

Annual Report

2025



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Director's Message

Having been involved with Gort Cancer Support since its very beginnings in 2007, it is hard to put into words just how proud I feel when I look back on how far we have come. What started as a simple idea (a response to a need within our community) has grown, over the past 18 years, into something truly special.

I still remember those early days, when we worked from just a couple of rooms, driven by determination, compassion and a belief that nobody should face a cancer diagnosis alone. Since then, year by year, we have grown, not just in size, but in the depth and breadth of the support we can offer. Seeing Hollyblue House become the warm, welcoming and safe space it is today has been one of the greatest privileges of my involvement.

Over the past year in particular, I have been very aware of just how many people continue to turn to us for support. That steady demand is a powerful reminder of why we are here and why our work matters so much. It encourages us to keep learning, adapting and improving what we do. What means the most to me is knowing that every person who reaches out is met with kindness, respect and understanding, something our team and volunteers give so generously every single day.

This growth has only been possible because of people, our staff, our volunteers, our supporters and our wider community. Their kindness, generosity and willingness to give their time continue to inspire me. Every conversation, every visit, every small act of support makes a real difference in someone's life and that is at the heart of everything we do.

As we look ahead to 2026, I feel a real sense of optimism. We are already exploring ways to expand the range of services we offer, ensuring we can continue to meet the changing needs of those who come through our doors. It is important to us that we keep evolving, while always staying true to the values of care, compassion and community that have guided us from the very beginning.

We will also begin planning for a very special milestone, our 20th Anniversary in 2027. This will be a moment to reflect, to celebrate and to remember all those who have been part of our journey over the years. It will also be a chance to look forward, with hope and determination, to the future we are continuing to build together.

On a personal note, it has been an honour to be part of Gort Cancer Support from the start and I am deeply grateful to everyone who has walked this journey with us. Together, we have created something that truly matters.

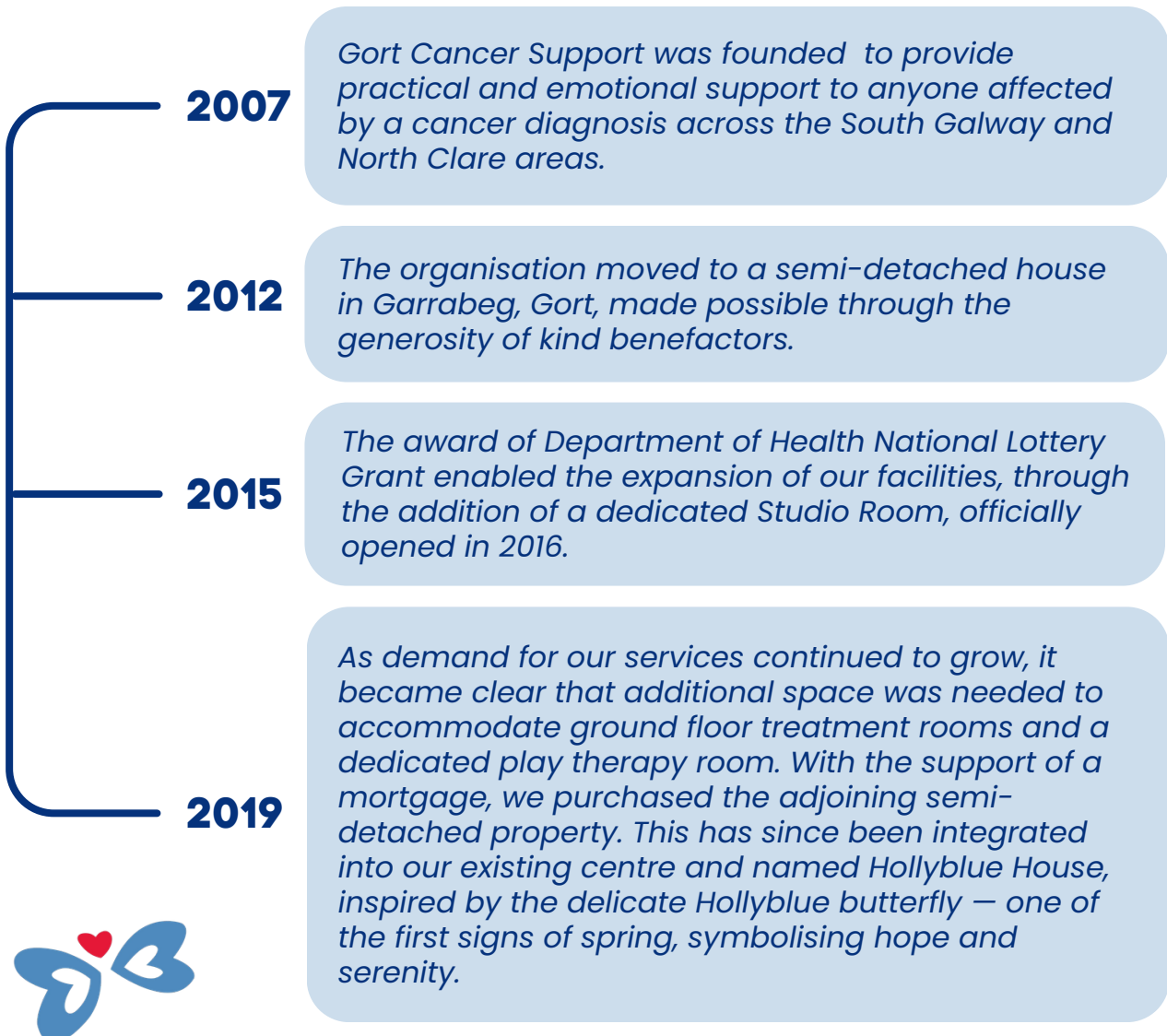
Mary Nolan
Director

About Us

The main object for which the company was established is to benefit the community of Gort and its environs through the provision and operation of a confidential cancer support service. Our charity assists and supports anyone affected by cancer by offering a range of services and activities tailored to individual needs.

These services may include counselling, complementary therapies, 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



Our Vision

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 support, 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.

Our Values

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 organisation. 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.

Volunteers and Employees



Volunteers

Average number of volunteers

58

- Meet & Greet Volunteers – 26
- Driver Volunteers – 32

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Excellent support both at the centre and arranging last minute transport to and from hospital appointments which has been invaluable.

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Full-time Employees

Average number of full-time employees

2

- General Manager – 1
- Administrative Assistant – 1

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Very friendly and welcoming staff and volunteers. They were kind, considerate and understanding at all visits.

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Employment Support Schemes

Average number of employment support schemes

3

- CE – 2
- Tús – 1

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The centre is amazing!! It's such a warm and welcoming environment and you can feel that the staff are invested in your well-being.

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Our Beneficiaries

Our primary service-users



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.



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.



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.



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.



It's hard to describe how much there is to digest when you've been given a cancer diagnosis. You're propelled along a medical treatment system. You then navigate the physical and mental side effects. Once active treatment is finished, you're more or less on your own. Hollyblue brings all these supports together in a safe space where people treat you like a person and not a statistic. I got help when I needed it, even though I didn't realise how much I needed it at the time. It's also helpful to meet other survivors especially those who are now well and living a life beyond cancer. Thank you to Mary, Cara and all the team for the immeasurable benefit you give to us when we need it most.



Our Impact

Throughout 2025, Gort Cancer Support continued to build and strengthen meaningful collaborations with community groups, healthcare professionals, educational institutions, charities and local businesses. These partnerships play a vital role in supporting service delivery, raising awareness and ensuring that individuals and families affected by cancer can access comprehensive, compassionate and community-based supports.

Strategic Partnerships and Sector Collaboration

In 2025, the Centre further strengthened its engagement with established partners within the cancer support and wider health sector. We were delighted to be accepted as **a full member of the Alliance of Community Cancer Support Centres & Services**, having successfully completed the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) self-assessment and peer review process.



This membership reflects our continued commitment to best practice, quality assurance and evidence-based service delivery.

Ongoing collaboration with other community cancer support centres supported knowledge-sharing and professional learning. Engagement with national organisations such as the **Marie Keating Foundation**, **Irish Cancer Society** and **Irish Hospice Foundation**, ensured alignment with national initiatives, resources and programmes.

Healthcare, Education and Research Collaboration

The Centre continued to work closely with healthcare professionals to support improved outcomes for service users. Partnerships with **local GPs**, specialist clinicians and allied health professionals enabled the delivery of information sessions and programmes focused on exercise, nutrition, survivorship, menopause, stress management and men's health.

In 2025, the Centre supported several research initiatives, including those with **Trinity College Dublin, University of Galway, University College Dublin, Atlantic Technological University (ATU)** and **University College Cork**. These initiatives explored topics such as return to work after cancer, access to community-based cancer supports and nutrition-related research, ensuring that lived experience informs future service development.

Awareness Raising and Community Education

A wide range of awareness and education initiatives were delivered throughout the year. These included events for **Men's Health Week, Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and cancer awareness campaigns.



(Speakers at Men's Health Awareness Event: David McSweeney, Benny Fahey, Dr. James Harte, counsellor Maura Dolan)

Community Fundraising and Local Engagement

Community engagement remains at the heart of Gort Cancer Support's work. In 2025, we were humbled by the extraordinary level of support from **schools, sports clubs, voluntary groups, businesses, families** and **individuals** across South Galway and North Clare.

Fundraising initiatives included charity runs and walks, coffee mornings, table quizzes, cycling and fitness challenges, cultural and music events, school fundraisers and workplace initiatives. These events not only raised vital funds but also strengthened relationships, increased visibility of the Centre and fostered a sense of shared ownership and solidarity within the community.

Corporate, Business and Grant Support

The Centre continued to benefit from strong relationships with local and national businesses through donations, sponsorships, workplace initiatives and community grant programmes. Generous support from local retailers, hospitality providers and service businesses made a direct impact on the sustainability and development of services.



In-kind donations, grant funding and practical supports enhanced the Centre's facilities and programmes, including improvements to communal spaces, therapy rooms, play therapy resources and activity-based services.

Volunteer and Community Networks



Collaboration with volunteers and informal community networks remains essential to the Centre's service model. In 2025, we continued to work closely with our volunteer drivers, fundraising volunteers and committee members, whose time, expertise and commitment ensure that services remain accessible, welcoming and responsive to need.

In summary, collaboration and community engagement in 2025 were characterised by strong partnerships, shared learning, community leadership and collective action. These relationships continue to underpin Gort Cancer Support's ability to deliver high-quality, person-centred services and to remain a trusted and valued resource for individuals and families affected by cancer.

External Environment and Influencing Factors

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

01 Public Awareness

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

02 Health Trends

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

03 Technological Advancements

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

04 Economic Conditions

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

05 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.

A Diverse and Inclusive Community

The individuals who engage with our services reflect the full diversity of the region we serve. Gort Cancer Support is committed to upholding principles of inclusivity, ensuring that access to our supports is offered without distinction regarding age, gender, nationality or background. Through sustained collaboration with healthcare providers, community organisations and volunteers, we endeavour to reach those who may be isolated, vulnerable or unaware of the assistance available to them.

Commitment to Accessible Services

Accessibility remains a foundational element of our service model. We provide support within a respectful, welcoming and non-judgemental environment and we offer language or cultural assistance where required to meet individual needs. Our objective is to minimise barriers to care, enabling every service-user to feel recognised, supported and able to engage fully with the services they require.

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I was full of anxiety after my cancer treatment finished and didn't know why I felt like that because I'd always been outgoing and strong in myself.

Mary and all the staff were so welcoming when I first approached Hollyblue house and then started counselling, then the classes I attended helped me understand my own feelings much better by listening and talking to others who had also gone through the same as myself.

I'm so thankful to a neighbour of mine who told me about Hollyblue houses otherwise I might still be sitting at home feeling miserable instead of enjoying life again it's a blessing having Hollyblue house cancer support here in Gort.

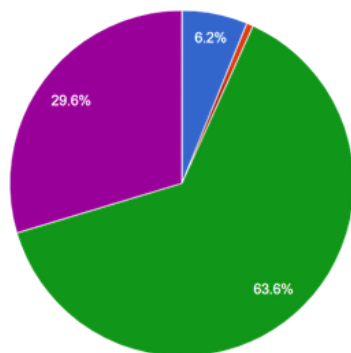


Client Data

Client data for 2025 highlights several important trends that continue to inform service development and delivery at Gort Cancer Support.

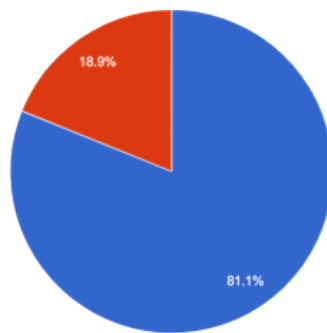
**63.3%****Aged 25–64****81.1%****Female clients****61.9%****Self referrals**

Age Category



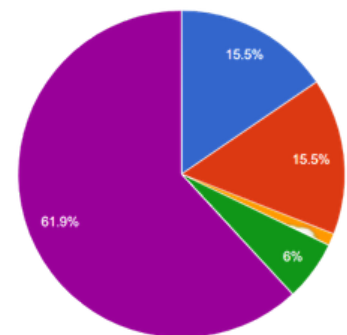
- 0 to 15 years old
- 16 to 19 years old
- Age 25–64
- Over 65

Gender



- Female
- Male

Source of Referral



- HCP Community
- HCP Hospital
- Irish Cancer Society
- Nurseline/Daffodil Centre
- Other
- Self



Key Findings

- ✓ The largest proportion of clients fell within 25–64 age group, representing nearly two-thirds of all individuals supported during the year.
- ✓ Female clients accounted for over 80% of service users, reflecting the significant level of support being provided to women.
- ✓ A notable increase in referrals was recorded from both community-based GPs and hospital-based healthcare professionals.
- ✓ This growth reflects strengthened relationships across the healthcare system, as well as recognition through full membership of the Alliance of Community Cancer Support Centres and Services.

Services and Activities

2025 was a busy and highly impactful year at Hollyblue House.

Thanks to the continued generosity and support of the community, a broad range of essential services and activities was delivered, free of charge.



210

counselling/play
therapy sessions



354

complementary
therapy sessions

Over the course of the year, **210 counselling and play therapy sessions were provided**, offering vital emotional support and guidance to clients and their families as they navigated the challenges associated with cancer.

In addition, **354 complementary therapy sessions were delivered**, including reflexology, acupuncture and oncology massage, supporting overall wellbeing and helping to alleviate treatment-related side effects.



935

group activities



267

drives
completed

A particularly notable development in 2025 was observed in the expansion of the transport service. **A total of 267 journeys to oncology appointments and treatments was completed**, representing more than double the number recorded in the previous year.

Furthermore, **935 group activities were facilitated**, including peer support programmes such as *Survive and Thrive* and *Can-React*, as well as a wide range of wellbeing and creative sessions, including yoga, tai chi, art, crafts, meditation and singing.

Together, these services and activities highlight our continued commitment to providing holistic, accessible and compassionate support to everyone who comes through our doors.

*Huge support, understanding,
excellent alternative ways to
recover through reflexology, yoga
in a beautiful safe space.*

*My whole experience was
very good, couldn't
recommend Gort Cancer
Support highly enough.*

Fundraising

Fundraising remains essential to enabling Gort Cancer Support to provide free, confidential and person-centred services to individuals and families affected by cancer. Throughout 2025, the organisation benefited from a wide range of fundraising events, donations, sponsorship, volunteer support and community-led initiatives.

These activities not only generated vital income but also increased awareness of the Centre's services and strengthened community engagement. Gort Cancer Support continues to adhere to the Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising, ensuring all funds are managed responsibly and transparently.

Wear Blue for Hollyblue



Cara Brady, David Kelly, Mary Nolan

Wear Blue for Hollyblue remained a flagship awareness and fundraising campaign in 2025, bringing together schools, businesses, sports clubs and community groups across the region. Launched by Honorary Director Sadie McInerney, the campaign encouraged participants to wear blue in support of those affected by cancer.

Coffee mornings at Hollyblue House provided opportunities for supporters to connect with the organisation and learn more about available services. The campaign's continued success reflects the generosity and community spirit of all involved.

Passion for Fashion

The Passion for Fashion event, held in September 2025, attracted more than 250 attendees and raised over €17,000 for the Centre's services. Thanks are extended to the Lady Gregory Hotel for hosting the event and to the many businesses, retailers and individuals who donated clothing, accessories and other materials.

The success of the event was made possible by a dedicated team of volunteers who assisted with preparations, sales and event logistics.



Volunteers

Mary Walsh and Anne Linnane

Table Quiz

The annual Table Quiz Fundraiser took place in April at Sullivan's Hotel and provided an enjoyable evening of competition and community engagement. Appreciation is extended to Tom Prior, Mary Cunniffe, the staff of Sullivan's Hotel and the volunteers who helped organise the event.

Alongside raising important funds, the quiz helped promote awareness of the Centre's services.



Winners receiving their prizes from the Chairperson David Kelly.

Annual Pop-Up Shop

The Annual Pop-Up Shop was held in Market Square, Gort, offering a selection of donated clothing, accessories, books, gifts and household items. The event continues to be an important fundraiser while promoting sustainable shopping.

The organisation is grateful to all who donated, volunteered, promoted the event or made purchases. The Hollyblue Gift Shop also continues to provide year-round fundraising support and welcomes visitors to the Centre.

Annual Raffle

The Annual Raffle remains one of the organisation's most significant fundraising activities. Strong support from local businesses, community groups and individual donors ensured another successful campaign, with volunteers playing an important role in promoting ticket sales throughout the community.



Community-Led Fundraising and Donations

Gort Cancer Support greatly values the many independent fundraising events and donations received from individuals, families, schools, businesses, sports clubs and community groups throughout the year. These efforts provided essential financial support, increased awareness of the Centre's work and strengthened community involvement.

The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers sincerely thank everyone who supported Gort Cancer Support in 2025. Their generosity enables the Centre to continue providing professional and compassionate support to individuals and families affected by cancer across South Galway and surrounding areas.

Organisation and Governance

Governance Structure

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).

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 organisation 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.

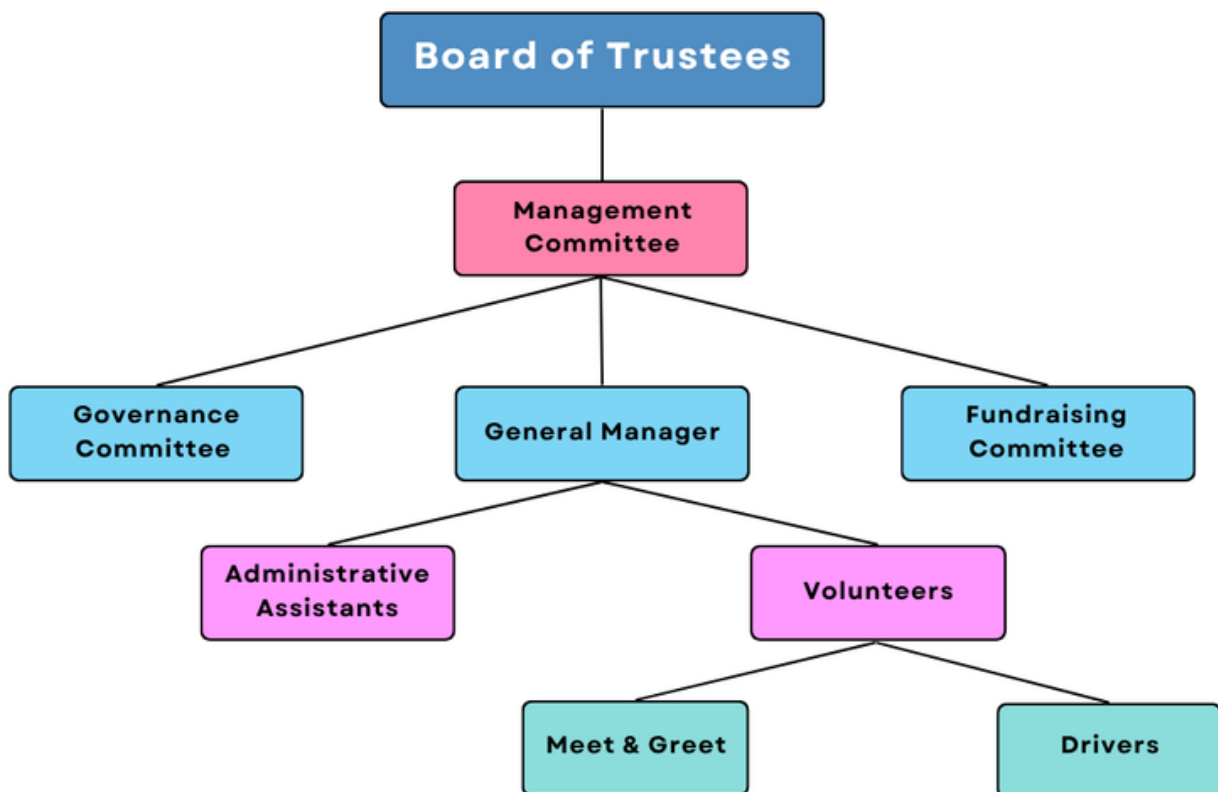
**Ciaran Cannon**

Ciaran joined Gort Cancer Support in 2025, bringing extensive knowledge and leadership experience. He served as an Irish parliamentarian for seventeen years, including two terms as Minister of State. He led Ireland's first Further Education and Training Strategy and helped establish SOLAS. As Minister for Diaspora and International Development, he advanced global engagement and education-focused initiatives, earning recognition as a UNICEF Global Champion for Education. An avid cyclist, Ciaran also serves as President of Cycling Ireland.

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 organisation 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.



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.

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)

Risk: Non-compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

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



Strategic

Risk: Failure to achieve strategic objectives.

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



Governance

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.



Operational

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

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

Risk: Financial instability or mismanagement.

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



Reputational

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 Level	Score	Action
Low	0-12	Monitor
Medium	13-24	Controls
High	25+	Immediate action

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

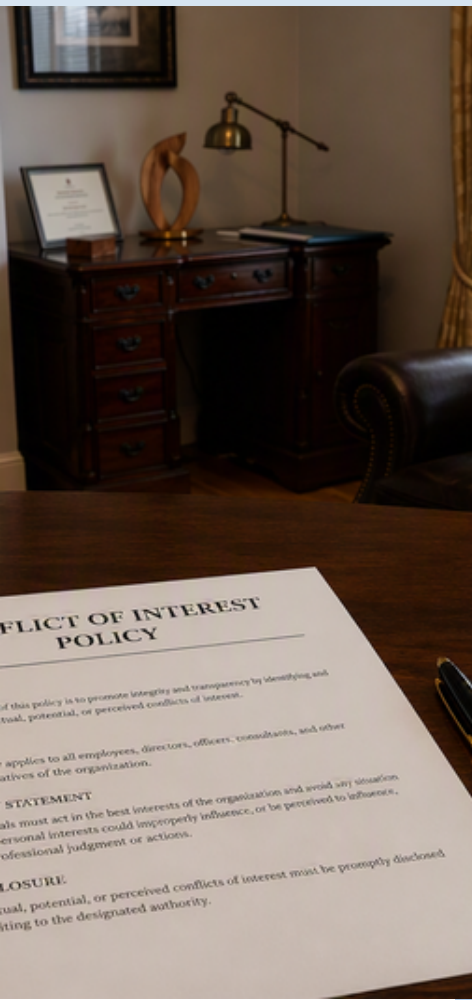
The Directors and management committee are dedicated to maintaining a formal risk management system, with a regularly reviewed and updated risk register to adapt to changing circumstances. This proactive approach ensures that potential risks are identified and mitigated promptly.

Conflict of Interest Policy

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 organisation 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.

Independent Decision-Making

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

Transparency

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

Policy Adherence

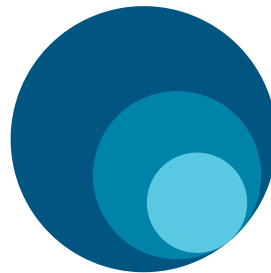
The board follows established conflict of interest policies and guidelines. These policies outline procedures for handling conflicts and reinforce ethical behaviour.

Governance and Accountability

Gort Cancer Support is committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance, accountability and ethical conduct. We recognise the trust placed in us by our clients, volunteers, donors, funders and the wider community and we strive to ensure that all activities are carried out with integrity, transparency and responsibility.

The Board of Trustees provides strategic leadership and oversight of the organisation, supported by robust financial management and governance processes. Through regular monitoring and review, the Board ensures that resources are managed effectively, risks are appropriately addressed and services remain sustainable, responsive and focused on the needs of those affected by cancer.

Gort Cancer Support is committed to complying with the principles of the Charities Governance Code issued by the Charities Regulator and the Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations in Ireland.



**An Rialálaí
Carthanas**

**Charities
Regulator**

These frameworks support our approach to good governance, accountability, regulatory compliance and continuous organisational improvement.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the organisation's financial statements are independently audited each year and reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Audited financial statements are made publicly available to promote transparency and accountability.



Gort Cancer Support also adheres to relevant national best-practice guidance, including the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) Best Practice Guidance for Community Cancer Support Centres. This supports the delivery of safe, high-quality, person-centred services for individuals and families affected by cancer.

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.



Cara and Mary at the Health and Wellbeing Community Event hosted by Clarinbridge Cairde Club



Cara and Mary at the meeting with students of Seamount College



Mart Manager Bernie Fahey is pictured here with committee member Niamh Callanan.

Social media post about the new edition of quarterly Newsletter



Instagram feed

Volunteering at Gort Cancer Support



When a close friend was diagnosed with cancer, it reminded me of the comfort and peace I had found as a patient in a cancer support centre. Hospitals, doctor's offices, oncology departments, etc. all had their necessary and life-saving place in my own cancer journey. However, what kept me going emotionally was the difference between those sterile environments and the warm, welcoming atmosphere of a cancer support centre.

Volunteers are the backbone of these centres; without them many centres wouldn't be open. It is important to support 'local' for all kinds of reasons but especially when it comes to patients and their families in our own community. So, I decided to give something back and volunteered at Gort Cancer Support. The cosy, relaxed atmosphere of the centre and its staff make the two hours per week pass quickly.

While I expected that the time would be spent 'meeting and greeting' those affected by cancer, helped by making a cuppa and preparing rooms for Arts and Crafts, Tai Chi, Cancer Survive and Thrive and other programmes, I wasn't expecting how this little block of time in my week would fill my heart with such pride and joy.

Thank you Mary and colleagues for giving me this opportunity to help those in our community affected by cancer.

*Marion Cox
(Volunteering at Hollyblue House since September 2025)*

Key Objectives

Gort Cancer Support operated within the final year of its Strategic Plan (2022–2025), with a focus on strengthening organisational capacity, expanding specialised support services, and improving access to evidence-based programmes for people affected by cancer. The following section outlines the organisation's core objectives for 2025 and progress made in relation to each.

Objective 1: Strengthen Organisational Capacity

Target: Recruit a part-time Fundraising/PR/Marketing person, to be funded through internal fundraising income. This recruitment will proceed only if sufficient funds are available.

Outcome: The fundraising function continues to be delivered on a voluntary basis, with plans to formalise the role in 2026/2027.

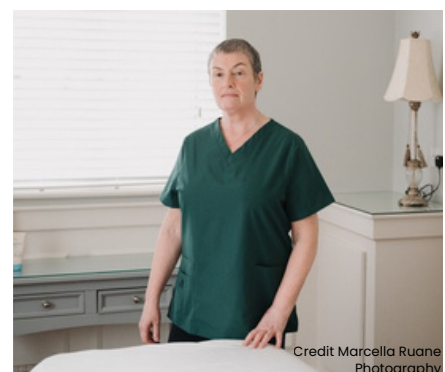
Challenges: Limited internal funding has prevented progress on recruiting for this position.

Impact: Although recruitment did not move forward, fundraising and communications work continued to be managed successfully through volunteer support. This approach has allowed Gort Cancer Support to focus resources on direct client services while maintaining the flexibility to revisit staffing needs in future strategic planning cycles, should circumstances change.

Objective 2: Implement Oncology Massage Support

Target: Start offering Oncology Massage to clients.

Outcome: The oncology massage service was successfully introduced and delivered by Anne Loughrey to clients throughout 2025. A total of 66 oncology massage sessions were provided during the year. This demonstrates strong uptake and consistent demand for the new service.



Anne Loughrey

Challenges: As the service gained momentum, demand grew steadily, creating pressure on the availability of appointments. With only one qualified practitioner delivering the service, capacity remained limited. Scheduling the treatment rooms to ensure uninterrupted access for therapy sessions also required ongoing coordination.

Impact: The introduction of oncology massage expanded the organisation's range of supportive therapies. Clients benefited from improved relaxation, reduced stress and enhanced physical and emotional wellbeing during and after cancer treatment.

“
Amazing service and treatment provided by Anne. I felt relaxed and comfortable with her from the very first session. She has a calm and caring presence and goes out of her way to help with whatever is bothering the client. Very grateful for all my sessions and Anne's help and support.
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Objective 3: Consider Mindfulness for Cancer Programme

Target: Consider offering Mindfulness for Cancer courses to clients, depending on costs and grant funding.

Outcome: Gort Cancer Support introduced fortnightly Drop-In Mindfulness for Cancer sessions, held from September to December and facilitated by qualified teacher Hilary Smyth (MTAI). These gentle, accessible sessions provided a safe space for individuals living with or beyond cancer, as well as their loved ones, to experience the benefits of mindfulness in a supportive environment.

A total of 8 Drop-In Mindfulness sessions were delivered during the last months of the year. Building on this foundation, the organisation developed a more structured 8-week Mindfulness for Cancer Programme, scheduled to begin in February 2026, demonstrating ongoing commitment to broadening psychological and emotional supports.

Challenges: As a newly established service, the Drop-In Mindfulness sessions required time to build awareness among clients and the wider community. Continued outreach and communication efforts were important to ensure that those who could benefit from mindfulness-based support were fully informed about the availability of the sessions. Developing and sustaining regular attendance involved ongoing promotion and collaboration with partner organisations, healthcare professionals and internal referral pathways.

Impact: The introduction of mindfulness-based support strengthened the holistic care model offered by Gort Cancer Support. Participants benefited from a welcoming space to pause, reflect and develop tools to manage stress, anxiety and emotional uncertainty. The delivery of 8 sessions in the first operational period highlights meaningful engagement and confirms the relevance of mindfulness as a supportive intervention for people affected by cancer. The subsequent launch of the 2026 eight-week programme further reflects both the organisation's responsiveness to client needs and the growing role of mindfulness within its wider service framework.

Objective 4: Support the CanWork Study on Return to Work After Breast Cancer

Target: Recruit women aged 18–65 with a previous breast cancer diagnosis to participate in the *CanWork Study*, a six-week programme led by Trinity College Dublin that focuses on supporting women returning to work after cancer treatment.

Outcome: The organisation promoted the CanWork Study through direct conversations with clients, centre displays and targeted outreach to eligible women. Despite strong efforts, *very few suitable candidates were identified*, largely due to the specific eligibility criteria and the limited number of women in the region who were both within the required age bracket and preparing to return to work after treatment. Nonetheless, Gort Cancer Support successfully referred several interested clients.

Challenges: The narrow eligibility profile significantly reduced the number of potential participants. Many women within the community were either outside the 18–65 age range, not at a stage where they were preparing to re-enter the workforce or unable to commit to a structured six-week research programme. These constraints made it difficult to attract suitable candidates.

Impact: Although overall recruitment numbers remained low, the organisation's involvement ensured that eligible clients were informed about an important national initiative focused on workplace reintegration after cancer. Contributing to the study supports the wider goal of strengthening research in survivorship and return-to-work challenges. Gort Cancer Support remains committed to facilitating access to evidence-based programmes and will continue to support relevant research opportunities as they arise.

Objective 5: Introduce the Can-React (Cancer Exercise) Programme

Target: Launch the Can-React Cancer Exercise Programme at Gort Cancer Support in collaboration with Dr. Gupta and a team of physiotherapy Masters students from the University of Galway. The goal was to offer a structured, evidence-based 16-week exercise programme designed to improve fitness, mobility and overall wellbeing for cancer survivors.

Outcome: The Can-React Programme was successfully introduced and delivered in 2025. Following a well-attended information session on 27 February 2025 with Dr. Gupta and four physiotherapy students, the programme began on 20 March 2025 with both morning and afternoon group options.



A total of 20 clients, aged from their 30s to their 70s, took part in the 45-minute group exercise classes and received tailored individual exercise plans. The programme was provided completely free of charge to participants, with no associated costs for the centre.

Importantly, database records confirm that a total of **176 Can-React sessions were delivered during 2025**. This figure reflects exceptionally high levels of engagement, consistent attendance and the successful integration of Can-React into the centre's core service offerings.

Client feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with participants reporting improvements in strength, energy, mood and overall wellbeing.

Challenges: The initial March–June programme window overlapped with existing Arts & Crafts classes, requiring careful coordination of room use to avoid disruptions. This scheduling challenge was effectively managed, allowing both services to operate smoothly. No clinical or safety issues were recorded.

Impact: The introduction of Can-React substantially strengthened the centre's physical-wellbeing supports and expanded its evidence-based service offerings. The delivery of 176 exercise sessions in 2025 demonstrates strong and sustained client engagement. The programme has enhanced physical function, confidence and quality of life for participants and helped build our partnership with the University of Galway. Can-React was one of the most impactful new initiatives delivered by Gort Cancer Support in 2025.

Social Media Report

In 2025, Gort Cancer Support continued to strengthen its online presence, achieving steady growth and strong engagement across Facebook and Instagram. Social media remained a key channel for raising awareness, promoting events, sharing community stories and highlighting the impact of the organisation's services. Content centred on personal experiences, fundraising activities and community connections consistently delivered the highest levels of engagement, often reaching audiences far beyond existing followers.

Platform Growth

Facebook remained the organisation's largest platform, with followers increasing from 3,569 in January to 3,890 in December, representing a gain of 321 followers. The strongest growth and engagement occurred during September, October and December, with several posts reaching between 10,000 and 22,000 people through strong community interest and organic sharing.

Instagram also experienced positive growth, with followers rising from 1,467 to 1,726, an increase of 259 followers. Reels and stories were particularly effective in reaching non-followers and generating engagement, especially during campaigns and events such as Wear Blue for Hollyblue, Passion for Fashion and remembrance posts.

Hollyblue Gifts continued to build its social media presence throughout the year. Facebook followers increased from 916 to 940, while Instagram grew from a newly launched account to 58 followers. Growth was supported through regular cross-promotion on the Gort Cancer Support channels.

Content Performance

The most successful content throughout 2025 focused on community connections and personal storytelling. Community cheque presentations, the popular "Meet the Team" volunteer and supporter profiles, fundraising events, tribute posts and content shared by local media and public figures generated the greatest reach and engagement.



Among the year's top-performing posts were Kilroy's Cheque Presentation, which reached 22,636 people; a tribute to their colleague Geraldine, reaching 20,826 people; and the "Meet Lorraine" feature, which reached 13,301 people. On Instagram, the tribute to James reached 8,724 people, with 93% of that audience consisting of non-followers, demonstrating the power of meaningful storytelling to attract new audiences and increase awareness of the organisation's work.

Engagement Trends

Performance analysis showed that the strongest results were achieved during the third and fourth quarters of the year. Audience reach increased by approximately 42% in September and 29% in October, reflecting heightened engagement around community events and fundraising activities. Instagram Stories and reels continued to be effective tools for extending reach beyond existing audiences.

Strengths and Challenges

The organisation's social media activity demonstrated a number of strengths, including consistent follower growth across all platforms, strong performance from community-focused storytelling, excellent organic reach and effective promotion of fundraising campaigns. Increased visibility through reposts, media coverage and social sharing further amplified the organisation's message.

Challenges included maintaining consistent reach during quieter periods without major events, slower audience growth on Hollyblue Gifts channels, fluctuations in engagement depending on posting times and content formats and sustaining strong performance throughout every month of the year.

Social media continued to play an important role in supporting the mission of Gort Cancer Support throughout 2025. Steady audience growth, exceptional engagement with community-centred content and the successful promotion of fundraising initiatives significantly expanded awareness of the organisation's work across Galway and beyond.

Building on these achievements and continuing to embrace new digital opportunities will help further strengthen the organisation's online presence and community impact in 2026.

Future Plans

As Gort Cancer Support transitions toward rebranding under its new trading name, Hollyblue Cancer Support Group, the organisation will focus on strengthening visibility, preparing for major milestones and expanding core services. The following priorities will guide our work throughout 2026:

1. Prepare for the 20th Anniversary in 2027

The organisation will begin groundwork for celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2027. This will include planning commemorative events, developing communication materials and enhancing community engagement in preparation for this significant milestone. Additionally, PR activities will be required to support the rebranding to Hollyblue Cancer Support Group, ensuring that clients, partners and the wider community clearly understand the new identity while maintaining continuity with the organisation's history.

2. Continue and Expand Supportive Services

Maintaining a wide range of high-quality supports remains at the heart of the organisation's purpose. In 2026, Gort Cancer Support will continue to deliver existing services, including therapies, classes and psychosocial supports, while actively seeking opportunities to introduce new programmes or enhance current offerings in response to client needs.

3. Monitor Demand for Play Therapy and Consider Additional Capacity

With the increasing number of families accessing children's services, the organisation will monitor demand for play therapy closely. If growth continues, Gort Cancer Support will explore the possibility of engaging an additional play therapist to ensure timely access and high-quality support for younger clients.

4. Continue Pursuing Grant Funding

Securing grant income remains a vital component of financial sustainability. Throughout 2026, the organisation will continue to apply for all relevant national, regional and community-based grants to support service delivery, new initiatives and operational needs.

5. Maintain and Grow Internal Fundraising Efforts

Internal fundraising will remain a priority to ensure the organisation's capacity to meet rising service demand. This includes sustaining existing fundraising events, developing new initiatives where feasible and encouraging community-led fundraising to support the financial stability of the centre.

6. Strengthen Social Media and Digital Presence

To increase awareness of services and reach more individuals affected by cancer, the organisation will continue building its social media presence. Focus will be placed on improving visibility, community engagement and clear communication of programmes, events and updates related to the rebrand.

7. Explore Corporate Charity Partnerships

In 2026, the organisation will seek to identify potential corporate partners who share its values and commitment to community wellbeing. Developing long-term corporate charity partnerships may provide new opportunities for fundraising, sponsorship, and increased visibility.

“

It is the most wonderful place and the people are so kind and understanding, it got me through some very difficult times, the support available totally changes the quality of life.

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“

The centre offers a place of understanding and support throughout the cancer journey. It has brought hope and structure to my days and I would seriously miss it in my life at this time.

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Summary of Financial Position

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

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 2025.

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 €152,169 (2024 - €58,641).

At the end of the financial year, the company has assets of €963,211 (2024 - €807,113) and liabilities of €10,787 (2024 - €6,858). The net assets of the company have increased by €152,169.

Directors and Secretary

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

David Kelly
Lorraine Geraldine Mulkerrins Neylon
Ciaran Cannon (Appointed 4 November 2025)
Olive Hughes
Mary Nolan
Lorraine Burke
Anne McInerney
David McSweeney

The secretaries who served during the financial year were:

Marion Cox (Appointed 7 July 2026)
Maura Leonard (Resigned 7 July 2026)

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, (Chartered Accountants & Auditors), continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement on Relevant Audit Information

In accordance with section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee
DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

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

9 July 2026



David Kelly
Director

9 July 2026

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

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.

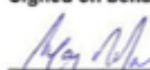
The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined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

9 July 2026



David Kelly
Director

9 July 2026

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 2025 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Members' Funds 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 2025 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

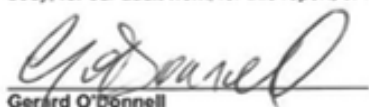
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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.



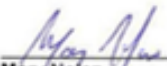
Gerard O'Donnell
for and on behalf of
ODK ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED
Chartered Accountants & Auditors
Church Street
Gort
Co. Galway

10 July 2026

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Income	4	326,804	198,076
Expenditure		(177,479)	(140,022)
Surplus before interest		149,325	58,054
Interest receivable and similar income		2,844	587
Surplus for the financial year		152,169	58,641
Total comprehensive income		152,169	58,641

Approved by the board on 9 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mary Nolan
Director



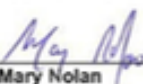
David Kelly
Director

Gort Cancer Support Group Company Limited By Guarantee
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	7	349,673	358,738
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		613,538	448,375
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(10,787)	(6,858)
Net Current Assets		602,751	441,517
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		952,424	800,255
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account		952,424	800,255
Members' Funds		952,424	800,255

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 9 July 2026 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 2025

	Retained surplus	Total
	€	€
At 1 January 2024	741,614	741,614
Surplus for the financial year	58,641	58,641
At 31 December 2024	800,255	800,255
Surplus for the financial year	152,169	152,169
At 31 December 2025	952,424	952,424

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

for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

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 2025 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/CLG. 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 CLG.

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	- 12.50% 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.

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

for the financial year ended 31 December 2025

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:

	2025 €	2024 €
By Category:		
Donations & Annual Fundraising	107,310	78,082
Services Fundraising	117,449	92,956
Grants Received	92,668	26,375
Other income	9,377	663
	<u>326,804</u>	<u>198,076</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	2025 €	2024 €
Operating surplus is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	9,065	9,065
	<u>9,065</u>	<u>9,065</u>

6. Employees

There were no individual employees in receipt of a salary in excess of €60,000 during the current period nor prior period.

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Admin	1	1
Manager	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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7. Tangible assets

	Land and buildings freehold €	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Total €
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	432,980	18,502	451,482
At 31 December 2025	432,980	18,502	451,482
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	75,863	16,881	92,744
Charge for the financial year	-	9,065	9,065
At 31 December 2025	75,863	25,946	101,809
Net book value			
At 31 December 2025	357,117	(7,444)	349,673
At 31 December 2024	357,117	1,621	358,738

8. Creditors
Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 €	2024 €
Taxation	2,145	2,066
Accruals	2,995	2,777
Deferred Income	5,647	2,015
	10,787	6,858

9. Taxation

	2025 €	2024 €
Creditors:		
PAYE	2,145	2,066

10. Government Grants & Supports

Grant Source/Agency	HSE
Source	Department of Health
Grant Programme	National Cancer Control Programme
Purpose of Grant	Nationwide support of cancer groups with cancer support services and overheads
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€59,006
Expenditure	€59,006
Fund Deferred or due at year end	Nil
Received in the current year	€59,006
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	As outlined in grant allocation agreement

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Grant Source/Agency	HSE
Source	Department of Health
Grant Programme	National Lottery Grant
Purpose of Grant	To aid charities to implement a mindfulness programme to its patients and purchase of necessary equipment.
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€6,500.00
Expenditure	€853.10
Fund Deferred or due at year end	€5,646.90
Received in current year	€6,500
Capital Grant	Nil
Restriction on use	As outlined in grant allocation agreement
Grant Source/Agency	HSE
Source	Department of Health
Grant Programme	National Cancer Control Programme
Purpose of Grant	Support scheme for client services and overheads, with emphasis on support staff salaries.
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€23,793.75
Expenditure	€23,793.75
Fund Deferred or due at year end	Nil
Received in the current year	€23,793.75
Capital Grant	Nil
Restrictions on use	As outlined in grant allocation agreement

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Grant Source/Agency	HSE
Source	Department of Health
Grant Programme	PC 8 Grant 2025
Purpose of Grant	Grant funding towards staffing costs incurred by charities.
Term	12 Months
Total Fund	€7,000
Expenditure	€7,000
Fund Deferred or due at year end	Nil
Received in the current year	€7,000
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 2025.

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 9 July 2026.

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	2025 €	2024 €
Income		
Donations & Fundraising	107,310	78,082
Services Fundraising	117,449	92,956
Grants	92,668	26,375
Other income	9,377	663
	<u>326,804</u>	<u>198,076</u>
Expenditure		
Wages and salaries	77,980	52,416
Social welfare costs	8,713	5,781
Classes	8,608	8,320
Treatments, Therapy & Counselling	37,895	34,475
Financial Assistance	1,000	2,000
Household Expenses	11,109	7,516
Insurance	2,338	2,300
Light and heat	2,454	2,525
Repairs and maintenance	3,570	4,199
Printing, postage and stationery	1,459	963
Telephone & Internet	1,607	1,447
Computer costs	2,045	2,474
Drivers	5,190	1,830
Legal and professional	-	440
Bank charges	785	621
General expenses	666	873
Auditor's remuneration	2,995	2,777
Depreciation	9,065	9,065
	<u>177,479</u>	<u>140,022</u>
Miscellaneous income		
Bank interest	2,844	587
Net surplus	<u>152,169</u>	<u>58,641</u>



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