



# Annual Report 2012





# From the Chairperson

This has been a momentous year for the organisation. Not just in terms of delivering services but also in the decision made by the Board to purchase a new modern office unit in Santry, Dublin as its Head Office and where we will also open a Diabetes Care Centre so we can provide direct care to our members.

In conjunction with our branches and volunteers, we also modernised our trading name to “Diabetes Ireland” and developed a new logo. The logo itself represents a connection with our past, as we kept the Sweetpea flower as our symbol but also shows that we are the national organisation representing and supporting all Irish people with diabetes.

The Operation Transformation initiative, with MSD, allowed us to raise awareness of Type 2 diabetes to a scale not achieved before by any campaign and was a huge success.

More than 103,000 people directly accessed our services as we continued to deliver services to children with diabetes and their families through the Sweetpea Kidz Club and Parent Support Groups, The Junior World Cup was a huge highlight for us and for those who took part and I am sure will have generated fond memories for the children and their families.

We continued to expand the number of people we reach with our CODE programme and made substantial progress with foot care provision in the South and worked with the East Coast Area Diabetes programme to expand its services to the benefit of local people with diabetes. All of those developments made a real impact on the lives of people with diabetes.

Through “Diabetes Action” our advocacy programme, we ensured that the development of diabetes services remained a high priority for the HSE. I am confident that we will see rollout of the National Diabetes Retinopathy programme in 2013 and the recruitment of the planned staff for diabetes paediatric services in Cork and Limerick. However, we need more staff nationwide to ensure every child with diabetes can get access to an insulin pump.

These are just some of the highlights in 2012, most of which would not have happened without the staff and volunteers of Diabetes Ireland. I would like to acknowledge them and indeed, all who worked in or with Diabetes Ireland in 2012.

We must all continue to work together for the Diabetes Community in Ireland so we can all live a long and healthy life.

**Professor Hilary Hoey**

**Chairperson**



# From the CEO

When opportunities arise, you need to have the courage and conviction to grasp them if something positive is going to come out of it.

Although, we are in the middle of an economic crisis, I am very encouraged by the decision of the Board to purchase a new premises for its Head Office and open a not-for-profit care centre for our members.

Due to the large, and increasing, number of people being diagnosed, diabetes is becoming big business worldwide. In Ireland, we continue to see our hospital services struggle to cope with increasing numbers and diminishing resources causing long waiting lists which in turn push people with diabetes into the private healthcare sector paying appointment fees that are simply too high.

We want to challenge this and while we will continue to advocate for public service development nationwide, the Board has taken a proactive step in deciding to open a care centre providing rapid access to services our members struggle to access in the public sector.

The centre will be a subsidised fee paying service, in comparison to current private fees for dietetics, footcare and counselling services. The fees charged will be to simply cover the costs of the relevant healthcare professional you see with other associated overheads covered by Diabetes Ireland.

The Board which primarily consist of people with diabetes is working to ensure the organisation is responsive to meeting the needs of the diabetes community. I am delighted to be part of an organisation that has the person with diabetes at the heart of its decision making process.

The Board need the support of every person with diabetes and their families to continue their work serving the diabetes community.

Simply join Diabetes Ireland, become a member, and help the Board meet the huge challenge of serving the diabetes community for many years to come. It's your community and your organisation.

**Kieran O'Leary**

**CEO**





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## Our Mission

*“To provide a quality service in improving the lives of people affected by diabetes and working with others to prevent and cure diabetes”.*

## Our Aims

- To provide support, education and motivation to people with diabetes, their families, and friends;
- To raise awareness of diabetes in the community and foster programs for early detection and prevention of diabetes;
- To support and encourage advances in diabetes care and research.

## Our Board

Every member of our board freely donates their time, their skills and their experience to help support the diabetes community through our work.

### Members

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# Diabetes Support and Education Services

With increasing prevalence of diabetes and pre-diabetes, Diabetes Ireland actively looks to improve access to peer support, education and information.

Diabetes Ireland supports people with diabetes through a wide range of services including face-to-face contact, literature provision, helpline and website support. Inherent in any supportive interaction is promotion of health and for many people with diabetes; this means the provision of diabetes education.

## **In 2012, more than 103,340 directly accessed our services:**

- 5,870 people contacted our national lo-call helpline
- there were 90,662 visitors to our website, [www.diabetes.ie](http://www.diabetes.ie)
- On 31 December 2012, our facebook events page had 2,200 likes and our twitter page 1,358 followers.
- through our local volunteer branch network, a total of 2,425 people attended 24 public education meetings to share their experiences and hear from a range of diabetes healthcare professionals on all aspects of effectively living with diabetes on a daily basis.
- 120 parents of children with diabetes attended 19 Parents Conversation Energiser events nationwide.
- a total of 618 people with Type 2 diabetes attended 52 CODE education programmes nationwide.
- 90 teens attended the National Teen Activity Day

## CODE 2012

The Community Oriented Diabetes Education (CODE) programme is Diabetes Ireland's structured diabetes education programme for people with Type 2 diabetes, who are recently diagnosed or have diabetes for a number of years. The programme is delivered over three successive weeks with a telephone support session at 10 weeks and a follow-up support/appraisal session at 26 weeks.

During 2012, 52 programmes were delivered with 618 people attending. They were delivered throughout the country, with Cork, Limerick and Waterford reporting the most demand. Similar to other years, there were more male than female participants and most were in the 50-70 years age group. In total, 88% of participants attend their GP practice for their diabetes care with almost half of these also attending a hospital clinic. Two thirds of people have their diabetes care paid for by the state but most of the remaining pay themselves without any recourse to private healthcare for reimbursement.

Participants on average had diabetes for approximately 6 years with a small number of people attending having pre-diabetes. The percentage of participants who reported they smoked was 50% lower than other years which probably reflects the national trend. Only a quarter of people reported no other medical condition but for those who did, heart related conditions was the most prevalent.

Weight was a major issue for most participants with the majority being obese. Attendance at the programme and altering lifestyle behaviours resulted in an average weight loss of 3kgs during the six month period equating to a 2.76% weight loss. The weight loss was accompanied by a reduction in blood cholesterol and improved blood glucose results.

As with other years, there was a significant improvement in the participants lifestyle behaviours, an increase in confidence of their ability to manage their diabetes, an increase in their diabetes knowledge and general feelings of well being.

From its commencement in 2007 until the end of 2012, 3,154 people have attended the CODE programme. For 2013, the focus will be on printing a CODE specific patient information booklet that incorporates all the positive messages of CODE and the continued delivery of CODE nationwide.



## Children and Family Events

The Sweetpea Kidz Club/Cork Parent's Support Group family weekend took place in April with many new families attending. The club also had its annual Summer Family picnic in July and its Christmas party in December.

Our Parent Support Groups continued to provide local support through organised events providing much needed peer support to families of children with Type 1 diabetes.

The Donegal Branch held its family weekend for branch members and their families. Families of young children with type 1 diabetes and families living with type 2 diabetes came together for fun, networking, some work but most of all to support one another.

A National Parents Conference was held in September with over 120 parents attending to hear from a wide range of healthcare professionals on how to proactively manage their child's diabetes. Presenters included Ms Nicola Doherty, Clinical Psychologist, Belfast NHS Trust who spoke on coping with psychological issues for young people with Type 1 diabetes, Dr Colm Costigan, Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist, Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin on the effective management of night time hypos, Ms Carina Kelleher, Senior Dietitian, also from Crumlin Hospital on what children should be eating and what to do when they refuse plus Mr Simon Mitchell from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) on the best international diabetes research currently being undertaken by JDRF into finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes and what the future holds in store for children from a Type 1 diabetes research perspective.

## National Teen Activity Day

In July, Diabetes Ireland held its fourth National Teen Activity Day. The event, held simultaneously in five outdoor adventure centres country wide, was attended by 90 teens from 10 to 16 years of age. Feedback from the event was extremely positive with participants getting the opportunity to meet their peers in an informal and fun setting.

## **Time to Talk Teen Support Group**

The Time to Talk Teen Support Group in Cork continued to support local teenagers with diabetes. The group, co-facilitated by the social work team and the Paediatric Team at Cork University Hospital (CUH) and Ms. Pauline Lynch, Diabetes Ireland, Southern Regional Development Officer, meets regularly and is attended by approximately 10/12 teens at any one time. The group works both on a therapeutic and social level, where through discussion in small groups, the focus is on attitudes and approaches to diabetes. The group also undertook a range of activities including ice skating, cooking with the professionals in CIT Cork and 'Supermarket Sweep' a fun Carbohydrate knowledge challenge run with the help of the Dietetics Department in CUH.

## **Parents Conversation Energiser Initiative**

The Parents 'Conversation Energiser' initiative continued in 2012 with 120 parents attending 19 events. This involved parents attending informal social evenings where they were provided with a diabetes topic (and a fun topic) for discussion with the main points being fed back centrally for evaluation and an associated article in our magazine "Diabetes Ireland".

## Diabetes Junior Cup

The first ever Republic of Ireland team attended the Diabetes Junior Cup finishing a very credible sixth place. The trials saw over 80 children with diabetes descend on Dalymount Park, Dublin in June and 11 players from all parts of Ireland were selected to represent their country. All players aged between 9-12 years, and their families travelled to Lausanne in Switzerland.



# Literature Support

People with diabetes require access to information that is easily accessible and appropriate to their needs. Diabetes Ireland acknowledge that literature is time specific and due to the evolving nature of diabetes management and changing technologies, all literature needs to be updated regularly and new written information leaflets/booklets need to be developed as funding permits.

In 2012, Diabetes Ireland in conjunction with Abbott Laboratories (Ire) launched an Irish version of the “Starter Kit; A Guide for Newly Diagnosed Adults with Type 1 Diabetes” which contained lots of useful information on how to adjust to life as a person with diabetes. The pack was issued to diabetes clinics nationwide.

Also in conjunction with Abbott Laboratories (Ire) and the National Maternity Hospitals, Diabetes Ireland supported the development of a booklet for women who developed Gestational Diabetes during pregnancy.

In conjunction with MSD and the Irish Examiner, Diabetes Ireland reproduced the “Lets Talk Diabetes” booklet which was distributed with the Irish Examiner on World Diabetes Day (14 November 2012) reaching 43,300 readers.

A new membership leaflet with updated benefits was also produced and disseminated widely. Diabetes Ireland has these and other information leaflets available to download on [www.diabetes.ie](http://www.diabetes.ie).



# Diabetes Ireland & Diabetes Professional

In 2012, four issues of both Diabetes Ireland and Diabetes Professional were issued. Diabetes Ireland is distributed to all members while Diabetes Professional is distributed to all healthcare professional members plus a range of allied healthcare professionals interested in diabetes.



# ***Raising Diabetes Awareness in the Community***

Health promotion continues to play an important role in Diabetes Ireland's activities, with the focus to increase awareness that diabetes is a serious illness that can be managed effectively provided diagnosis is prompt and treatment regimes including lifestyle behaviors are implemented.

## **RTE Operation Transformation**

RTE's Operation Transformation programme placed a strong emphasis on Type 2 diabetes. This provided a unique opportunity to raise national awareness of Type 2 diabetes among the general public.

A national awareness campaign initiative was launched between January and April 2012. The campaign included:

- A nationwide radio and outdoor billboard advertising campaign on the signs and symptoms of Type 2 diabetes
- Bi-weekly press releases on different diabetes topics highlighted in the programme
- Having a special online "microsite" covered diabetes risk factors and symptoms and making diabetes literature available in pharmacies throughout the country.

### **Over the duration of the campaign;**

- 3.3 million people saw the outdoor advertising campaign
- 1.3 million listeners heard each week-long (4) radio advertisement
- 604,000 people read articles in national and local papers
- there were 63,000 unique page views on the online microsite, on average 1.3 minutes in duration
- 600,000 people watched the programme each week.

This campaign was supported by MSD, the Irish Pharmacy Union and many of our local volunteer support branches.

# World Diabetes Day Celebrations



## Health Awareness Initiative

Approximately, 1,300 people attended the Diabetes Health Awareness Exhibition which provided an excellent opportunity for people with diabetes and their families to keep up to date on how to proactively manage their diabetes. Attractions on the day included HbA1c testing plus weight, BMI, foot, retinopathy screening and other eye checks, free diabetes screening for members of your family, product promotions, family attractions including facepainters, clowns and magic shows.

Patient education workshops ran throughout the day covering topics ranging from current medications used to control diabetes and their roles and the importance of diet and exercise to help medications work better, understanding how carbohydrates control blood sugars and how they work to give patients with diabetes greater food choices. Also discussed was the issue of very low calorie diets and rapid weight loss and their impact on long term Type 2 diabetes management and the whole issue of alternative medicines and dietary supplements in diabetes. Attendees had the opportunity to put questions to health professionals on specific areas relating to diabetes on what was a very interactive and informative day.



## Pin A Personality

Irish personalities and sport stars and people with diabetes came out in force to support our World Diabetes Day “Pin a Personality” initiative by wearing the blue pin and joining our Irish Circle of Friends. Sportstars included, Niall Quinn, Stephen Ward, Paul O’Connell, Rory Kavanagh, Billy Walsh and Adam Nolan from the boxing world plus the legendary John Tracey. Celebrities included, RTEs Mary Kennedy, Today FM presenter, Mairead Farrell and actor Aonghus McAnally who all uploaded their photo with the blue pin onto our online supporters gallery.



# Diabetes Risk Assessment and Screening Initiative

Under its Health Promotion initiative, Diabetes Ireland provides a diabetes risk assessment and screening service both in the workplace and in community settings nationwide.

Assessment focuses on the preventative role people can play in delaying or preventing the onset of type 2 diabetes. Screening for type 2 diabetes and pre-diabetes is justified because the current epidemic of type 2 diabetes is exacting a staggering toll on individuals, families, and communities, the convincing clinical trial evidence that the incidence of type 2 diabetes can be reduced and the importance of early detection and treatment of those with undiagnosed diabetes.

## Workplace

The Health Promotion in the Workplace Initiative was developed to raise awareness of employees and their families that unhealthy lifestyle habits increase the risk of developing type 2 Diabetes and heart disease. The aim of this initiative is to:

- Alert employees to their possible risk of developing type 2 Diabetes, heart disease and other health related issues.
- Promote healthy behaviour to help individuals prevent, if not postpone, the development of illness.

The format of the day is flexible to meet the needs of the company but can include, presentations, assessments, screening and individual consultations (body mass index, waist circumference, blood pressure and diabetes risk assessment).

In 2012, 10 companies held diabetes screening events for its employees. A total of 402 individuals were screened for their risk of having undiagnosed type 2 diabetes and 24 of those were referred for formal testing.

Each person attending received a written feedback and additional health promoting literature as required. The company hosting the day received a report on key issues important to the health of their employees.

## Community Screening

Throughout the year diabetes screening days were held throughout the regions. These days are generally held in pharmacies, shopping centres, or public areas. The purpose of these screening days again are to raise awareness of diabetes and its signs and symptoms amongst the general public and also to provide an opportunity for people to have a personal diabetes risk assessment/ screening. Each person is offered:

- A brief diabetes risk assessment
- Discussion and literature on the signs and symptoms of type 2 diabetes
- A random capillary glucose check if required with a letter of referral for formal assessment to the GP if necessary
- Discussion and literature on healthy eating guidelines and physical activity
- Those with queries regarding diabetes also attended.

In 2012, 52 diabetes community screening events were held nationwide. A total of 2,813 individuals were screened for their risk of having undiagnosed type 2 diabetes and 216 of those were referred for formal testing.

## Community Talks and Presentations

Diabetes Ireland delivered 41 talks and presentations during 2012 which were attended by 2,200 people, the majority of whom would be in the high risk category for developing type 2 diabetes or had diabetes. Each event allowed for the promotion of literature, services and availability of support if ever needed.



## Media Reach

Effective use of the media is imperative if Diabetes Ireland is to raise awareness of diabetes and its symptoms to the wider community and raise its profile among the diabetes community both at national and local levels.

In 2012, Diabetes Ireland continued efforts to increase the knowledge and awareness of diabetes and its symptoms through the media. This was achieved through a range of direct media activities including radio interviews (reaching 14 million listeners) , 5 TV appearances (975,000 viewers) and newspaper articles (reaching 6.8 million readers).

Other diabetes related media stories saw journalists contact Diabetes Ireland for clarification and/or further information to supplement their articles. This happened on 82 occasions throughout the year with a mixture of national and medical media seeking help on a wide range of issues.

## UCG Health Promotion Certificate Programme

Diabetes Ireland worked with University College Galway and other partners in the development of a Cardiovascular & Diabetes programme to be run in 2013. The programme will be aimed at community based healthcare professionals.



## Healthcare Professional Services

The Annual Professional Study Day was held in Croke Park in March with 120 attendees including medical physicians, general practitioners, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists and students. The focus for the day was on 'Shifting sands in diabetes management and care delivery'. Speakers included Professor John Nolan who outlined the comparisons between diabetes care delivery in Denmark and Ireland, Dr. Kristy Winkley, a psychologist from London, who outlined the common psychological problems faced by people with diabetes and offered some tips on addressing them. Dr. Maeve Durkin outlined the pathophysiological effects of poor diabetes management and Dr. Kevin Moore, AMNCH, outlined guidelines diabetes teams should be using while awaiting national guidelines and direction and Dr Tommy Kyaw, Connolly Memorial presented on the reasons why clinicians should treat pre-diabetes as diabetes.

The use of natural medicines in the management of diabetes was discussed by Ms. Carina Harkin, Cara Health, and was followed by scientific evidence on these medicines from Professor Richard Firth. Dr. Pamela Dyson, Dietitian, Oxford spoke about when healthy eating guidelines are inadvisable or inappropriate. Dr. Sean Dinneen updated the meeting on the West of Ireland Foot Study funded by Diabetes Ireland and Ms Anne Marie Cushin ran a workshop for pharmacists on the management of diabetes.

A National Paediatric Study Day focussing on Promoting Effective Diabetes Care in Children and Adolescents in Ireland was also held in June 2012. Speakers included Professor Alf Nicholson, Clinical Lead, National Paediatric Programme, who outlined national paediatric diabetes development, Dr Chris Peterson, Queen's University, Belfast who shared data on the rising incidence of type 1 diabetes and future predictions across Europe and Professor Steve Green, University of Dundee who outlined outline the clinical load and economic burden this was imposing, Professor Julia Edge, Oxford on DKA and its cerebral complications, Ms. Francesca Annan, Paediatric Diabetes Dietitian, Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust on the nutrition and insulin adjustment necessary for physical activity and Dr. Alex Green, University of Dundee who provided some practical tips on how to communicate with young people. A range of Irish experts also spoke on issues ranging from the use of new technologies the issue of diabetes in the very young and the transition to adult services. The meeting, organised by Diabetes Ireland, was supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Novo Nordisk and Animas/Johnson and Johnson.

## **Diabetes Footcare and Gestational Diabetes Service in HSE South**

In partnership with the HSE South, Diabetes Ireland continued to provide a High Risk Footcare Community Service for people with diabetes who are at risk or have developed foot complications. The service, launched in June 2011, has clinics in Cork, Kerry, Waterford and Wexford. In 2012, a total of 7,692 appointments were offered to patients. 3,799 of those appointments were provided to 2080 new patients while the remainder were filled by existing patients undergoing ongoing evaluation, treatment and review.

The podiatrists also delivered 31 footcare education sessions to other healthcare professionals as part of the National Footcare Education programme and continued to support the local community based healthcare professionals.

Diabetes Ireland also continued to support Gestational Diabetes services in Kerry General Hospital and Cork University Maternity Hospital.

## **East Coast Area Diabetes Programme**

Diabetes Ireland also worked with the HSE East Coast Area Diabetes Shared Care (ECAD) programme to enable them to expand the service so that more local patients could benefit from the service. The programme provides diabetes care to Type 2 diabetes patients in 25 GP practices extending from Dublin South to Wicklow. Patients enrolled in the scheme are reviewed twice yearly in primary care and attend one of the three participating hospitals (St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Columcille's Hospital and St. Michael's Hospitals) for an Annual Review.

# Diabetes Research

2011 saw Diabetes Ireland Research Alliance (DIRA), in partnership with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation continue to raise the profile of diabetes research in Ireland.

Two open research meetings were held in Limerick and Portlaoise. DIRA continued to support the Diabetes Genes, Autoimmunity and Prevention study (DGAP) project which reached its fundraising target during the year.

The DIRA funded research project entitled “What factors influence self-care and Quality of Life in young Irish adults (ages 23-30) with Type 1 diabetes?” finished in December. This study invited up to 40 young adults invited through Beaumont Hospital and social media networks to participate in the study.

The study findings help identify the factors that influence diabetes management/self-care amongst young Irish adults (aged 23-30) with Type 1 diabetes and will be published in 2013. Young adults in this age range often want to improve their diabetes control, but struggle to do so; identifying what factors hinder these young people from maintaining good diabetes control, will help diabetes teams to assist them in overcoming self-care barriers while promoting factors that enable them to achieve better control and improve quality of life. The findings will be published in 2013.

DIRA, through its partnership, with JDRF, welcomed the inclusion of a UCD research team in the \$7m international multi-centre project on genetics that aim to tackle diabetic kidney disease. The researchers are looking for genes that differ between people with Type 1 diabetes who do or do not have diabetic nephropathy (kidney disease) and identify genes which predict how quickly a person with Type 1 diabetes may develop kidney problems.



# Diabetes Advocacy

In 2012, Diabetes Ireland through “Diabetes Action” continued to advocate for implementation of new services so that all people with diabetes regardless of where they live would receive the high quality service they deserve.

With Government commitments to develop a national diabetic retinopathy screening programme, a National Footcare programme, a Type 2 Integrated Care programme and diabetes paediatric and adolescent services already secured, the focus was to see implementation of these services as quickly as possible and to ensure they remained an HSE priority.

Although progress was slow, by December 2012, progress had been made in these areas with a commitment to appoint people to a range of new posts that would enhance diabetes services across the country in 2013.

Diabetes Ireland also submitted a case to the HSE advocating for a paediatric diabetes nurse for Letterkenny Hospital.

The success of this initiative was due to the joint and shared approach of the diabetes community at local, regional and national level which has led to diabetes services remaining a HSE priority for development.

**DIABETES ACTION**



There are many well deserving people who work tirelessly to ensure that people living in their locality are given the opportunity to meet, share experiences and learn from each other about living life with diabetes.

The volunteer of the year award, sponsored by Roche Diagnostics, recognises the tireless efforts of volunteers throughout Ireland in supporting, educating and motivating people with diabetes, raising awareness of diabetes in the community and in promoting the interests of people with diabetes.

This year, the winner was Grainne Flynn for her ongoing work with the Clare Branch and her work in designing the new Diabetes Ireland logo and the Type 1 Diabetes Starter pack which she adapted for an Irish audience.



# Finance & Fundraising

The latest available annual audited accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 show income of €1,758,206 for the 12 month period and expenditure for the same period of €1,816,145 giving an operating loss of €57,939 for the period. But when bank interest was added, the overall loss reduced to €44,275. The balance sheet showed a reserve of €730,269 at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Forty two per cent of income came from the Health Service Executive to deliver various services and projects while the remaining fifty eight per cent was raised through a range of fundraising initiatives.

In the current economic climate, Diabetes Ireland had to work much harder in order to maintain income and is focussing on fundraising a lot more. While there were no significant income deficits in any one fundraising area, there were small deficits in sales, raffles and walks and added together, they did have a negative impact. Donations and bequests remained steady during the year.

Fundraising highlights included our Lunar Walks, where a total of 300 people participated in the Cork and Dublin Lunar Walks, the Cork Canoe Challenge on the River Lee, the annual Knocknarea climb, the Limerick Abseil, various Marathons and Mini Marathons teams, all of which raised vital funds for a range of projects and services. These were just some of a wide range fundraising initiatives that took place during the year and Diabetes Ireland is very much appreciative of everyone who raised vital funds to help us maintain our services during the year.

In 2012, corporate sponsorship increased significantly but the increase was related to a number of specific projects such as Operation Transformation, the Managing Chronic Conditions in Schools Initiative and the Diabetes Action Advocacy Campaign.

While, the financial outlook remains a concern, Diabetes Ireland will continue to strive to maintain and indeed continue to expand its services to meet the needs of the diabetes community in Ireland.



# Acknowledgements

Diabetes Ireland would to acknowledge and sincerely thank;

- its staff, volunteers and healthcare professionals for their continuing support,
- corporate partners for their support and assistance with our various initiatives and services.
- members, supporters and donors for their help in raising vital funds to enable us to continue our work
- the Health Service Executive for their financial support which enables us to provide many direct, and much needed, services.



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