication but also the spirit of volunteerism that defines our organisation.



Risk Management

The Gort Cancer Support Group CLG recognises that the aim of risk management is not to eliminate risk totally, but rather to provide the structural means to identify, prioritise and manage the risks involved in all our activities. It requires a balance between the cost of managing and treating risks and the anticipated benefits that will be derived.

Gort Cancer Support Group CLG acknowledges that risk management is an essential element in the framework of good governance and is an integral part of good management practice. The intent is to embed risk management in a very practical way into our processes and functions via approval processes, review processes and controls to add significant value to our Company; it is not to impose risk management as an extra requirement, which adds no value to the Company.

Major Risks to Gort Cancer Support CLG and Their Management

Compliance

(Legal or Regulatory) Risks

Risk: Non-compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

Management: Keeping up-to-date with legal changes, regular compliance audits and implementing necessary changes promptly.

Governance Risks

Risk: Ineffective governance structures and processes.

Management: Regular reviews and updates of governance policies, ensuring compliance with best practices and continuous training for board members.

Strategic Risks

Risk: Failure to achieve strategic objectives.

Management: Embedding risk management into strategy development and operational processes, regular monitoring and adjustments as needed.

Operational Risks

Risk: Disruptions in day-to-day operations.

Management: Developing and maintaining robust operational procedures, regular training for staff and having contingency plans in place.

Environmental or External Risks

Risk: External factors affecting operations (e.g., economic downturns, natural disasters).

Management: Conducting regular environmental scans, having disaster recovery plans and maintaining flexibility to adapt to changes.

Financial Risks

Risk: Financial instability or mismanagement.

Management: Regular financial audits, maintaining a balanced budget and ensuring transparency in financial reporting.

Reputational Risks

Risk: Damage to the organisation's reputation.

Management: Maintaining high standards of service, effective communication strategies and promptly addressing any issues that arise.

Risk Assessment and Prioritization

Risk Scoring and Response

High Risk (Score 25+): Immediate action plans by trustees to minimize risk.

Medium Risk (Score 13-24): Action plans to ensure effective controls.

Low Risk (Score 0-12): Risks are considered low and controls are deemed effective.

Each risk is assessed based on:

Likelihood: Probability of occurrence (scale of 1-5).

Impact: Potential impact on the organisation (scale of 1-5).

Effectiveness of Controls: How effective current controls are (scale of 1-3).

Commitment to Risk Management

The Directors and management committee are dedicated to maintaining a formal risk management system, with a regularly reviewed and updated risk register to adapt to changing circumstances. This proactive approach ensures that potential risks are identified and mitigated promptly.

Fundraising

Gort Cancer Support Group has signed up to the Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising, a commitment that underscores its dedication to ethical and transparent fundraising practices. This adherence is crucial as it enhances public trust and donor confidence, ensuring that all fundraising activities are conducted with integrity and accountability. By aligning with these principles, the Centre not only improves its fundraising practices but also provides clear assurances to donors about the responsible use of their contributions. This commitment ultimately supports the Centre's mission to provide vital services to those affected by cancer in the community.

In 2024, Gort Cancer Support organized various fundraising activities to support their valuable work in assisting individuals affected by cancer, which included:

Wear Blue for Hollyblue

Our first blue-themed fundraiser, Wear Blue for Hollyblue, was held on May 3rd to support Hollyblue House, a sanctuary for those affected by cancer. We invited local schools, businesses and individuals to wear blue and donate. The response was incredible. From blue outfits and decorations to blue-themed food and even hair, the community truly embraced the spirit of the day.

This event highlighted the vital role community support plays in sustaining our services. We were honoured to have our Honorary Director, Sadie McInerney, join us in full blue regalia.



Table Quiz



Our Table Quiz on 22nd March 2024 was a great success, with a full house and 33 tables participating. This achievement was made possible thanks to the incredible support of our volunteers and friends in the community.

Hollyblue 5K Your Way

We had a wonderful morning at the “5K Your Way” walk/run in Coole Park in early October. The weather was ideal, adding to the enjoyment of the event.

Thank you to all who took part, your energy and enthusiasm made the day a success. Special thanks to Sinéad Flanagan and her team for their outstanding organisation and commitment, which ensured everything ran smoothly.



Annual Raffle



Our Annual Raffle took place on Monday, 9th December and was a key fundraising event. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. Your generosity and support are deeply appreciated.

We are also grateful to the individuals and businesses who kindly donated prizes. Your contributions played a vital role in the success of the raffle.

Hollyblue Gift Shop

Hollyblue Gifts is a modest yet meaningful source of ongoing support for Gort Cancer Support, offering a thoughtfully curated selection of donated giftware, bric-a-brac, collectables and household items. In 2024, the shop continued to provide a steady stream of income, helping to fund the centre’s free services for individuals and families affected by cancer in South Galway and North Clare.

Though humble in scale, Hollyblue Gifts plays a vital role in sustaining the centre’s work, supporting counselling, transport to hospital appointments and holistic therapies. It stands as a quiet testament to the generosity of the local community and the impact of everyday giving.

Governance and Accountability

At Gort Cancer Support, we uphold the highest standards of governance, recognising the trust our donors place in us. We take this responsibility seriously, ensuring transparency and accountability in all aspects of our work.

Our Board of Trustees, along with the finance and governance teams, are dedicated to maintaining strong oversight and cost-effective practices. Their ongoing commitment helps ensure our operations remain ethical, transparent and deserving of the continued support from our volunteers and donors.



**An Rialálaí
Carthanas**
**Charities
Regulator**

We are fully compliant with the Governance Code for the Community, Voluntary and Charitable Sector in Ireland, as well as the Charities Governance Code set out by the Charities Regulator.

In line with Company Law, our financial accounts are independently audited each year under the supervision of the Board of Trustees. These audited accounts are published annually on our website for public access.

Gort Cancer Support also follows the Charities Governance Code, which outlines essential standards for effective management and control.

In addition, we engage with the NCCP Best Practice Guidance for Community Cancer Support Centres, ensuring our services meet high standards of governance and quality in supporting individuals affected by cancer.

**The Alliance of
Community Cancer
Support Centres
and Services**



Key Objectives

Gort Cancer Support operates under a strategic plan (2022–2025) focused on strengthening organisational capacity, expanding outreach and enhancing support services for individuals affected by a cancer diagnosis. The following outlines our key objectives for 2024 and performance against these goals.

Objective 1: Strengthen Operational Capacity

Target: Recruit a full-time administrative assistant and initiate transition of the fundraising role from volunteer-led to paid.

Outcome: A full-time administrative assistant was appointed in mid-2024. The fundraising role remains volunteer-led, with plans for formalisation in 2025/2026.

Challenges: Funding constraints delayed progress on the fundraising role.

Impact: Improved operational efficiency and continuity for staff, volunteers and service users.

Objective 2: Enhance Support Services and Secure Funding

Target: Maintain and expand support services, apply for full Alliance membership and pursue multiple grant opportunities.

Outcome: Core services were sustained and expanded; Alliance membership application was completed and awaits a Peer Review meeting in 2025. Grant applications submitted to HSE, Galway County Council, Ireland Funds and Hospital Saturday Fund.

Challenges: Administrative demands of grant applications.

Impact: Broader service provision and potential for long-term infrastructure and sustainability improvements.

Objective 3: Expand Education and Awareness Initiatives

Target: Increase outreach through events focused on Men's Health, alongside continued awareness campaigns via social media and community engagement.

Outcome: A dedicated Men's Health event was successfully delivered, attracting strong participation and positive feedback. In addition, the Centre led multiple awareness initiatives throughout the year, including themed campaigns on cancer prevention, early detection and emotional wellbeing. These were promoted via social media, local press and community networks, significantly increasing visibility and engagement.

Challenges: Engaging participant, required tailored messaging and collaboration with local partners.

Impact: Improved public awareness of cancer-related issues and increased access to health information and support services across the community.

Social Media Report

In 2024, Gort Cancer Support Centre continued to use Facebook and Instagram to connect with the community, promote events and raise awareness about cancer support services. The Centre's strategy remained focused on visibility, engagement and education

Key Activities

1. Event Promotions:

- Promoted events like "5K Your Way", Christmas Pop-Up Shop and the "Wear Blue for Hollyblue" fundraiser.
- Shared reminders, photos and thank-you posts to boost participation.

2. Health Awareness:

- Raised awareness of signs and symptoms of different types of cancer.

3. Community Engagement:

- Posted volunteer appreciation and client stories.
- Encouraged interaction through hashtags and photo sharing.

4. Service Highlights

- Shared informative posts about therapies like lymph drainage and counselling.
- Introduced therapists and described services.
- Shared testimonials to build trust and awareness.

Engagement Snapshot

- Facebook – 3,331 followers, 238 new followers
- Instagram – 1,234 followers, 233 new followers

Gort Cancer Support Centre's social media presence in 2024 was strong and community-driven. Through consistent updates, engaging content and heartfelt stories, the Centre successfully promoted its mission and services to a wider audience.

Media Highligts

In 2024, Gort Cancer Support Centre continued to provide support to people affected by cancer in South Galway and North Clare. The Centre's work in care, outreach and service delivery was recognised by several media outlets and organisations across Ireland. This report gives an overview of the external media coverage received during the year.

1. Feature Interviews & Centre Profile

- Clare Echo *Thursday, Dec 5, 2024*

"It's about creating a community where people don't feel isolated" – A detailed feature on the Centre's mission and services, including interviews with Mary Nolan and Cara Brady.



2. Awards & Recognition

- Volunteer Ireland Awards 2024 *Tuesday, Nov 12, 2024*

Mary Nolan was shortlisted in the Health & Wellbeing category for her outstanding volunteer service.



3. Regional Mentions & Community Impact

- Irish Independent *Wednesday, Aug 14, 2024*

Gort Cancer Support was selected as the chosen charity for the Galway Summer Rally 2024, boosting visibility and community support.



- Connacht Tribune *Friday, April 19, 2024*

The Centre launched a fundraising initiative called "Wear Blue for Hollyblue", encouraging people to wear blue on May 6th to raise awareness and funds. Inspired by the Holly Blue butterfly, the campaign highlights hope and transformation. The article also notes that Gort Cancer Support provides free services to around 300 people, including therapies, counselling and support groups.

In 2024, Gort Cancer Support Centre received notable media coverage that underscored its expanding role and recognition within the community and beyond. From national awards to regional features, the Centre's work was acknowledged for its professionalism, effectiveness and community impact. These moments of visibility not only marked key milestones from the past year but also contributed to strengthening the Centre's public profile and future support.

Future plans for 2025

1. Recruit a part-time Fundraising/PR/Marketing person which will need to be funded from internal fundraising income. This will only go ahead if there are sufficient funds in place.
2. Start offering Oncology Massage to clients, provided by Anne Loughrey, one of our current reflexologists, who is qualified in this area.
3. Consider offering Mindfulness for Cancer courses to clients, depending on costs and grant funding.
4. Recruit women who have had a breast cancer diagnosis for the CanWork study on returning to work after breast cancer.
5. Introduce the Can-React (Cancer Exercise) Programme in conjunction with Dr Gupta of the University of Galway.

Volunteers and Employees

Average number of volunteers – 54

- Meet & Greet Volunteers – 30
- Driver Volunteers – 24

Average number of full-time employees – 2

- General Manager – 1 (Cara Brady)
- Admin Assistant – 1 (Iryna Rotaru (since September 2024))

Employment support schemes – 5

- Community Employment Scheme – 4 (Tracey Wickham, Nodlaig Cahill (until April 2024), Stuart Bates (January 2024 – June 2024), Geraldine Ruane (since June 2024))
- TÚS – 1 (Iryna Rotaru (until August 2024))

Average number of part-time employees – 0

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal Activity and Review of the Business

The principal activity of the company is to provide and optimise caring, private, confidential, equitable and high quality local community based cancer support services and companionship that promotes holistic, positive well-being in a safe haven environment, for anyone affected by cancer. The company will continue to fundraise in order to maintain sufficient reserves to meet its day to day obligations.

The Company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

There has been no significant change in these activities during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Gort Cancer Support Group Ltd like other companies in this sector faces the prospect that donations and fundraising contributions may decline. The directors are of the opinion that they should be able to continue to receive donations at similar levels going forward.

Financial Results

The surplus for the financial year after providing for depreciation amounted to €58,641 (2023 - €61,783).

At the end of the financial year, the company has assets of €807,113 (2023 - €746,168) and liabilities of €6,858 (2023 - €4,554). The net assets of the company have increased by €58,641.

Directors and Secretary

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

David Kelly
Lorraine Geraldine Mulkerrins Neylon
Lorraine Burke (Appointed 5 June 2024)
Anne McInerney
Olive Hughes (Appointed 5 June 2024)
Sadie McInerney (Resigned 4 July 2024)
Mary Nolan
David McSweeney (Appointed 6 September 2024)

The secretary who served throughout the financial year was Maura Leonard.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Future Developments

The directors are not expecting to make any significant changes to the nature of the business in the near future.

Post Balance Sheet Events

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

Auditors

The auditors, ODK Accountancy Limited, (Statutory Auditors & Accountants), continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

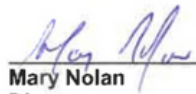
Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at Garrabeg, Gort, Co. Galway.

Signed on behalf of the board



Mary Nolan
Director

18 September 2025



David Kelly
Director

18 September 2025

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee
DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT
 for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

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 that 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.

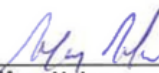
The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined 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.

Disclosure of Information to Auditor

Each persons who are directors at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the board


 Mary Nolan
 Director

18 September 2025


 David Kelly
 Director

18 September 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee ('the company') for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Members' Funds, the Cash Flow Statement and the related 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 2024 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 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee

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 6, 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.

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.

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.

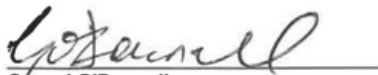
We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee

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.



Gerard O'Donnell

for and on behalf of

ODK ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED

Statutory Auditors & Accountants

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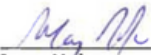
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Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

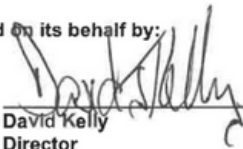
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
Income	4	198,076	182,163
Expenditure		(140,022)	(120,430)
Surplus before interest		58,054	61,733
Interest receivable and similar income		587	50
Surplus for the financial year		58,641	61,783
Total comprehensive income		58,641	61,783

Approved by the board on 18 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mary Nolan
Director



David Kelly
Director

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee

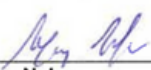
BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	7	358,738	367,803
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		448,375	378,365
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(6,858)	(4,554)
Net Current Assets		441,517	373,811
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		800,255	741,614
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account		800,255	741,614
Equity attributable to owners of the company		800,255	741,614

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.

Approved by the board on 18 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


Mary Nolan
Director


David Kelly
Director

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee
RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' FUNDS

as at 31 December 2024

	Retained surplus	Special reserve	Total
	€	€	€
At 1 January 2023	339,706	340,125	679,831
Surplus for the financial year	61,783	-	61,783
Other movements in equity attributable to owners	340,125	(340,125)	-
At 31 December 2023	741,614	-	741,614
Surplus for the financial year	58,641	-	58,641
At 31 December 2024	800,255	-	800,255

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

1. General Information

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Ireland. Garrabeg, Gort, Co.Galway, Ireland is the registered office, which is also the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report. 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 year ended 31 December 2024 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

Information on the Company's Income Policy:

- (1) Donations, fundraising and all other income are recognised when received into the premises of the charity or lodged into one of the charity's bank accounts.
- (2) Interest income is recognised on a receivable basis.
- (3) Income from voluntary donations or fundraising is recognised when received. As with many similar charitable organisations, independent groups from time to time organise fundraising activities and may operate bank accounts in the name of Gort Cancer Support Group Ltd. However, as amounts collected in this way are outside the control of the charity, they are not included in the financial statements until received by Gort Cancer Support Group Ltd.

Reserves Policy

Gort Cancer Support Group Ltd needs reserves to:

- (1) Ensure that the charity can continue to provide a quality service in the provision of cancer care.
- (2) Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close.
- (3) Meet unexpected costs like the breakdown of essential office machinery and legal costs defending the charity's interest.
- (4) Meet the costs of winding up the organisation in the event that this was necessary.
- (5) Have adequate cash flow to cover 3 months of current expenditure in the company.

Restricted Funds:

Restricted Funds are restricted income funds, which are expendable based on the requirements of the donees. All restricted funds are expendable within the objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted Funds:

Unrestricted Funds are expendable at the discretion of the board in the furtherance of the charity's objectives.

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Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

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:

Land and buildings freehold	- 2% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15% Straight line

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

As a result of the company's charitable status, no charge to corporation tax arises under the provision of Section 207 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. The company's registered charity number with the Revenue Commissioners is 19379.

3. Departure from Companies Act 2014 Presentation

The directors have elected to present an Income and Expenditure Account instead of a Profit and Loss Account in these financial statements as this company is a not-for-profit entity.

4. Income

The income for the financial year is analysed as follows:

	2024 €	2023 €
By Category:		
Donations & Annual Fundraising	78,082	91,057
Services Fundraising	92,956	78,290
Grants Received	26,375	10,840
Other income	663	1,976
	<u>198,076</u>	<u>182,163</u>

The whole of the company's income is attributable to its market in the Republic of Ireland and is derived from the principal activity of community based cancer support services.

5. Operating surplus

	2024 €	2023 €
Operating surplus is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	<u>9,065</u>	<u>9,065</u>

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Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

6. Employees

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Admin	1	-
Manager	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

7. Tangible assets

	Land and buildings freehold €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Total €
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	432,980	18,502	451,482
At 31 December 2024	432,980	18,502	451,482
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2024	67,203	16,476	83,679
Charge for the financial year	8,660	405	9,065
At 31 December 2024	75,863	16,881	92,744
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>357,117</u>	<u>1,621</u>	<u>358,738</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>365,777</u>	<u>2,026</u>	<u>367,803</u>

**8. Creditors
Amounts falling due within one year**

	2024 €	2023 €
Taxation	2,066	1,169
Accruals	2,777	2,645
Deferred Income	2,015	740
	<u>6,858</u>	<u>4,554</u>

9. Taxation

	2024 €	2023 €
Creditors:		
PAYE	<u>2,066</u>	<u>1,169</u>

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Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

10. Government Grants & Supports

Grant Source/Agency	HSE
Source	Department of Health
Grant Programme	Inflation Fund
Purpose of Grant	To support charities with increased costs due to inflation
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€1,000
Expenditure	€1,000
Fund Deferred or due at year end	Nil
Received in the current year	€1,000
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	As outlined in grant allocation agreement
Grant Source/Agency	HSE
Source	Department of Health
Grant Programme	Staff Funding
Purpose of Grant	To aid charities with costs of staffing personnel
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€7,000
Expenditure	€7,000
Fund Deferred or due at year end	Nil
Received in current year	€7,000
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	As outlined in grant allocation agreement

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Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

Grant Source/Agency	Galway County Council
Source	Department of Rural & Community Development
Grant Programme	Insurance Fund
Purpose of Grant	Support scheme for community based groups with increased administration costs such as insurance
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€1,000
Expenditure	€1,000
Fund Deferred or due at year end	Nil
Received in the current year	€1,000
Capital Grant	Nil
Restrictions on use	As outlined in grant allocation agreement
Grant Source/Agency	HSE
Source	Department of Health
Grant Programme	Lottery Grant Funding
Purpose of Grant	To be spent on specific counselling services provided by the charity
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€2,580
Expenditure	€1,840
Fund Deferred or due at year end	€740
Received in the current year	€2,580
Capital Grant	Nil
Restrictions on use	As outlined in grant allocation agreement

11. 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 financial 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 € 2.

12. Capital commitments

The company had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 31 December 2024.

13. Post-Balance Sheet Events

14. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 18 September 2025.

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 €	2023 €
Income		
Donations & Fundraising	78,082	91,057
Services Fundraising	92,956	78,290
Grants	26,375	10,840
Other income	663	1,976
	<u>198,076</u>	<u>182,163</u>
Expenditure		
Wages and salaries	52,416	28,666
Social welfare costs	5,781	3,167
Classes	8,320	8,660
Treatments, Therapy & Counselling	34,475	35,420
Financial Assistance	2,000	-
Household Expenses	7,516	9,480
Insurance	2,300	2,892
Light and heat	2,525	4,070
Repairs and maintenance	4,199	5,301
Printing, postage and stationery	963	2,437
Telephone & Internet	1,447	1,423
Computer costs	2,474	2,801
Drivers	1,830	1,585
Legal and professional	440	492
Bank charges	621	523
General expenses	873	1,803
Auditor's remuneration	2,777	2,645
Depreciation	9,065	9,065
	<u>140,022</u>	<u>120,430</u>
Miscellaneous income		
Bank interest	587	50
	<u>58,641</u>	<u>61,783</u>
Net surplus		
	<u>58,641</u>	<u>61,783</u>

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