

Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee
Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the financial period ended 31 December 2020

Company Number: 471072
Charity Number: CHY18698
Charities Regulatory Authority Number: 20072254

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Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Helena O'Donoghue Patrick Stagg Cara Nagle (Appointed 23 October 2020) Ciara McGrath Gerry Whyte Anne Doyle (Resigned 20 August 2020) Deirdre Quigley Liam Twohig Niall Farrell Catherine Dooley Eamonn Casey
Company Secretary	Patrick Stagg
Charity Number	CHY18698
Charities Regulatory Authority Number	20072254
Company Number	471072
Registered Office and Principal Address	25 Cork Street Dublin 8
Auditors	Crowleys DFK Unlimited Company Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm 16/17 College Green Dublin 2
Bankers	Bank of Ireland 85 James' Street Dublin 8

Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial period ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial period 31 December 2020.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

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

Financial Review

The results for the financial period are set out on page 10-11 and additional notes are provided showing income and expenditure in greater detail.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial period the charity has assets of €530,344 (Apr 20 - €360,255) and liabilities of €41,097 (Apr 20 - €22,857). The net assets of the charity have increased by €151,849.

Future Developments

The company plans to continue its present activities at its current level.

Trustees and Secretary

The trustees who served throughout the financial period, except as noted, were as follows:

Helena O'Donoghue
Patrick Stagg
Cara Nagle (Appointed 23 October 2020)
Ciara McGrath
Gerry Whyte
Anne Doyle (Resigned 20 August 2020)
Deirdre Quigley
Liam Twohig
Niall Farrell
Catherine Dooley
Eamonn Casey

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The secretary who served throughout the financial period was Patrick Stagg.

Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2014
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

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Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the year end date the Covid-19 virus had spread worldwide. In common with many other countries, during 2020 the Irish government issued guidance and restrictions on the movement of people designed to slow the spread of this virus. In early March 2020, many businesses closed voluntarily and throughout the month more restrictions were placed on people and businesses. On 28 March 2020, all "non-essential" businesses were ordered to close temporarily. Further restrictions were imposed throughout 2020 and into 2021. At the time of approving the financial statements, there is uncertainty regarding how the charity may be impacted financially by these events, which have continued since the financial year end. Consequently, the directors are unable to estimate the financial effects that Covid-19 may have on the charity.

Research and Development

The charity did not engage in any research and development activity during the period.

Exemptions from Disclosure

There are no omissions of the names of any trustees, executive officers or senior staff members for any extenuating personal circumstances.

Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of Others

Mercy Law Resource Centre CLG do not act as Custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

Political Contributions

The charity did not make any disclosable political donations in the current financial period.

Going Concern

In common with other charities operating in Ireland in this sector, the charity is dependent on voluntary income donations. The trustees have indicated they will continue to place strong emphasis on cost control, the management of the charity's cashflow and to regularly review their management accounts. The trustees of the organisation are confident of obtaining sufficient funding to continue to financially support the organisation and that the charity is well positioned to manage the costs of running the charity. For these reasons, they will continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Auditors

The auditors, Crowleys DFK Unlimited Company, (Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of 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 trustees 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.

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 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 3/3/2021 and signed on its behalf by:


Helena O'Donoghue
Trustee


Patrick Stagg
Trustee

Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial period ended 31 December 2020

The trustees, who are also directors of Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the trustees 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" issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the trustees 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 charity as at the financial year end date and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2015);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and net income or expenditure of the charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the Trustees' Annual Report comply with Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 3/3/2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Helena O'Donoghue
Trustee


Patrick Stagg
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee for the financial period ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and the 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" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2020 and of its surplus for the financial period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 and having regard to the Charities SORP; 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 charity in accordance with 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 the Provisions Available for Audits of Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note 5 to the financial statements, 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 trustees' 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 charity'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The trustees 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 solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- 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 charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. In our opinion the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of trustees' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not complied with by the company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the charity'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 charity or to cease operations, 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is contained in the appendix to this report, located at page 9, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Natalie Kelly

Natalie Kelly
for and on behalf of
CROWLEYS DFK UNLIMITED COMPANY
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
16/17 College Green
Dublin 2
09 August 2021
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APPENDIX TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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 charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' 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 charity'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 charity 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.

Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the financial period ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds Dec 20 €	Restricted Funds Dec 20 €	Total Dec 20 €	Unrestricted Funds Apr 20 €	Restricted Funds Apr 20 €	Total Apr 20 €
Income							
Charitable activities							
- Grants from governments and other co-funders	6.1	314,269	69,049	383,318	286,362	40,769	327,131
Other income	6.2	-	40,778	40,778	-	-	-
Total income		314,269	109,827	424,096	286,362	40,769	327,131
Expenditure							
Charitable activities	7.1	203,325	68,922	272,247	300,419	27,226	327,645
Net income/(expenditure)		110,944	40,905	151,849	(14,057)	13,543	(514)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial period		110,944	40,905	151,849	(14,057)	13,543	(514)
Reconciliation of funds							
Balances brought forward at 1 May 2020	17	323,855	13,543	337,398	337,912	-	337,912
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		434,799	54,448	489,247	323,855	13,543	337,398

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial period.
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	Dec 20 €	Apr 20 €
Fixed Assets			
Intangible assets	11	1,325	2,611
Tangible assets	12	9,236	14,282
		<u>10,561</u>	<u>16,893</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	13,297	14,462
Cash at bank and in hand		506,486	328,900
		<u>519,783</u>	<u>343,362</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(41,097)</u>	<u>(22,857)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>478,686</u>	<u>320,505</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>489,247</u>	<u>337,398</u>
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		54,448	13,543
General fund (unrestricted)		434,799	323,855
Total funds	17	<u>489,247</u>	<u>337,398</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 30/3/2021 and signed on its behalf by:


Helena O'Donoghue
Trustee


Patrick Stagg
Trustee

Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial period ended 31 December 2020

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Mercy Law Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee is a company limited by guarantee (registered under Part 18 of the Companies Act 2014) incorporated in the Republic of Ireland (CRO Number 471072). The registered office of the company is 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8 which is also the principal place of business of the charity. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the charity.

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 charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis in accordance with the Companies Act 2014, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charitable company's financial statements.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial period ended 31 December 2020 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)" and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Cash flow statement

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received which can only be used for particular purposes, as specified by the donors. Such purposes are within the overall objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

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Income

Income is recognised by inclusion in the Statement of Financial Activities only when the charity is legally entitled to the income, performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, the amounts involved can be measured with sufficient reliability and it is probable that the income will be received by the charity.

Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable activities include income earned from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services to be provided by the charity. Income from government and other co-funders is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income because it is fulfilling the conditions contained in the related funding agreements. Where a grant is received in advance, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, it is accrued in debtors.

Grants from governments and other co-funders typically include one of the following types of conditions:

- Performance based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding only to the extent that the core objectives of the grant agreement are achieved. Where the charity is meeting the core objectives of a grant agreement, it recognises the related expenditure, to the extent that it is reimbursable by the donor, as income.

-Time based conditions: whereby the charity is contractually entitled to funding on the condition that it is utilised in a particular period. In these cases the charity recognises the income to the extent it is utilised within the period specified in the agreement.

In the absence of such conditions, assuming that receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured, grant income is recognised once the charity is notified of entitlement.

Grants received towards capital expenditure are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when received or receivable, whichever is earlier.

Expenditure

Expenditure is analysed between costs of charitable activities and raising funds. The costs of each activity are separately accumulated and disclosed, and analysed according to their major components. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, a transfer of economic benefits is required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be reliably measured. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but cannot be attributed to one activity. Such costs are allocated to activities in proportion to staff time spent or other suitable measure for each activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed 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 fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15% Straight line
Computer equipment	- 25% Straight line

Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are dealt with in the income and expenditure account as incurred over the period of the rental agreement.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at financial period end, is included in debtors.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

Research and development

Research expenditure is written off to the income and expenditure account in the financial period in which it is incurred. Development expenditure is written off in the same financial period unless the trustees are satisfied as to the technical, commercial and financial viability of individual projects. In this situation, the expenditure is deferred and amortised over the period from which the charity is expected to benefit.

3. PERIOD OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements are for the 8 month period ended 31 December 2020.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgements and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Accounting for depreciation

The charity provides for depreciation on its tangible fixed assets. Tangible fixed 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 fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives. The trustees review on an on-going basis the charge to depreciation to ensure it is consistent with the expected residual value applicable to the different categories of tangibles. The total amount of assets subject to depreciation is €9,238 (April 2020: €14,282).

Accounting for amortisation

The charity provides for amortisation its intangible fixed assets. Intangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated amortisation. The charge to amortisation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of intangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives. The trustees review on an on-going basis the charge to amortisation to ensure it is consistent with the expected residual value applicable to the different categories of intangibles. The total amount of assets subject to amortisation is €1,325 (April 2020: €2,611).

Useful Lives of Tangible and Intangible Fixed Assets

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of property, fixtures and fittings, and office equipment represent a significant portion of the total assets. The annual depreciation and amortisation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and, in certain circumstances, estimates of residual values. The trustees regularly review these useful lives by considering technological change, patterns of consumption, physical condition and expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation and amortisation charge for the financial year.

Going Concern

In common with other charities operating in Ireland in this sector, the charity is dependent on voluntary income donations. The trustees have indicated they will continue to place strong emphasis on cost control, the management of the charity's cashflow and to regularly review their management accounts. The trustees of the organisation are confident of obtaining sufficient funding to continue to financially support the organisation and that the charity is well positioned to manage the costs of running the company. For these reasons, they will continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

5. PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR AUDITS OF SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charitable companies of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements and company secretarial filing.

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6. INCOME					
6.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Dec 20	Apr 20	
	€	€	€	€	
Legal Advice & Representation	302,769	54,938	357,707	294,338	
Policy Work	-	14,111	14,111	9,926	
Legal Training	11,500	-	11,500	15,467	
Befriending Service	-	-	-	7,400	
	<u>314,269</u>	<u>69,049</u>	<u>383,318</u>	<u>327,131</u>	
6.2 OTHER INCOME	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Dec 20	Apr 20	
	€	€	€	€	
Government Subsidy	-	40,778	40,778	-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>40,778</u>	<u>40,778</u>	<u>-</u>	

During the financial year, the Charity received two Covid-19 government subsidies which were operated by the Office of the Revenue Commissioners for employees / employers impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Company has accounted for both subsidies as government grants under the accruals and recognised the related income in 'other income' for the year. The TWSS was accounted for when it was received while the EWSS subsidy was accounted for when it became receivable. Total subsidies recognised in other income for the year amounted to €40,778 in respect of both the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) and for the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS).

7. EXPENDITURE					
7.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs	Other Costs	Support Costs	Dec 20	Apr 20
	€	€	€	€	€
Legal Advice & Representation	69,849	151,152	31,169	252,170	311,322
Policy Work	120	5,257	12,925	18,302	9,626
Legal Training	-	4	1,771	1,775	489
Befriending Service	-	-	-	-	6,208
	<u>69,969</u>	<u>156,413</u>	<u>45,865</u>	<u>272,247</u>	<u>327,645</u>
7.2 SUPPORT COSTS			Charitable Activities	Dec 20	Apr 20
			€	€	€
Support			45,865	45,865	18,480
			<u>45,865</u>	<u>45,865</u>	<u>18,480</u>
8. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS				Dec 20	Apr 20
				€	€
Support				45,865	18,480
				<u>45,865</u>	<u>18,480</u>

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9. NET INCOME	Dec 20	Apr 20
	€	€
Net Income is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible assets	10,949	10,136
Policy and Research		
- expenditure in current financial period	7,000	3,268
- amortised deferred expenditure (included above)	1,286	1,286
Operating lease rentals		
- Office equipment	1,776	2,351
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10. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed during the financial period was as follows:

	Dec 20	Apr 20
	Number	Number
Solicitors and Support Staff	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The staff costs comprise:

	Dec 20	Apr 20
	€	€
Wages and salaries	133,666	204,910
Social security costs	7,293	14,525
	<u><u>140,959</u></u>	<u><u>219,435</u></u>

11. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Development
	Costs
	€
Cost	
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,897</u>
Provision for diminution in value	
At 1 May 2020	1,286
Charge for financial period	<u>1,286</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,572</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2020	<u><u>1,325</u></u>
At 30 April 2020	<u><u>2,611</u></u>

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment €	Computer equipment €	Total €
Cost			
At 1 May 2020	39,836	22,850	62,686
Additions	-	4,617	4,617
Disposals	(20,700)	(7,506)	(28,206)
At 31 December 2020	<u>19,136</u>	<u>19,961</u>	<u>39,097</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2020	31,309	17,095	48,404
Charge for the financial period	3,827	5,836	9,663
On disposals	(20,700)	(7,506)	(28,206)
At 31 December 2020	<u>14,436</u>	<u>15,425</u>	<u>29,861</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	<u><u>4,700</u></u>	<u><u>4,536</u></u>	<u><u>9,236</u></u>
At 30 April 2020	<u><u>8,527</u></u>	<u><u>5,755</u></u>	<u><u>14,282</u></u>

13. DEBTORS

	Dec 20 €	Apr 20 €
Trade debtors	540	550
Other debtors	257	350
Prepayments	-	8,213
Accrued Income	12,500	5,349
	<u>13,297</u>	<u>14,462</u>

14. CREDITORS

	Dec 20 €	Apr 20 €
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade creditors	6,459	542
Taxation and social security costs	18,909	2,240
Other creditors	203	1,919
Deferred Income	15,526	18,156
	<u>41,097</u>	<u>22,857</u>

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15. State Funding

Agency	Pobal
Sponsoring Government Department	Department of Rural and Community Development
Grant Programme	COVID-19 Stability Scheme for Community & Voluntary, Charity and Social Enterprise Organisations
Purpose of the Grant	To assist with the payment of non-pay costs and help maintain financial viability during the COVID-19 pandemic to assist the delivery of critical services and supports
Term	01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020 - one off grant
Total Grant	€19,626
Expenditure	€19,626
Fund deferred or due at financial period end	€ Nil
Received in the financial period	€19,626
Capital Grants Received	Nil
Restriction on use	For the sole purpose as outlined in the agreement
Confirmation	We confirm that we received no other public funding and that there is no duplication of funding for same costs or activities.

16. RESERVES

	Dec 20 €	Apr 20 €
At 1 May 2020	337,398	337,912
Surplus/(Deficit) for the financial period	151,849	(514)
At 31 December 2020	<u>489,247</u>	<u>337,398</u>

17. FUNDS

17.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Total Funds €
At 1 May 2019	337,912	-	337,912
Movement during the financial year	(14,057)	13,543	(514)
At 30 April 2020	323,855	13,543	337,398
Movement during the financial year	110,944	40,905	151,849
At 31 December 2020	<u>434,799</u>	<u>54,448</u>	<u>489,247</u>

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17.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 May 2020 €	Income €	Expenditure €	Transfers between funds €	Balance 31 December Dec 20 €
Restricted funds					
Restricted	13,543	109,827	68,922	-	54,448
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	323,855	314,269	203,325	-	434,799
Total funds	337,398	424,096	272,247	-	489,247

17.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use €	Current assets €	Current liabilities €	Total €
Restricted trust funds	-	69,974	(15,526)	54,448
Unrestricted general funds	10,561	449,809	(25,571)	434,799
	10,561	519,783	(41,097)	489,247

18. STATUS

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

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 period thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and 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 € 1.

19. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

As at the year end date the Covid-19 virus had spread worldwide. In common with many other countries, during 2020 the Irish government issued guidance and restrictions on the movement of people designed to slow the spread of this virus. In early March 2020, many businesses closed voluntarily and throughout the month more restrictions were placed on people and businesses. On 28 March 2020, all "non-essential" businesses were ordered to close temporarily. Further restrictions were imposed throughout 2020 and into 2021. At the time of approving the financial statements, there is uncertainty regarding how the charity may be impacted financially by these events, which have continued since the financial year end. Consequently, the directors are unable to estimate the financial effects that Covid-19 may have on the charity.

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20. OUR FUNDERS

The main contributors for donations and grant aid are as follows:

Sisters of Mercy
Archdiocese of Dublin
Mason Hayes & Curran
CLT Solidarity Fund
A&L Goodbody
Pobal
IHREC
ESB, Electric Aid
Community Foundation
Hilton Fund for Sisters
Giving Circle
Ireland Funds
Loreto Foundation
Cork Street Fund
BAM
Dublin Bus

21. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on
...30/3/2021...

