



St. Francis Hospice

2024

St Francis Hospice Dublin

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements







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SECTION

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# About Us

## OUR VISION

As a voluntary organisation our vision is to continue to harness widespread community support and be at the forefront in identifying specialist palliative care needs in the community and develop responses to them. The principle of “voluntarism” is at the centre of the Hospice’s mission and success.

## OUR VALUES



## OUR MISSION

St. Francis Hospice provides specialist palliative care services to the people of North Dublin and surrounding counties. The service includes care for patients and support for their families and friends by our multidisciplinary team of staff and volunteers, as well as collaboration with other healthcare professionals who are involved in their care.

The service, which aspires to excellence, is based on a Christian philosophy which recognises and values the sacredness of human life. In its organisation and delivery, the service affirms, without distinction, the equal dignity of all persons and seeks to treat everyone with kindness, compassion and respect.

The hospice plays a leadership role in shaping the delivery of palliative care nationally and works in partnership with other hospices and agencies to advance policy, education, research and innovations in service.

## DEFINITION OF PALLIATIVE CARE

Specialist Palliative Care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients – adults and children – and their families who are facing problems associated with life-threatening illness. It prevents and relieves suffering through the early identification, impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, whether physical, psychosocial, or spiritual.

Palliative care:

- provides relief from pain and other distressing symptoms;
- affirms life and regards dying as a normal process;
- intends neither to hasten nor postpone death;
- integrates the psychological and spiritual aspects of patient care;
- offers a support system to help patients live as actively as possible until death;
- offers a support system to help the family cope during the patients illness and in their own bereavement;
- uses a team approach to address the needs of patients and their families, including bereavement counselling, if indicated;
- will enhance quality of life, and may also positively influence the course of illness;
- is applicable early in the course of illness, in conjunction with other therapies that are intended to prolong life, such as chemotherapy or radiation therapy, and includes those investigations needed to better understand and manage distressing clinical complications.



(World Health Organisation, 2023)

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### I am delighted to present the 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements for St. Francis Hospice Dublin.

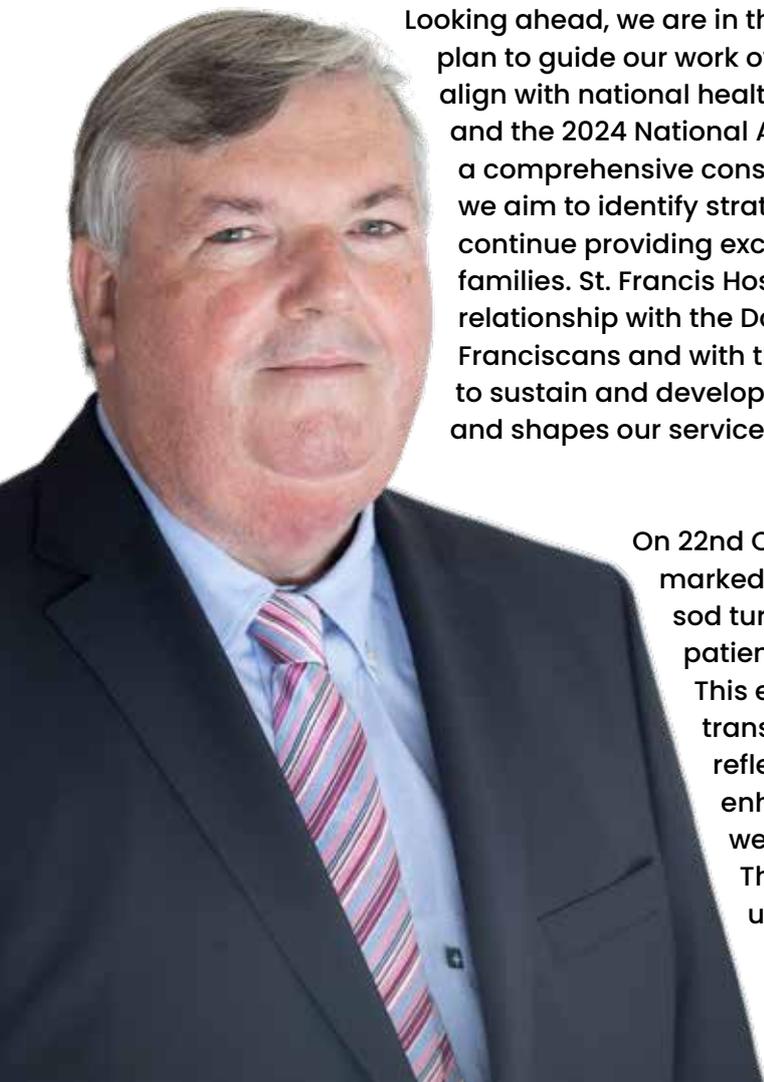
St. Francis Hospice Dublin can deliver of its mission only with the support and confidence of its many stakeholders: staff, volunteers, statutory partners, donors and above all the communities that we serve. In giving this account of what was another busy year of service to our patients and their families, we trust that it demonstrates that their confidence and support is well founded.

We are an organisation founded on values which shape our approach to our work and give life to our mission. In the spirit of our patron, St. Francis, we celebrate life and support those approaching the end of life to do so with dignity.

I would like to express my admiration for and gratitude to all of the team at St. Francis Hospice Dublin, whether in Raheny or Blanchardstown or in our community services. Their professionalism and commitment are the bedrock of our service. Those who organise and support our fundraising events provide strong affirmation for our work, as well as the tangible means by which it can continue. Our statutory funder, the Health Service Executive, continues to provide encouragement as well as vital financial resources.

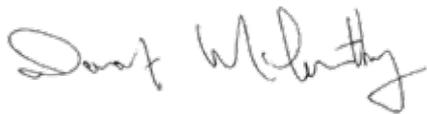
Looking ahead, we are in the process of developing a strategic plan to guide our work over the next five years. This plan will align with national health strategies, including Sláintecare and the 2024 National Adult Palliative Care Policy. Through a comprehensive consultation process with stakeholders, we aim to identify strategic priorities that will enable us to continue providing exceptional care to our patients and families. St. Francis Hospice Dublin values its foundational relationship with the Daughters of Charity and the Capuchin Franciscans and with their support and engagement will work to sustain and develop the characteristic spirit which inspires and shapes our service.

On 22nd October 2024, St. Francis Hospice Raheny marked a significant milestone with the official sod turning ceremony for our new 24 bed in-patient unit, led by Minister Jack Chambers. This event symbolised the beginning of a transformative development in our facilities, reflecting our unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of care and support we provide to patients and their families. The presence of Minister Chambers underscored the importance of this

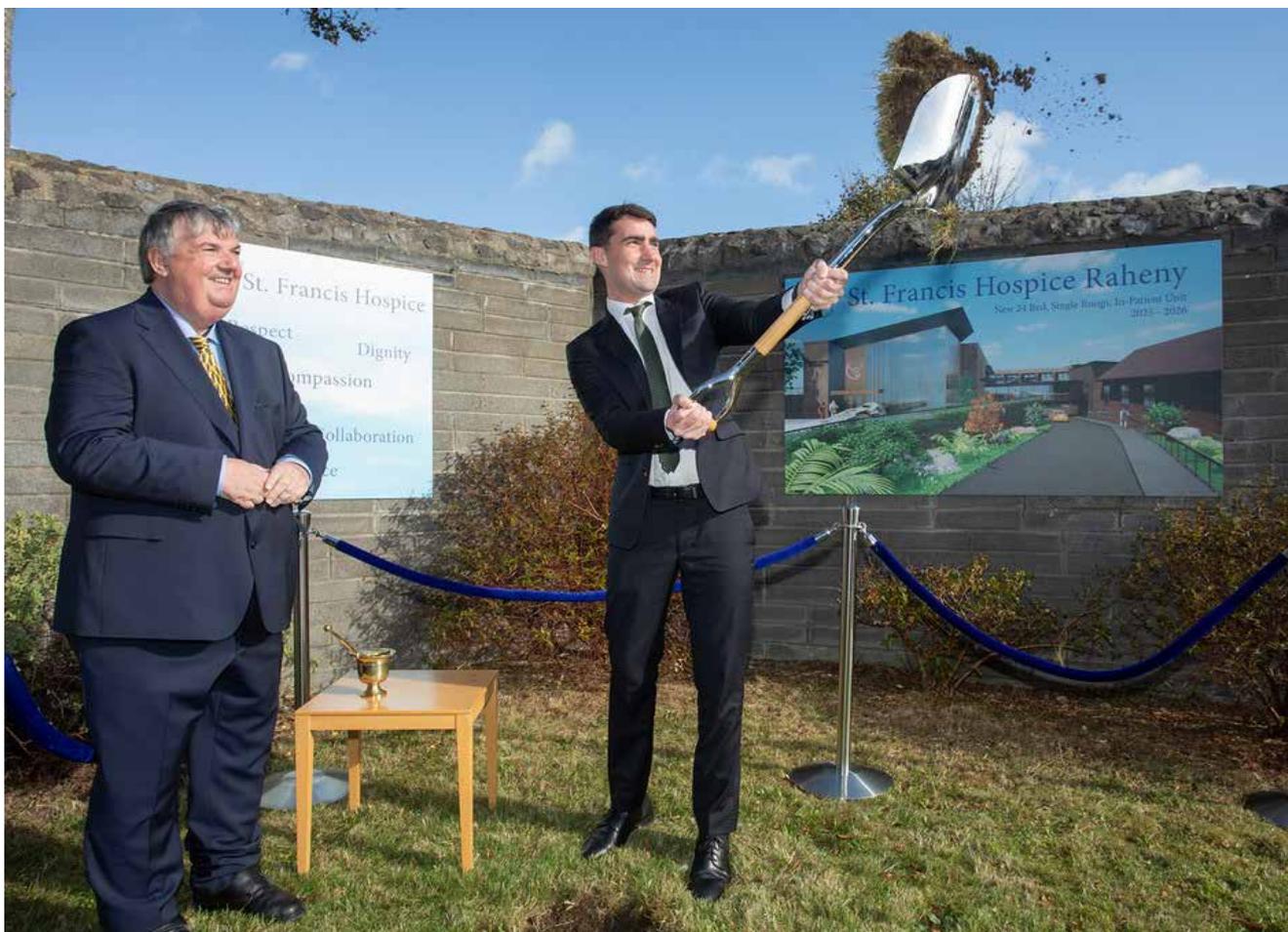


project within the broader healthcare landscape, and we are deeply grateful for the continued support from the Government, our donors, and the wider community. This new unit will enable us to meet growing demand and ensure the delivery of compassionate, specialist palliative care for years to come.

As this report demonstrates, St. Francis Hospice Dublin has ambitious plans to build on its record of service to date. I hope that those who read this report will recognise the value of the services which we provide and so will continue to provide the support that will enable us to continue to develop.



**Mr. Dermot McCarthy,**  
Chairperson, Board of Directors



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT

Since its foundation in 1989, St. Francis Hospice Dublin has played an integral leadership role in the provision of palliative care services. As a voluntary organisation our independence has enabled us to harness widespread community support and we have been at the forefront in identifying needs in the community and developing responses to them. The principle of “voluntarism” is at the centre of the hospice’s mission and success.



I am delighted to report that during 2024 we continued to provide high quality and accessible palliative care services at no charge to patients and families. Our objective of ensuring that the people of North Dublin and surrounding counties have improved access to specialist palliative care was demonstrated by our care for 2,313 patients and their families, which is a 10.4% increase on 2023 activity.

A landmark achievement this year was the redesignation of St. Francis

Hospice Dublin from a Section 39 to a Section 38 agency under the Health Act 2004, effective from February 2024. This transition means that our core services are now fully state-funded, ensuring a sustainable model of care for the future. While this alleviates the need for fundraising to cover operational costs, we remain deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our community, which enables us to enhance patient comfort, invest in new buildings and upgrade existing buildings, and fund innovative patient care.

As we marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of the in-patient unit at St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown on 24th October 2024, we were honoured to welcome Leo Varadkar, former Taoiseach, to this important occasion. We would like to formally acknowledge and sincerely thank Leo for his steadfast advocacy and ongoing support of St. Francis Hospice Dublin, as well as hospices nationwide.

His commitment to advancing compassionate end-of-life care and his recognition of the vital role hospices play within the healthcare system are invaluable to our mission. Leo’s presence and support at this milestone event reaffirmed the importance of our work and inspires us as we continue to provide dignified and compassionate care to those in need.

I would like to acknowledge the adaptability, creativity, professionalism and commitment of each member of the hospice team. St. Francis Hospice Dublin remains committed to the spirit of voluntarism and to our ethos

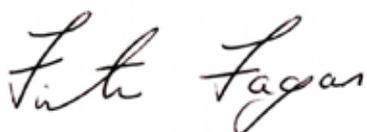
and core values which have carried us through nearly 36 years, from a fledgling service operating out of a Porta-cabin to a fully-fledged, comprehensive specialist palliative care service for the people of North Dublin and surrounding counties.

The amazing support we consistently receive from our community is a direct reflection of the high quality, person-centred, holistic care provided by

individuals and teams here in St. Francis Hospice. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Board of Directors, staff, contractors and volunteers for their professionalism, humanity, and commitment to our core values of dignity, respect, compassion, collaboration, excellence and kindness.

I wish to express my appreciation for the continuing strategic and financial support of the Health Service Executive through the Directorate of Primary Care and Community Health Organisation 9 and the HSE National Palliative Care Office. I look forward to continuing to work constructively together to maintain, develop and improve the vital services provided by St. Francis Hospice Dublin.

We at St. Francis Hospice Dublin will continue to work closely with and for the community we serve and will very much continue to need the support of our community into the future. We value the support from government and our local political representatives and their advocacy for St. Francis Hospice Dublin.



**Mr. Fintan Fagan,**  
Chief Executive Officer







## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors of St Francis Hospice Dublin present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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#### Our History

In 1988 Dr. Mary Redmond identified a need for a hospice on the north side of Dublin city. She asked the Daughters of Charity for help in setting up a community palliative care (home care) service for this area. Over the years, numerous individuals, groups and organisations have provided the dedication and financial support to enable St Francis Hospice to develop a comprehensive specialist palliative care service for North Dublin city, county and surrounding counties.

#### Raheny

The Community Palliative Care team were originally based in a portacabin on the grounds of the Capuchin Friary in Raheny. The team provided advice and support to patients and families in their own homes. The Capuchin Friars donated the site of their monastery garden and St Francis Hospice Raheny was built in phases.

In 1991, office and meeting space for the Community Palliative Care team opened, followed by a purpose built Day Care centre. The Day Care service began providing patients with a place to come for support and advice from the multidisciplinary team and to receive complementary therapies. In 1995, the second phase, St Anne's In-Patient Unit (19 beds), was completed.

Education is an important way of extending the palliative care philosophy and approach to other healthcare settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes. An Education Department was formed in 1997 in order to develop courses and workshops for staff of other healthcare institutions, as well as staff of the Hospice.

In 1999, St Francis Hospice Dublin purchased the adjoining Walmer Villa. Further expansion took place in 2002, when a new phase of building was completed, providing enhanced facilities for the provision of day care, bereavement counselling and an education centre.

#### Blanchardstown

The need for a hospice to be provided for the people of Dublin North West was identified a number of years later. Blanchardstown was recognised as an ideal location from which to serve the needs of Dublin North West. The Government allocated a 6.8 acre site on the Abbotstown lands for the building of the hospice. The construction works were completed in April 2011.

The Community Palliative Care Team looking after the western half of St Francis Hospice's catchment area began using the new Blanchardstown hospice as their base in May 2011. Shortly after, the Hospice Day Care and Outpatients Service began operating in Blanchardstown. In September 2014, the first patients were admitted to the 24-bed in-patient unit.

#### St Francis Hospice Dublin today

Together, St Francis Hospice Raheny and Blanchardstown provide specialist palliative care services to the people of North Dublin city, county and surrounding counties with life limiting illnesses. We are a voluntary organisation and all of our services are provided free of charge to patients and their families. Today St Francis Hospice Dublin plays a leadership role in shaping palliative care nationally, working in partnership to advance policy, education, research and service innovation.

# OUR HISTORY



## WHAT WE DO

St Francis Hospice Dublin provides four distinct services to patients and their family members/loved ones:

- Specialist advice and support in their own home through our Community Palliative Care Team.
- Specialist Palliative Outpatient and Day Service, providing a range of options, including individual appointments and group sessions, to support patients living at home.
- In-Patient Care, offering admission for management of complex symptoms and psychosocial problems, as well as care at end of life.
- Bereavement support, including pre-bereavement, post-bereavement counselling and bereavement work with children. The bereavement programme includes regular Services of Remembrance and Bereavement Information Evenings.

The hospice philosophy addresses the needs of the patients' families and friends, who are encouraged to share in the care of their loved one. Education and support is provided to family members caring for people at home.

The team at St Francis Hospice includes nurses, doctors, health care assistants, household staff, complementary therapists, lymphoedema nurse specialists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, chaplains, pharmacists, volunteers, administrative staff, finance, and education professionals. They are supported by contract catering, security and cleaning staff. Each makes a valuable contribution to the holistic care of patients and their families.

As part of St Francis Hospice's strategy to continue to provide accessible, high level specialist palliative care to patients and

families we have an Education and Practice Development Team which provides education, training and orientation for staff and volunteers. Education is a core component of specialist palliative care. The programmes provided ensure that we develop our staff and volunteers to deliver the best possible care and services. The team also delivers palliative care education to healthcare staff working in hospitals, nursing homes and community settings. The education team delivers the Interdisciplinary MSc in Palliative Care in conjunction with Trinity College Dublin; they also facilitate third level students of many disciplines to complete clinical placements within St Francis Hospice Dublin.

Volunteers are an integral part of the Hospice; they bring a dimension in terms of enthusiasm and commitment which are further enhanced by their considerable life skills and community links.

## DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

### Board of Directors

Dermot McCarthy  
Sr. Bernadette MacMahon  
Dr. Carol-Ann Casey  
Prof. Peter Daly  
Patrick Kenny  
Thomas Joseph McMahon  
Padraig O'Dea  
Joseph Pitcher  
Sr. Claire McKiernan  
Sr. Nuala Dolan  
Catherine Doyle  
Patrick Kelleher  
Eileen Dunne  
Natasha McKenna  
Desmond O'Flynn  
Fr. Martin Bennett (appointed 16 October 2024)

### Chairperson

Dermot McCarthy

### Chief Executive Officer

Fintan Fagan

### Company Secretary

Patrick Kenny

### Registered Offices

Station Road  
Raheny  
Dublin D05E392

### Independent Auditors

PKF Brenson Lawlor  
Brenson Lawlor House  
Argyle Square  
Morehampton Road  
Dublin 4

### Bankers

Bank of Ireland  
Raheny  
Dublin 5

Allied Irish Bank  
Westend Retail Park  
Blanchardstown  
Dublin 15

### Solicitors

McCann Fitzgerald  
Riverside One  
Sir John Rogerson's Quay  
Dublin 2

Colleen Cleary  
127 Lower Baggot Street  
Dublin 2

Mason Hayes & Curran  
Barrow Street  
Dublin 4

Eversheds Sutherland  
One Earlsfort Centre  
Earlsfort Terrace  
Dublin 2

### Registration Numbers

Charity Tax Number: CHY10568  
Charity Registration Number: 20027193  
Company Registration Number: 153874

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

## Structure

St. Francis Hospice Dublin is a company limited by guarantee.

St. Francis Hospice Dublin is a registered charity (with the Charities Regulatory Authority) with charitable tax exempt ("CHY") status from the Revenue Commissioners and is a Section 38 Agency under the Health Act 2004. It holds a current valid Tax Clearance Certificate.

## Governance

### Board Governance

The Board of St. Francis Hospice Dublin is responsible for overseeing the proper management of the Hospice. In particular, it has a collective responsibility for:

- a) Putting in place a clear scheme of delegation of accountability from the Board to the CEO;
- b) Approval of the strategic goals, annual service plans and the annual Service Level Arrangement with the HSE;
- c) Approval of annual budgets and ensuring the adequacy of internal financial control measures;
- d) Approval of significant procurement contracts and acquisitions, disposals and retirement of assets of SFHD;
- e) Ensuring effective systems are in place for identifying and managing risk;
- f) Approval of annual reports and audited financial statements; and
- g) Approval of Annual Compliance Statement prior to submission to HSE.

The Board has devised and agreed procedures for conducting its business in a productive way. To do this it has established an appropriate sub-committee structure.

The following committees have written terms of reference which are approved by the Board:

Governance and Risk (which has under its remit matters of Nominations and Remuneration)

- Finance and Audit
- Quality and Safety
- Fundraising Advisory
- Research Ethics

### Commitment to Standards in Fundraising Practice

St Francis Hospice is fully committed to achieving the highest standards for Fundraising as set down by the Charity Regulator. The Board of Directors of St Francis Hospice Dublin resolved to adopt the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising and confirms that St Francis Hospice Dublin is committed to complying with all Fundraising standards and will endeavour to adhere to the principles of respect, honesty and openness by:

- Respecting the rights, dignity and privacy of supporters, clients and beneficiaries.
- Answering reasonable questions about fundraising activity and fundraising costs honestly.
- Making information about our purpose, activities and governance available to the public.

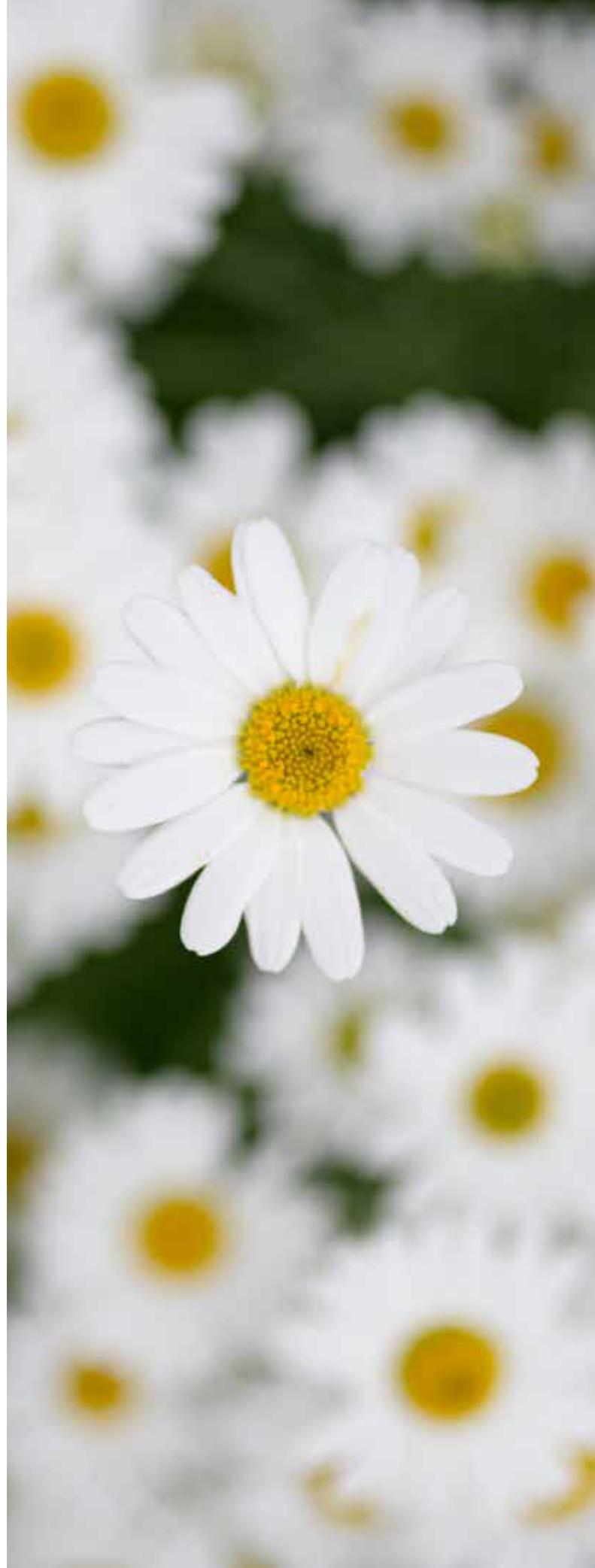
### Management

St. Francis Hospice Dublin's Leadership Team includes the Chief Executive Officer, Medical Director, Head of Finance and Director of Nursing. The Leadership Team is supported by an Executive Team comprising of the Head of Human Resources, Fundraising Manager, General Services Manager, Quality, Risk & Patient Safety Manager, Communications & Marketing Manager, Business Manager and ICT Manager.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

- Adequate funding by the HSE is crucial towards maintaining the current range of services and also towards providing for the totality of services at both Hospice locations.
- St. Francis Hospice Dublin, as a priority, strives to maintain and develop its income sources to meet the specialist palliative care service needs of North Dublin city, county and surrounding counties. It closely monitors reserve levels to ensure that they are sufficient to meet planned outgoings in the short term.
- St. Francis Hospice Dublin repaid all bank loans in 2024.
- The Hospice's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. These are disclosed in Note 24 to the financial statements.

The directors are aware of the key risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that there are appropriate systems in place to mitigate these risks appropriately.



## ATTENDANCE – 2024 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Attendance – 2024 Board and Committee Meetings						
Name	Board Meetings	Governance and Risk Committee Meetings	Finance Audit Committee Meetings	Quality and Safety Committee Meetings	Fundraising Advisory Committee Meetings	Research Ethics Committee Meetings
<b>St Francis Hospice Dublin Board of Directors</b>						
Mr. Dermot McCarthy <i>Chairperson</i>	6/6	2/4	2/4	3/4	4/4	
Mr. Patrick Kenny <i>Company Secretary</i>	6/6	2/4	4/4			
Sr. Bernadette MacMahon	6/6	4/4				
Mr. Thomas J. McMahon	5/6	3/4				
Sr. Nuala Dolan	4/6					
Prof. Peter Daly	6/6	4/4		4/4	4/4	
Mr. Joseph Pitcher	6/6	3/4			4/4	
Sr. Claire McKiernan	6/6					
Dr. Carol-Ann Casey	3/6					
Mr. Padraig O’Dea	6/6	3/4	2/4			
Ms. Eileen Dunne	3/6				2/4	
Ms. Catherine Doyle	6/6			4/4		4/4
Mr. Patrick Kelleher	6/6		4/4			
Fr. Peter Rodgers	1/1					
Ms. Natasha McKenna	4/6					
Mr. Des O’Flynn	6/6		2/4			
<b>St Francis Hospice Dublin Management Team</b>						
Mr. Fintan Fagan <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	6/6	4/4	4/4	4/4	4/4	
Ms. Aishling Kearney <i>Director of Nursing</i>	5/6	2/4		4/4		3/4
Dr. Regina McQuillan <i>Medical Director</i>	4/6	3/4		3/4		
Ms. Breda Hawkshaw <i>Head of Finance</i>	5/6	4/4	4/4		2/4	
Ms. Angela Coughlan <i>Business Manager</i>	6/6	4/4	4/4	1/4		

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### Directors and Secretary

The directors and secretary, who served at any time during the financial year except as noted, were as follows:

#### Directors

Dermot McCarthy  
Sr. Bernadette MacMahon  
Dr. Carol-Ann Casey  
Prof. Peter Daly  
Patrick Kenny  
Thomas Joseph McMahon  
Padraig O'Dea  
Joseph Pitcher  
Sr. Claire McKiernan  
Sr. Nuala Dolan  
Catherine Doyle  
Patrick Kelleher  
Eileen Dunne  
Natasha McKenna  
Desmond O'Flynn  
Fr. Martin Bennett  
(appointed 16 October 2024)

#### Chairman

Dermot McCarthy

#### Secretary

Patrick Kenny

### Directors and secretary and their interests

The directors do not hold any beneficial interest in the charity.

### Exemption from disclosure

The charity has not availed of any disclosure exemptions.

### Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The charity does not hold any funds or other assets by way of custodian arrangement.

### Likely future developments

The charity plans to continue its charitable activities for the foreseeable future, subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. St Francis Hospice Dublin is currently planning the refurbishment and redevelopment of its Raheny Hospice with a view to improving In-Patient facilities.

### Events after the end of the financial year

There were no post reporting date events which require disclosure.

### Going concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that St. Francis Hospice Dublin has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in note 1 to the financial statements.

### Research and development

St. Francis Hospice Dublin carries out on-going research to achieve optimum care for patients.

### Political contributions

The charity did not make any political donations during the year.

### Results for the financial year

The net movement of funds during the financial year was a surplus of €13,931,594 (2023: Surplus €680,735).

### Dividends and reserves

The reserves are not distributable and are applied in accordance with the Articles of Association to finance the work of the Hospice.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### Subsidiary company

Details relating to the subsidiary company are set out in Note 17 to the financial statements.

### Accounting records

The company's directors acknowledge their responsibilities under sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 to ensure that the company keeps adequate accounting records. The following measures have been taken:

- the implementation of appropriate policies and procedures for recording transactions.
- the employment of competent accounting personnel with appropriate expertise.
- the provision of sufficient company resources for this purpose.
- liaison with the company's external professional advisers.

The accounting records are maintained at the Hospice's registered office at Station Road, Raheny, Dublin 5, D05 E392.

### Directors' compliance policy statement

We, the directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of these financial statements, are responsible for securing the company's compliance with its relevant obligations.

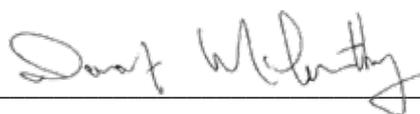
We confirm that the following matters have been done to fulfil the responsibilities set out in section 225(2) of the Companies Act 2014:

- drawing up of a 'compliance policy statement' setting out the company's policies that in our opinion are appropriate to the company, respecting compliance by the company with its relevant obligations;
- putting in place appropriate arrangements or structures that in our opinion are designed to secure material compliance with the company's relevant obligations; and
- conducting a review during the financial year of any arrangements or structures that have been put in place.

### Auditors

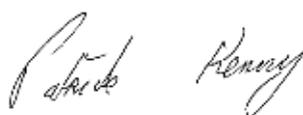
In accordance with the Companies Act 2014, section 383(2), PKF Brenson Lawlor continue in office as auditor of the company.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



**Dermot McCarthy**  
Director

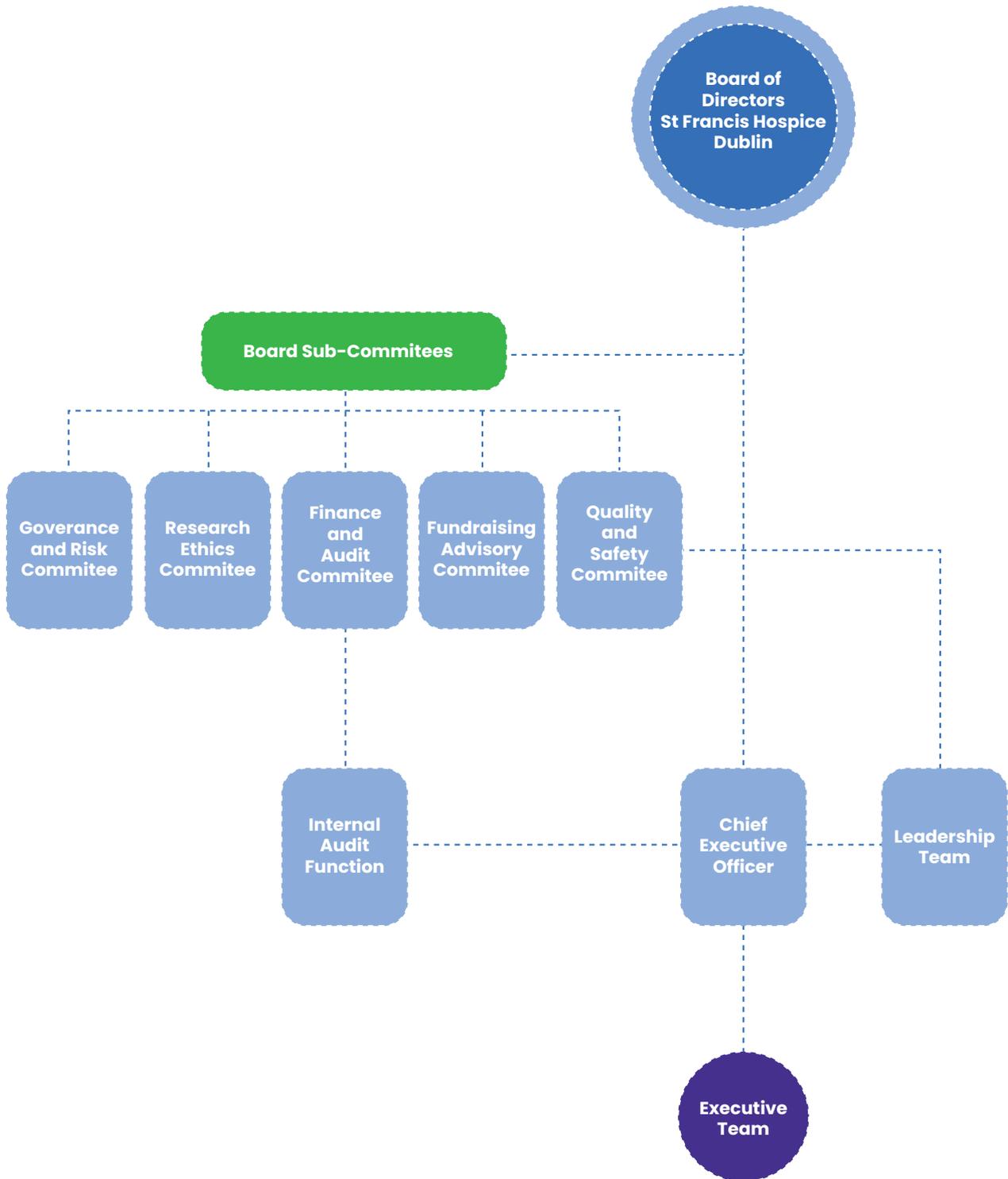
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**Patrick Kenny**  
Director

**Date:** 28th May 2025

# ORGANISATION CHART







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**Activities  
and Impact**

## MEDICAL AND NURSING REPORT

Palliative care continues to develop locally and nationally. In 2024, the new National Adult Palliative Care Policy was launched at St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown by Mr Stephen Donnelly, Minister for Health. The policy was developed by a steering group, chaired by Professor Karen Ryan, Palliative Medicine Consultant at St. Francis Hospice and the Mater University Hospital. The new policy gives direction for the development of palliative care; there are a number of actions, to be completed by the Department of Health, the HSE, service providers and other agencies. An implementation plan is being developed and St. Francis Hospice will work with partners to progress this policy.

The number of patients, and their families, cared for by St. Francis Hospice continues to increase. Our excellent team of staff, supported by contract staff and volunteers provide care to patients in their own homes, in our Outpatient and Day Service, and in our In-Patient Units. We care for people with life-limiting illnesses who have specialist palliative care needs. We also support the development of palliative care skills by employing doctors

who are training to become GPs, providing clinical placements to undergraduate and postgraduate healthcare trainees and staff, and providing education and training to healthcare staff.

We continued to develop the Outpatient and Day Service (OPDS) and to review how this service can be provided to best meet the needs of our patient cohort. The appointment of additional medical consultants and clinical nurse specialists has improved access to OPDS. We hope to increase the number of health and social care professionals to help develop the rehabilitation service provided. Work in developing appropriate pathways for patients referred to community palliative care continues to develop. This includes developing a pathway to support people who do not need routine review by community palliative care but need to know how to contact the service when needed.

We have engaged in a review of the community palliative care team, to focus on providing the appropriate level of care to patients referred to the service, recognising



that patients are referred at different stages of illness, and for assistance in managing different problems. We work with GPs, public health nurses, and other community services to support patients and their families.

In September, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of the in-patient unit in Blanchardstown, and we were pleased by the continued planning for the new in-patient unit at Raheny. Planning approval has been obtained, and a tendering process is planned. In the meantime, investment in all the facilities at St. Francis Hospice continues, to ensure that patients and families receive the best care possible while we are waiting for the new building.

The services we provide are appreciated by patients and their families and we receive many messages of thanks. We also invite feedback on comments cards, and take part in FAMCARE, an annual bereaved persons' survey. We encourage feedback, both positive and negative. We also engage with the "What Matters to You" initiative that supports person-centeredness in care. It is a simple

approach to ensuring St. Francis Hospice is aware of issues that are important to patients, visitors, volunteers and staff in the hospice so that we can improve our services.

The Education Department provides education and training to staff within the hospice and in other healthcare settings. We want to enable staff to provide excellent care by being well informed and up to date with clinical practice. Staff are also encouraged and supported to attend study days and to undertake higher qualifications. Many staff presented posters and presentations at various conferences throughout the year. We also provide support to staff through clinical supervision, staff debriefing, and an employee assistance programme.

Dr. Regina McQuillan,  
Medical Director

Aishling Kearney,  
Director of Nursing

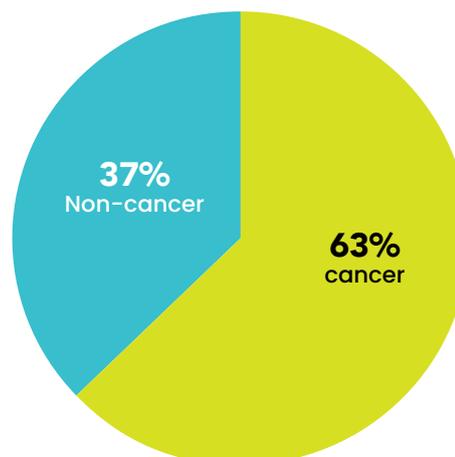


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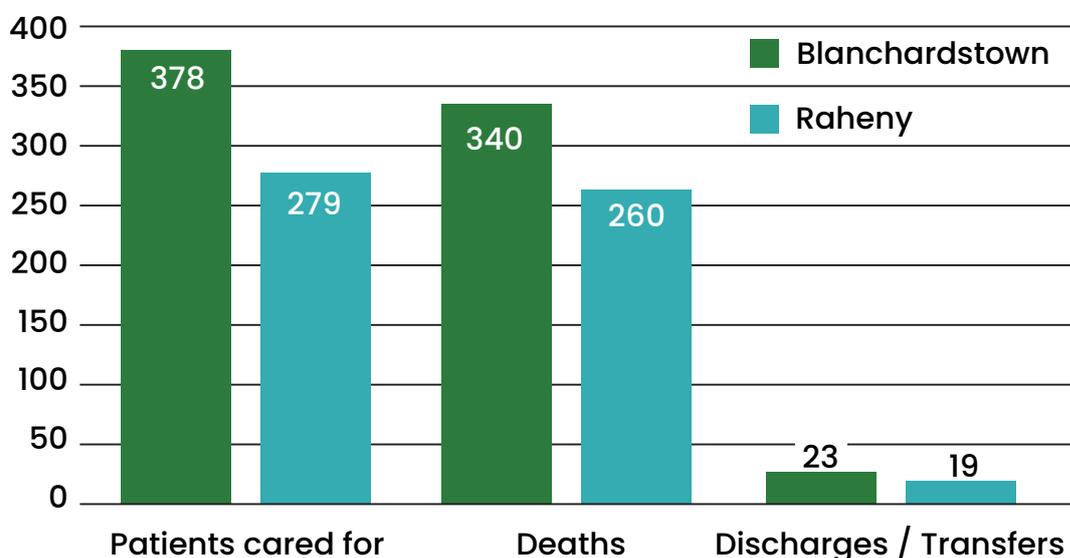
### ST FRANCIS HOSPICE DUBLIN ALL SERVICES

St. Francis Hospice cared for 2,313 patients and their families in 2024 across all its specialist palliative care services representing a 10.4% increase on the number of patients cared for in 2023.

**2313**  
Total Patients



### IN-PATIENT SERVICE



	Blanchardstown	Raheny
Bereavement Follow up Calls by Nurses	334	279
Chaplaincy interventions	4790	3106
Complementary Therapy	506	406
Lymphoedema	135	101
Occupational Therapy	1761	1008
Physiotherapy	1056	713
Social Work	1611	363

In-patient care is provided for symptom management, with the patient returning home, and also for end of life care. Our in-patient unit in Blanchardstown has 24 beds, all in single rooms with en-suite facilities. St Anne's in-patient unit in Raheny consists of 19 beds (7 single rooms and three 4-bedded rooms). Both hospices provide facilities for families and visitors, as well as easy access to landscaped gardens.

## COMMUNITY PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICE

	Blanchardstown	Raheny
Total Patients	784	869
New Patients	564	664
Total Nursing Visits	6734	5974
Total Medical Visits	299	378
Discharges	73	73
Transfers to other SFH Service	106	137
Social Work Assessments	505	348

The Community Palliative Care team has specialist knowledge and experience to support people who are living at home with a life limiting illness, and their families. Our aim is to help patients to live as well as possible for as long as possible at home through our expert knowledge in symptom control and management of psychosocial complexities. We support the patient's GP and PHN in the delivery of palliative care.

## OUTPATIENT & DAY SERVICE

	Blanchardstown	Raheny
Total Patients	564	664
New Patients	299	371
Discharges	27	47
Transfers to other SFH Service	64	77
Complementary Therapy Assessments	895	760
Lymphoedema Assessments	153	176
Medical Assessments	461	215
Nursing Assessments	1371 (incl 692 remote)	2244 (incl 1210 remote)
Occupational Therapy Assessments	511	787
Oncology Lymphoedema Assessments	0	55
Physiotherapy Assessments	677	1044
Social Work Assessments	132	210

There were 7,789 attendances at our Outpatient and Day Service across both sites in 2024

Our Outpatient and Day Service (OPDS) commenced in May 2022, amalgamating two former services (Hospice Day Care and Outpatient Service) into one dynamic and responsive team. This is the first model of its kind in the country, and other hospices are monitoring our progress with a view to implementing similar services. The patient is at the centre of the service, and the multidisciplinary team collaborates to devise the best plan for them, taking into account their wishes, needs and preferences. A range of services are available, and the patient can avail of a combination of services in one attendance. The team meets regularly to discuss the plan for each patient, and a key worker is appointed, who is the most relevant professional to lead the patient's care.

# ANNUAL STATISTICS 2024

## SOCIAL WORK

Social workers work with patient and with their family members. This can be around the impact of illness, the changes and adjustments required as a result, preparation for dying, memory work or bereavement work. We work with individuals, adult and children and with family groups.

In 2024, the Social Work team provided support to 681 patients and their families during the patient's illness. This was 4,453 contacts supporting patients and their families as they adjust to the news of a life limiting or terminal illness.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Social Work team supports family members after the patient dies. This includes bereavement events as well as individual bereavement support and counselling, family group sessions, work with children. We send written information on grief and ways of coping to every bereaved family.

The Social Work team supervises the Volunteer Bereavement Support Service (VBSS), a team of trained volunteers who offer one-to-one bereavement support to adults on an on-going basis. It is a confidential listening service.

Referrals to Bereavement Service	387	279
Service Provided by	Social Workers	Bereavement Support Volunteers
No. of Clients who received the Service	335	144
Overall number of client contacts	2567	567
No. of Services of Remembrance	8	Attendees: 1328
No. of Clients who received the Service	4	Attendees: 472

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers at St. Francis Hospice are an integral part of our team, contributing significantly to the exceptional care we provide to patients and their families. With a dedicated group of 274 volunteers, their support spans numerous areas within the Hospice and the wider community.

### SFH Blanchardstown Volunteers



110

### SFH Raheny Volunteers



128

### Community Volunteers



36

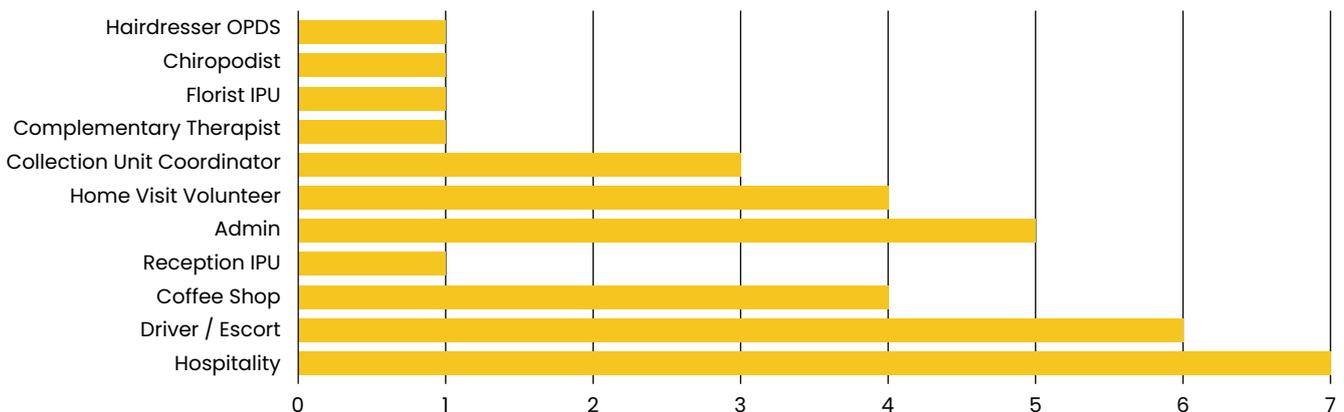
Their contributions are invaluable, enabling us to maintain the highest standards of care.

We are proud to offer a diverse range of volunteer roles, each playing a vital part in our mission. Our volunteer program is inclusive and welcomes individuals from all backgrounds. We are committed to fostering a supportive and diverse environment where everyone can contribute meaningfully and feel valued as part of our team.

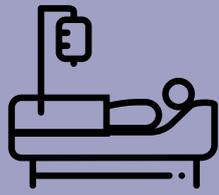
**CURRENT ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS:** 274 volunteers

**Recruitment:** Throughout 2024, **34 new volunteers were recruited across 11 roles.**

## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT



## IMPACT IN 2024



**2,313**  
patients cared for  
in 2024



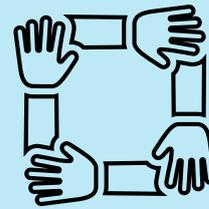
**5,736**  
contacts by social workers  
with patients and  
their families



**12,708**  
visits by nurses  
to people in  
the community



**92%**  
of patients referred to our  
In-Patient service were  
admitted within  
7 days



**90%**  
of patients referred to our  
Community Palliative Care  
service received a visit  
within 7 days



**677**  
medical visits to  
people in the  
community



**1,653**  
patients cared  
for by Community  
Palliative  
Care



**657**  
people admitted  
for In-Patient care



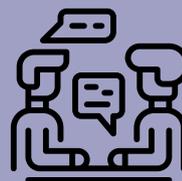
**1 in 3**  
people in our  
catchment area  
who died were  
under our care



**18%**  
of our in-patients  
live outside  
Co Dublin



**37%**  
of our patients have  
a diagnosis other  
than cancer



**2,567**  
bereavement counselling  
sessions by our  
social workers



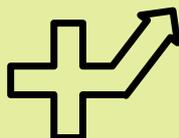
**3,490**  
episodes of care by  
Physiotherapy



**567**  
bereavement support  
sessions provided by  
specially trained  
volunteers



**2,567**  
complementary  
therapy sessions  
for patients



**89%**  
increase in patients  
cared for compared  
with 2014



**1,524**  
patients remembered  
at Services of  
Remembrance



**4,067**  
episodes of care by  
Occupational Therapy

## ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2024

The staff and volunteers of St Francis Hospice Dublin cherish our six core values:



We believe that being guided by our core values in all our decisions and actions enables us to provide the highest level of care possible to our patients and their families, while remaining strong and unified as an organisation.

Our core values carry influences from our founders, the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, as well as from the hospice/palliative care philosophy, the voluntary sector, and our community of North Dublin and surrounding counties. Each one of our colleagues, through their professionalism, kindness and care, contributes to the values-led culture of St Francis Hospice Dublin.

Our Activities and Achievements for 2024 are now presented through the lens of our core values. Our hope is that this part of the report will give a sense of who we are as an organisation, how we do things, and how we help the people under our care through some very difficult and often complex times in their lives and the lives of their families.



Margaret O'Connor  
Volunteer  
St. Francis Hospice

St. Francis Hospice



# DIGNITY



Thanks to a generous donation, the in-patient unit garden at our Raheny hospice was redeveloped, enhancing the very special space that we are fortunate to have. Patients and visitors can regularly be seen spending time in the garden. One patient described the garden as “a glimpse of heaven”, while another described having found peace in the garden. The garden is now more functional with easier access to all patients. The raised flower beds allow our occupational therapists to do gardening work with patients.

In the spirit of innovative care to meet the identified needs of people, our social workers launched a pilot project, Steadying the Ship. This enables immediate support to families who need it following a bereavement, until the traditional bereavement supports can be put into place. One client responded, “I found everything beneficial and comforting...I felt totally supported and treated with empathy



Our social work team facilitated a Children and Family Bereavement Day for children and their families where a parent had died. Through art-based and fun activities, the families were supported to learn more about processing their grief. An important aspect of days such as this is the support and connection families receive by meeting other families going through a similar experience.

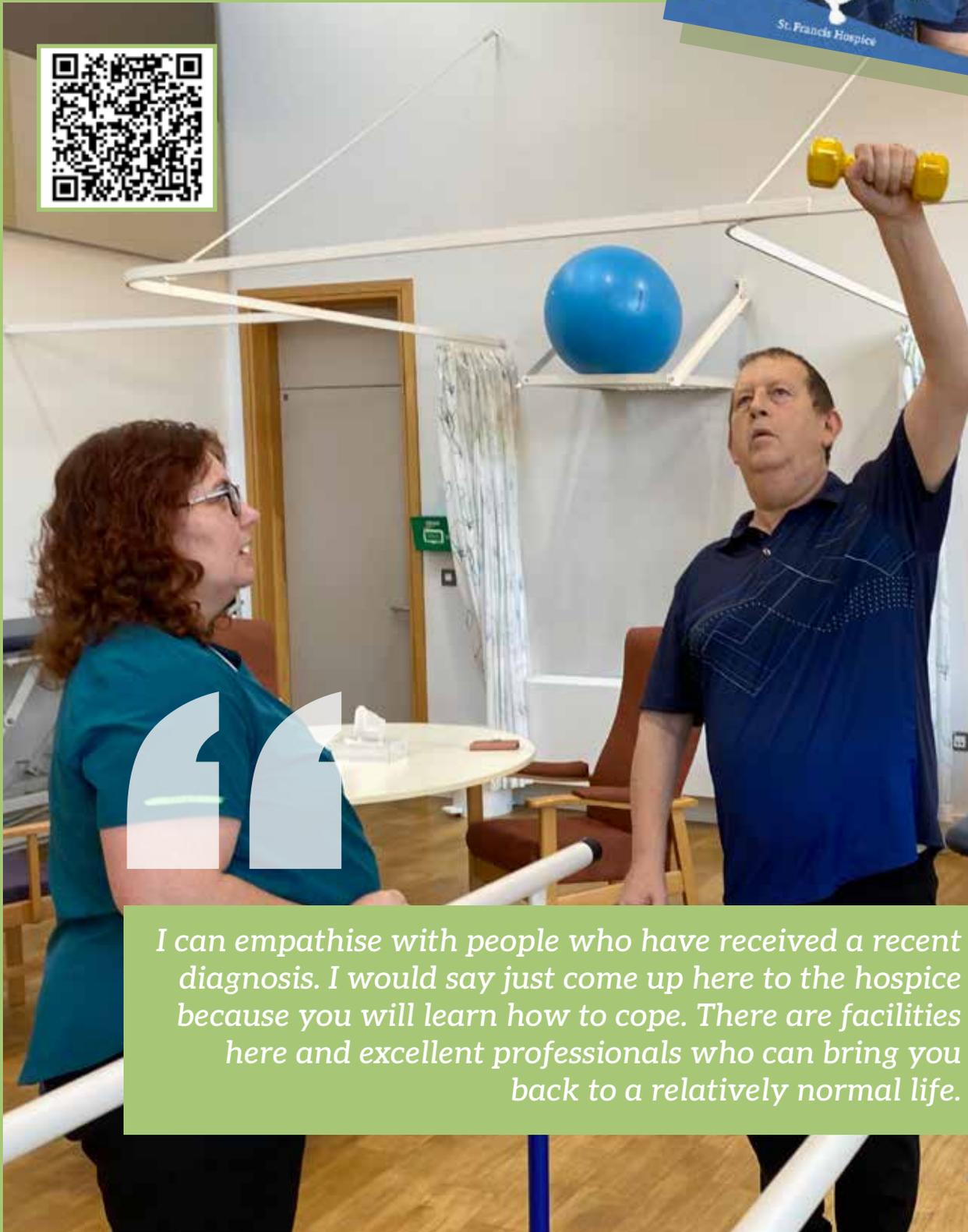
In our Employee Recognition Awards, we recognised 38 employees who achieved 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 year milestones. As we continue to strive to support our hospice team, we implemented the the Learning and Development module of our Human Resources Management System.



Palliative rehabilitation is an important part of our innovative patient care aimed to enable people to live in dignity and comfort despite the challenges of their serious illness. Our physiotherapy-led Energise group, which was launched toward the end of the year, is an example of such patient-centred initiatives. It is an exercise programme to help people experiencing fatigue and deconditioning.

Declan Moore shared his experience of attending and benefiting from the Energise programme and other rehabilitative care from the hospice.

## SCAN TO READ DECLAN'S STORY



*I can empathise with people who have received a recent diagnosis. I would say just come up here to the hospice because you will learn how to cope. There are facilities here and excellent professionals who can bring you back to a relatively normal life.*

# RESPECT



Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee delivered an LGBTQI+ training workshop, to aid staff in meeting the challenges of caring for a diverse population. A member of our hospice team participated in a multi-agency development and launch of the EMBER LGBTQI+ Advanced Care Planning document.



Recognising that many people feel isolated in their bereavement and can benefit from meeting others in similar situations, our social work team introduced two monthly bereavement support groups: a Grief Café in our Blanchardstown hospice and a Walk and Talk in St Anne's Park, Raheny. People who attended said, "A very welcoming and safe space to speak about our experience" and "It's good to talk about grief and get talking to new people".

*My mam's incredibly short illness brought such intense emotions for me. You provided me with a beautiful, respectful, and understanding space to explore what was happening, which I'll be forever grateful for.*



Our hospice Green Team continued to progress sustainability initiatives such as a keep cup/water bottle campaign, providing new recycling receptacles, and upgrades to our lighting and heating systems.

We updated our website in 2024, making information about our hospice services more accessible to people in the community and other healthcare professionals.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the St. Francis Hospice website. At the top left is a hamburger menu icon. In the center is the St. Francis Hospice logo, featuring a white dove in flight above the text "St. Francis Hospice". At the top right is a search icon. The main heading reads "Welcome to St. Francis Hospice" in large white font, overlaid on a background image of pink cherry blossoms. Below the heading is a blue-bordered rounded rectangle containing a video of a smiling woman with white hair and glasses. The text "For Patients & Families" is overlaid on the bottom of the video. In the bottom left corner of the screenshot is a circular icon with the number "9". In the bottom right corner is a blue circular icon with a white person symbol.

RESPECT

# COMPASSION



As we strive to continually improve our care for patients, we utilised a generous donation to purchase a bariatric bed which can double as a 'cuddle bed'. This allows for children to comfortably snuggle and share time with a parent or loved one who is receiving care in our in-patient unit. We require a second 'cuddle bed' to manage demand.



Our hospice Chaplains listen to people's stories and help them make sense of their situation. Marking international pastoral care week gave an opportunity for the team to communicate to hospice patients, visitors, staff, and volunteers about the kinds of supports the chaplaincy team offers.

Chaplains also provide regular supports throughout the year, in conjunction with social work colleagues, for families of those who have died under our hospice care. These include services of remembrance, the annual Sunflower Reflection and the Tree of Life ceremonies. These opportunities for families to remain connected to the hospice and receive support are an important aspect of the care we provide.



Some people who attended a Service of Remembrance commented:

*It was a beautiful evening and brought H back to us very powerfully... thanks.*

*It was a lovely experience and informative especially how everyone reacts to grief in different ways. I was there with my sons to remember their father... last night gave me the opportunity to deal with my grief, so many thanks for that.*

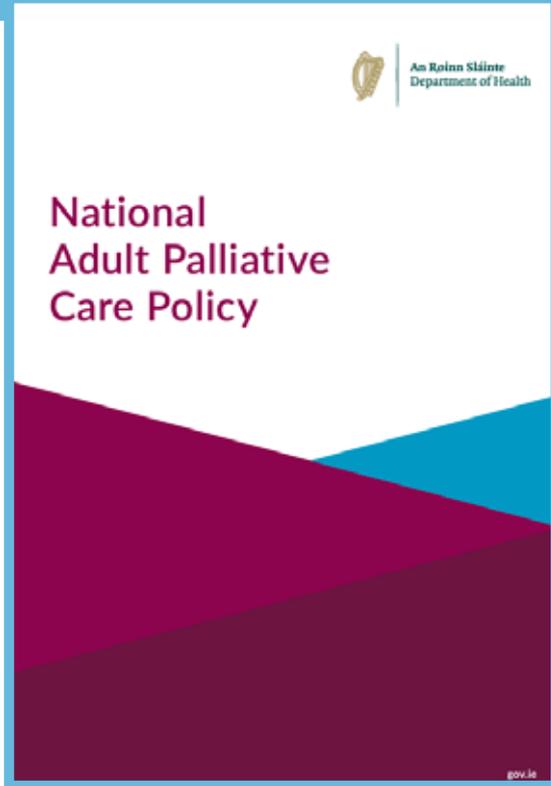


*Our Tree of Life ceremonies in December provided an important opportunity for remembrance at Christmastime.*

COMPASSION



# COLLABORATION



collaboration in the past year. The HSE's Enhanced Community Care Programme is increasing the communication and collaboration between specialist teams for older persons and chronic disease

management, and specialist palliative care services such as St Francis Hospice.

Collaborating with a wide network of healthcare professionals, including GPs, public health nurses, hospital teams, paediatric teams and nursing home staff can present challenges, so our CPC team initiates virtual case conferences to ensure continuity of care for our patients. These are collaborative, interdisciplinary meetings that facilitate discussion and understanding of the complexities of the patient's care and allow a consensus to be reached on their care needs. An outcome of these meetings may be a referral to an additional service or joint visits to a patient with input from both St Francis Hospice and another specialist service.

The new National Adult Palliative Care Policy was published in 2024, providing a roadmap for the development of palliative care services in the years ahead. Our own Prof Karen Ryan led the steering group that formulated the policy document. We were delighted to host Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly for the policy's launch at St Francis Hospice Blanchardstown.



Our Community Palliative Care (CPC) team truly embraced our core value of

Our annual Wellness Weeks in May provide an opportunity for staff and volunteers to learn new ways of maintaining their physical, psychological, and spiritual health. Through activities that are fun, educational, and team-building, members of the hospice team increase their resilience, enabling them to better care for patients and their families, as well as fellow colleagues.





## SCAN QR CODE FOR EMPOWER VIDEO

The fastest growing part of St Francis Hospice is our Outpatient and Day Service (OPDS). The model of care now incorporates medical clinics, daily triage of new referrals, and direct referrals from specialist palliative care hospital-based teams. The OPDS team is leading nationally in the development of rehabilitative palliative care programmes. For example, preparations are being made for the Occupational Therapy-led EMPOWER programme, which helps patients self-manage their anxiety, to be the subject of a national multi-site research study.



Linking with individuals and organisations from Ireland and around the world increases our breadth of knowledge about best practice and enables us to both learn from and teach others. One such link in 2024 saw our education team facilitate teaching sessions for nursing students from DePaul University, Chicago.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2024

# COLLABORATION



We gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Blanchardstown in-patient unit welcoming its first patients. The milestone was especially significant due to the imminent redevelopment of our Raheny in-patient unit, with a design similar to the 24 single patient rooms in Blanchardstown. The larger, more modern facility is designed to enable St Francis Hospice to meet the specialist palliative care needs of our growing community.





COLLABORATION

# EXCELLENCE



We held our inaugural Clinical Audit Blitz in 2024, with enthusiastic participation across both hospices and among a variety of disciplines. The event highlighted the importance of clinical audit in continuous improvement throughout the hospice.



Our staff actively take part in ongoing education and research, sharing their learning at conferences and study days. Lauren Boland (Lecturer/Tutor and Senior Occupational Therapist) won best platform presentation at the Irish Association for Palliative Care (IAPC) research conference.

Educational programmes for our hospice team and healthcare professionals from other organisations enable continuing professional development and also raise awareness of the value of a palliative care approach for patients in many different care settings.

As part of our commitment to ongoing education and development of healthcare professionals, we hosted clinical placements for both postgraduate and undergraduate students from a range of disciplines.

**Some students who completed placements gave this feedback:**



In 2024 we upgraded the St. Francis Hospice Patient Administration System (PAS) to meet the requirements of the clinical, allied and social care, and administrative team at St. Francis Hospice in delivering a service of excellence to our patients and clients.

The enhanced reports

ensure accuracy of data captured to be used for Board and HSE reporting and for future service planning. The day to day operational reports also reduce the need for manual systems.

Our household team retained its award of Distinction from the Food Safety Assurance Accreditation. Our household staff are supported by our hospitality volunteers.

*The placement changed my whole outlook on communication with patients and how to treat patients under palliative care.*

*From what I could see St Francis is the closest thing to a functional healthcare setting in terms of patient care and staff cooperation.*

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EXCELLENCE

# KINDNESS



Our nurses and social workers run PACES (Pacing and Coping, Enhancing Support) groups for people attending the hospice as outpatients. The group focuses on coping strategies and supports. Patients value the opportunity to meet other patients and share their experiences of living with serious life limiting illness. Participants spoke of the benefits of the group: *Meeting others with the challenge of illness, The exchange and understanding of others, and Realising you are not alone.*

Nurses and social workers also run Carers groups in the Outpatient and Day Service. This group gives carers an opportunity to meet other carers, share their experiences, give and receive support, and develop coping strategies and self-care strategies. Participants said: *I really felt supported and safe in the group. I will be better able to cope and reach out in the future, I feel so much better the last few weeks coming here, and The freedom to express our feelings, concerns, emotions in a safe environment has given me additional confidence.*



Our complementary therapy team provided 1,026 bespoke essential oil blends to patients to aid their comfort, relaxation and symptom management.

St Francis Hospice participates in international and national initiatives such as What matters to you?, Hello how are you?, and See Change.



These are reminders of how we check in with colleagues as well as patients and their families throughout the year to prioritise mental health, well-being and connection.



St Francis Hospice marched in the Blanchardstown St Patrick's Day parade, an opportunity to say thank you to our wonderful community for their consistent support.

Our Corporate Volunteering Programme provides an opportunity to acknowledge the support our corporate sponsors give us throughout the year and to show them the impact of their donations. Throughout the year we welcomed: Osborne Recruitment, Liberty IT, Workday, Ulster Bank, Bristol-Myers Squibb, DLA Piper, Valeo Foods, Global, Mondelez, ISS, Pfizer, and AXA Insurance.



Corporate partnerships allow us the opportunity to introduce the idea of hospice and palliative care at a time when employees may not need it. This assists in removing some of the fear that may be associated with engaging in a service like ours and can help should a loved one or family member ever need to be referred.

This poem written by a patient's family member sums up the kindness they experienced in the hospice:

*You brushed her hair when we were not there,  
You eased her pain again and again,  
You stayed for a while to make her smile,  
You gave her food for her every mood,  
Thank you, thank you, thank you.*

KINDNESS

# KINDNESS

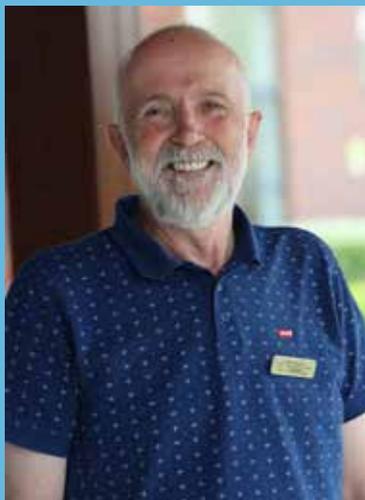


## THE KINDNESS OF VOLUNTEERS

Our wonderful volunteers illustrate kindness every day when they give of their time, presence and skills across dozens of roles throughout our two hospices.

In 2024, to celebrate Palliative Care Week and the ways our volunteers enhance the care we provide, we worked with the All Ireland Institute for Hospice and Palliative Care (AIHPC) to create a video featuring four of our amazing volunteers.

Scan this QR code to view the video:



**MYLES** enjoys interacting with patients and putting them at ease in his role as a bus escort volunteer for the Outpatient and Day Service. He describes how people may be nervous on their first day at the hospice, and observes that once they experience the care, they look forward to coming in.

In 2024, our volunteer drivers and bus escorts completed nearly 1,000 journeys. They are essential members of the Outpatient and Day Service (OPDS) Team, providing transportation for patients from their homes to their appointments, which significantly enhances the quality of care and accessibility of our services.

**CATHERINE** says that being a good listener is the key to her role as a home visits volunteer. She enjoys getting to know the people she visits, providing a listening ear and helping to meet their day to day needs in the same way a relative or family friend would.

In 2024, our home visit volunteers made an impressive 111 visits and 77 phone calls to patients in the community, demonstrating their dedication to providing invaluable support.





*I am really loving my role in the coffee shop. It is lovely chatting to everyone, such a positive experience for me and very humbling to help, and everyone working there is so helpful.*

Maria, Coffee Shop Volunteer



**JOHN** feels privileged at the trust people place in him as a bereavement support volunteer. When he meets clients, he aims to put them at ease and help them feel as comfortable as possible.

In 2024, the Volunteer Bereavement Support Service engaged with 144 clients, providing 567 support sessions. Under the supervision of our social work team, these specially trained volunteers offer a listening ear, compassionate presence, and one-to-one bereavement support to adults.

**MARGARET** believes that enjoyment, caring and compassion are the keys to being a good volunteer. She works in the in-patient unit, providing hospitality for patients and their families, bringing them tea/coffee or anything they might need. She feels very motivated to be part of a team providing high quality care in a loving, caring environment.



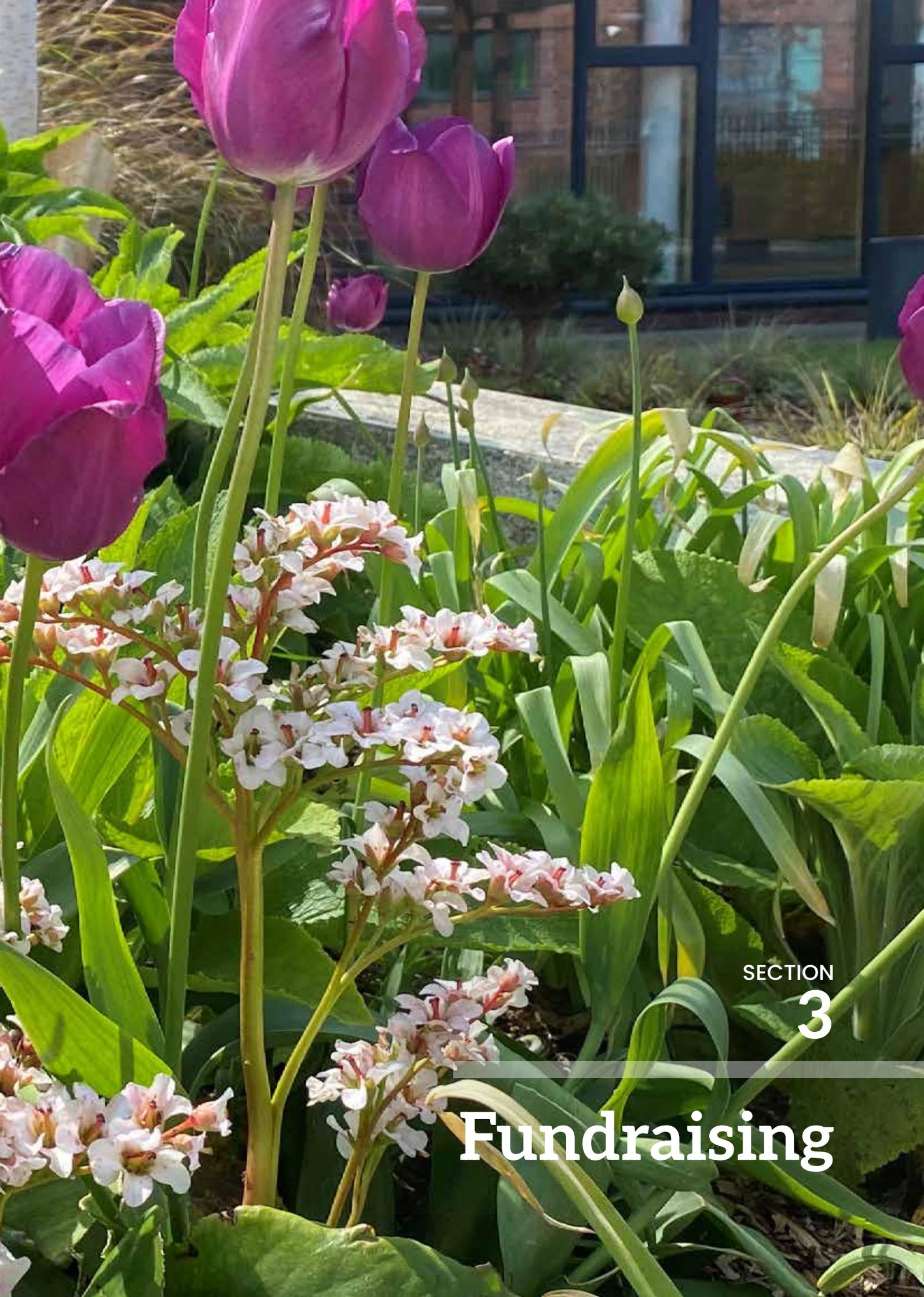
The vital role of our in-patient hospitality volunteers was further highlighted during 2024 when Volunteer Ireland included **MARIANNE REYNOLDS'** story as part of a video they created. We used the footage to make our own video showcasing Marianne's wonderful depiction of her hospice volunteering experience.

To view Marianne's video, scan this QR code:



KINDNESS





SECTION  
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# Fundraising

## FUNDRAISING 2024



In 2024, we created a space of remembrance through the 5K Spring Memorial Walk in the months of March and April. We encouraged our

supporters to remember those whom they have loved and lost by joining the **5K Spring Memorial Walk**. We were grateful to our Board Director Eileen Dunne for her support and the very welcome sponsorship of AWS in Communities. We were deeply thankful to our supporters who rallied to the walk again this year and raised over **€50,000** for St. Francis Hospice. We were delighted to receive many photographs from participants doing their walks with family, friends and pets, and we shared their experiences on our social media platforms.

For the third year running Eileen Dunne, Board Director, put out the call to supporters of hospice to join her in this year's Women's Mini Marathon. There was a great response to her call and a significant increase in sponsorship monies. Eileen met with some of our Mini Marathon participants at our gathering point on the corner of Stephen's Green for photographs and a chat. We are so grateful to all participants including Eileen who ran or walked 10k for hospice and collectively **raised €103,576**.



Our engagement with supporters for **Sunflower Days in June 2024** was threefold: collections held across North Dublin, our Sunflower of Life Reflection video incorporating our supporters' remembrance of their loved ones, and finally, immersion in the tranquil space of the **Sunflower Field of Life** in Ballyboughal provided generously by the Hoey and Bergin families.



Our collections in Nolan's Clontarf, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, Pavilions Swords, Charlestown Finglas, Supervalu Donabate, Holywell, Kilbarrack and Centra Edenmore were hugely supported. We are grateful to the centre and shop managers and their patrons for their generosity. The Sunflower of Life Reflection video created by staff and volunteers reached out to our community, providing a reflective space for all. It was augmented by two beautiful musical pieces played on mandolin by actor Brendan Gleeson, a great advocate for hospice. Our Sunflower Days campaign fittingly concluded with visits by many throughout the summer to a three-acre field in Ballyboughal which was abloom with several varieties of sunflowers. This beautiful place played host to members of the community who wished to enjoy this beautiful space, to sit or capture some sunflower images through art and photography, and to bring sunflowers away to brighten their homes. The total funds raised and very gratefully received from **Sunflower Days 2024 was €120,710**.

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In 2024 we participated in our 32<sup>nd</sup> **Bewley's Big Coffee Morning for Hospice**, launched in Bewley's Café, Grafton Street with actor Brendan Gleeson as Ambassador for this year's campaign. Brendan held a number of interviews with press and radio in which he described the hospice as a "beacon of hope". Brendan gave so generously of his time to numerous hosts, staff and volunteers from hospices throughout the country for photographs and a chat. Collectively it was a great opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the generous sponsorship and long-standing partnership with Bewley's, in particular Paddy and Veronica Campbell and their staff. This brilliant partnership is underpinned by the generosity of community. The response to this year's Bewley's Big Coffee Morning for Hospice was overwhelming with hosts organising Coffee Mornings, literally, morning, noon and night. Thanks to the hosts and their guests this year's campaign achieved **€444,537** for St. Francis Hospice and over **€2m** for hospices nationwide. An overwhelming result and deeply appreciated.

### Together for Hospice



We would like to thank **Together for Hospice** for their support with Sunflower Days and Bewley's Big Coffee Morning for Hospice on behalf of hospices nationally. All monies raised locally through these campaigns remain local to each hospice.

The **Hospice Monthly Draw** continues to provide a regular and steady income for the hospice. It is reassuring at the commencement of each year to know that this income is there and can be relied upon. On the last Thursday of each month our Draw Administrator is delighted to make those four



prize-winning phone calls! We are deeply grateful to all our Draw Members for such loyal and ongoing support. This year the Draw raised a total of **€319,122** for St. Francis Hospice.

## FUNDRAISING 2024



### Collection (Mite) Boxes/ Units

While there is a decrease in the use of coin within the community our Collection (Mite)

Boxes and Collection Units continue to generate a substantial annual income for the hospice. This is thanks to the 19 **Mite Box Volunteers who manage Collection Boxes** throughout North Dublin City and County. Our larger collection units within both the Blanchardstown and Pavilions Shopping Centres continue to perform well throughout the year. Collection Boxes and Units combined achieved a total of **€139,185** in 2024. We are deeply grateful to all who contribute in this way to the hospice.

There was a huge increase in **Community Supporter Events** throughout 2024. Community Supporter Events maintain and strengthen our bonds with our community, and numerous events are held on an annual basis. Many of these events are held by families in memory of their loved ones and what a wonderful way to celebrate their lives while at the same time helping to ensure that hospice care is provided to members of their community. This year Community Supporter Events achieved **€1,228,170** for St. Francis Hospice. We are so grateful to all our event holders both past and present for their creativity and massive generosity.



Our **Tree of Life Ceremonies** were so well attended by members of the Community this year. Both Ceremonies were supported by staff, volunteers, An Garda Siochana, Civil Defence and the Order of Malta. Our

trees were supplied by Fingal County Council and the Westerholt Family in Wicklow. With candles in hand and to the very moving voices of the Laurel Lodge and Musical Suspects choirs, our trees were lit.

The lighting of the Hospice Christmas trees is always a very poignant yet uplifting moment knowing that so many members of our community, whom we are privileged to serve, both past and present are remembered. The enormous support, **€576,296** received for the sponsorship of lights through the hospice and collections, the purchase of Christmas goods by mail, online and through our Christmas Shops managed by our volunteers was very gratefully received by the hospice for the future care of patients and families.



In March 2024, we secured the Toyota Yaris Luna Crossover Hybrid Car from Denis Mahony Motors for the Annual Car Draw 2025. With the continued support of volunteers Grainne Uí Chaomhanaigh, John Hayes, and Michéal Kilcrann, ticket sales took place from 1st October through to the 13th January 2025. They were sold from our hospice reception desks, on our website, through our Christmas Appeal and private ticket sellers, and through the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre supported by Ciara Curtis, Marketing Manager.

At the conclusion of ticket sales the Fundraising Team and our scrutineers from Blanchardstown Garda Station worked together to ensure adherence to the Terms and Conditions of the Annual Car Draw and

## FUNDRAISING 2024

prepare the draw drum. The Blanchardstown Shopping Centre Management Team led by Joe Gavin hosted the Annual Car Draw on the 23rd January 2025 and in the company of our public representatives and members of the community the prizes were drawn. Congratulations to the winner of the car and to all other winners of prizes associated with the Annual Car Draw.



The enormous generosity of the community saw the **Annual Car Draw** achieve of **€187,160** in funds for the hospice. We are deeply grateful to Fr. Dan Joe O'Mahony, Joe Gavin, General Manager and Ciara Curtis, Marketing

Manager of the Blanchardstown Centre who have continued to be powerful advocates for the hospice within the local community. Our plans for the building of a new in-patient unit in Raheny are progressing rapidly. The interconnectedness of both our hospices and the community is vital for this development and the overall provision of care. We look forward to the support of all to help us progress in our mission to provide the best quality palliative care for the people of North Dublin and the surrounding counties.

### Achievements in 2024/Future Plans 2025

In 2024 through the generosity of hospice supporters we achieved **€7,005,134** in fundraised income. The general income achieved was exceptional due to the generosity, loyalty and belief in hospice care among those in the Community. **Our budget for 2025 is €6,000,015.**

Throughout 2024, **communication** through our Hospice Connection newsletter, and all our campaigns, particularly the launch of Bewley's Big Coffee Morning for Hospice by

Brendan Gleeson, lifted the hospice profile resulting in a substantial increase in income and awareness of hospice services. **In 2025 this level of communication will continue and increase through the introduction of the Buy a Brick Campaign as part of the Living Today, Building for Tomorrow programme dedicated to the new in-patient unit development at St. Francis Hospice Raheny.**

In 2024 inroads were made through press and online with regard to **legacies** while at the same time being cognisant of the need for sensitivity within this area. Supporters of hospice have been and continue to be so generous in this regard. Through feedback from our **Donor Survey** we will continue to be **guided by this advice throughout 2025.**

We will continue to work with **Together for Hospice**, the national representative body for hospice fundraising nationally through National Sunflower Days and Bewley's Big Coffee Morning for Hospice. **We look forward to participating in their new corporate initiative "Your Finest Hour" which will be launched in early 2025.**

In 2024 St. Francis Hospice Dublin welcomed many of its **corporate partners** to both hospices to hold their own team meetings, paint walls, plant and weed flower beds or decorate hospice Christmas Trees. The presence of our corporate partners strengthens bonds with hospice staff and also amongst themselves. They gain valuable insight about hospice services which they in turn disseminate back to all their colleagues.

As we prepare to undertake one of the most ambitious development projects in the history of St. Francis Hospice, we would like to acknowledge our generous and visionary donors who have supported us throughout 2024.

**We look forward to continuing to build on existing and new corporate relationships in 2025.**



St. Francis Hospice  
Dublin



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# Financial Review

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

St. Francis Hospice Dublin continues to provide essential palliative care services, ensuring financial sustainability while maintaining high-quality patient care. This review highlights key financial performance indicators, revenue sources, expenditure breakdown, and future financial plans.

In 2024, St. Francis Hospice Dublin provided **37,921 episodes of care to 2,313 patients**, ensuring comprehensive palliative support. This included:

- **Community Palliative Care:** 12,708 nursing visits and 677 medical visits to patients in their homes.
- **Outpatient & Day Service:** 670 patients attended a total of 7,789 sessions.
- **In-Patient Unit:** 657 admissions, providing specialist care.
- **Bereavement Support:** 479 clients attended a total of 3,134 support sessions.
- Committed to excellence in patient and family care, the hospice continues to expand educational initiatives and extend specialist palliative care services meeting the growing needs of **North Dublin city, county, and surrounding areas**.

## REVENUE SOURCES

The hospice's income is derived from:

- **Government Funding:** the hospice transitioned from a Section 39 organisation to a Section 38 service arrangement with the HSE in February 2024 and is now 100% funded by the HSE.
- **Fundraising and Donations:** Donations from individuals, corporate sponsors, and philanthropic organisations are used by the hospice to fund capital expenditure and special projects that will enhance patient care.
- **Investments and Other Income:** Interest from investments and legacy donations are designated to the Raheny Redevelopment project.

Total revenue for 2024 amounted to **€40 million**, reflecting a 64% increase on 2023. The material increase arose as a result of strong fundraising performance, an increase in HSE Revenue Funding under the new Section 38 service level arrangement and the capital grants of **€9.7m** allocated to the hospice in 2024.

- **Fundraising:** A total of **€7 million** was raised, marking a **€1.13 million (19.2%) increase** compared to 2023.
- **HSE Revenue Funding:** The **€23.2 million** received through the **Service Level Arrangement** an increase of €5.5 million on 2023.

## EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

The hospice's primary expenses include:

- **Patient Care Service provision:** Staff costs, medical supplies, and operational expenses.
- **Administrative Costs:** Governance, management, and facility maintenance.
- **Fundraising and Communications Costs:** Campaign and event costs to sustain financial support.

Total expenditure for 2024 was **€26.1 million**, with 96.3% allocated directly to patient care.

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The hospice's financial position for 2024 is detailed in pages 71-72 of the financial statements. Key highlights include:

### Surplus & Expenditure:

- A surplus of **€13,931,594**, reflecting an increase of **€13,250,859** compared to the **€680,735** surplus in the previous year.
- This surplus includes an allocated **HSE grant for the Raheny Hospice Redevelopment fund €9.38 million** and a capital grant of €327k for an energy sustainability project at the Blanchardstown hospice.

- **Total expenditure** rose by **€2.31 million**, marking a **9.7% increase** over 2023.
- **Staff costs** increased by **€1.28 million (7.6%)**, due to additional staffing and public sector pay increases.
- **Operational costs** saw a **€1 million (15%)** increase, driven by higher agency nursing costs and utility expenses.

## FINANCIAL STABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY

The surplus in 2024 has allowed the hospice to maintain financial stability while allocating **funding to the Raheny Hospice Redevelopment fund**. The organisation has secured a **minimum working capital position** and remains **free of long-term capital debt**, strengthening future sustainability.

## FUNDRAISING & STATUTORY FUNDING

Additionally, St. Francis Hospice Dublin pursued three strategic objectives in collaboration with **HSE Community Health Organisation 9**:

1. Expanding access to specialist palliative care.
2. Planning the redevelopment of the **Raheny In-Patient Unit**.
3. Reducing reliance on fundraising for core service delivery as it is now a Section 38 organisation.

The **HSE allocated €32.9 million in funding** to support these developments in 2024.

During the period 2024–2025 the HSE has allocated €9.8m in funding to the Raheny Redevelopment project.

## EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Aligning with its long-term strategy, the Board designated all legacy income received in 2024 (€1,880,038) to the Raheny redevelopment

fund. Further details are available in Note 22 (page 87) of the financial statements.

## FUTURE OUTLOOK

Looking ahead, St. Francis Hospice Dublin aims to enhance financial resilience through:

- Work in partnership with the HSE to provide person-centred integrated palliative care services.
- Expand fundraising initiatives and increase donor engagement.
- Strengthen financial governance.
- Optimise operational efficiency and achieve value for money initiatives across the organisation.

With continued government and community support, the hospice is well-positioned to fulfil its Strategic objectives for 2025 to 2030.





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# Financial Statements



## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

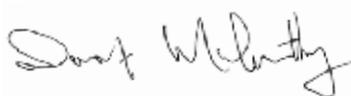
Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Generally accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) 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 profit or loss of the company for that financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

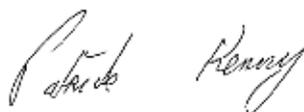
- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those 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 profit or loss 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 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.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:



**Dermot McCarthy**  
Director



**Patrick Kenny**  
Director

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE DUBLIN

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St Francis Hospice ('the company') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of financial activities, Statement of Financial Position, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. 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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2024 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; 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 in the annual report. 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE DUBLIN

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.

### 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.

### Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, 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 the directors 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 intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE DUBLIN

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the company's 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the company's financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <https://iaasa.ie/publications/description-of-the-auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-financial-statements/>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

This 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 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.



**John Manning**  
Statutory Auditor

28 May 2025

for and on behalf of PKF Brenson Lawlor Chartered Accountants  
Argyle Square  
Morehampton Road  
Donnybrook  
Dublin 4

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Unrestricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2023 Total
		€	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Income from</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	906,052	3,433,606	4,339,658	634,605	2,524,468	3,159,073
Other activities	4	-	2,668,022	2,668,022	16,250	2,700,546	2,716,796
Charitable activities	5	32,922,169	-	32,922,169	18,520,534	-	18,520,534
Investment income	6	-	14,200	14,200	-	-	-
Other income	7	-	116,466	116,466	60,302	34,484	94,786
<b>Total</b>		<b>33,828,221</b>	<b>6,232,294</b>	<b>40,060,515</b>	<b>19,231,691</b>	<b>5,259,498</b>	<b>24,491,189</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>							
Raising funds	8	4,234	967,349	971,583	49,485	843,452	892,937
Charitable activities	9	23,362,558	1,794,780	25,157,338	18,111,083	4,806,434	22,917,517
<b>Total</b>		<b>23,366,792</b>	<b>2,762,129</b>	<b>26,128,921</b>	<b>18,160,568</b>	<b>5,649,886</b>	<b>23,810,454</b>
<b>Net income (expenditure)</b>	13	<b>10,461,429</b>	<b>3,470,165</b>	<b>13,931,594</b>	<b>1,071,123</b>	<b>(390,388)</b>	<b>680,735</b>
Transfers		(1,739,101)	1,739,101	-	(1,510,980)	1,510,980	-
<b>Net income (expenditure) for the movement in funds</b>		<b>8,722,328</b>	<b>5,209,266</b>	<b>13,931,594</b>	<b>(439,857)</b>	<b>1,120,592</b>	<b>680,735</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Total funds brought forward	22	1,226,122	31,805,861	33,031,983	1,665,979	30,685,269	32,351,248
Total funds carried forward	22	9,948,450	37,015,127	46,963,577	1,226,122	31,805,861	33,031,983

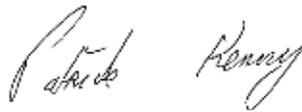
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		€	€
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Intangible Assets	15	243,158	200,280
Tangible Assets	16	28,762,965	28,257,512
Financial Assets	17	100	100
		<b>29,006,223</b>	<b>28,457,892</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	18	10,234,126	2,321,881
Cash at bank and in hand		10,203,413	4,209,192
		<b>20,437,539</b>	<b>6,531,073</b>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	19	(2,480,185)	(1,956,982)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>17,957,354</b>	<b>4,574,091</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>46,963,577</b>	<b>33,031,983</b>
<b>Reserves and Funds</b>			
Accumulated restricted funds		10,107,611	1,226,122
Accumulated unrestricted funds	22	32,671,586	29,501,519
Accumulated designated funds	22	4,184,380	2,304,342
<b>Total Reserves and funds</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>46,963,577</b>	<b>33,031,983</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of directors on 28 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**Dermot McCarthy**  
Director



**Patrick Kenny**  
Director

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		€	€	€	€
<b>Cash flows during the financial period</b>					
Net cash generated during the financial period	24		7,846,300		1,376,218
Interest paid			-		(876)
			<b>7,846,300</b>		<b>1,375,342</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of fixed assets		(1,866,278)		(1,172,881)	
Proceeds from disposals of fixed assets		-		1,020	
Interest received		14,200		-	
			<b>(1,852,079)</b>		<b>(1,171,861)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>			<b>5,994,221</b>		<b>203,481</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			4,209,192		4,005,711
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<b>10,203,413</b>		<b>4,209,192</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the financial year and the preceding year.

#### General Information and basis of accounting

St. Francis Hospice Dublin is a company Limited by guarantee incorporated in Ireland with a registered office at Station Road, Raheny, Dublin, D05 E392 and its company registration number is 153874. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the director's report on pages 15 to 25.

In accordance with Section 1180(8) of the Companies Act 2014, the company is exempt from including the word "Limited" in its name. The company is limited by guarantee.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2019. The charity has applied the Charities SORP on a voluntary basis as its application is not a requirement of the current regulations for charities registered in the Republic of Ireland however it is considered best practice. As noted below, the directors consider the adoption of the SORP requirements as the most appropriate accounting practice and presentation to properly reflect and disclose the activities of the organisation.

The Financial Statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and comply with the financial reporting standards of the Financial Reporting as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The financial statements are prepared in Euro which is the functional currency of the company. The financial statements are rounded to the nearest €.

#### Going Concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that St. Francis Hospice Dublin has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in note 1 to the financial statements.

#### Fund Accounting

The following funds are operated by the charity:  
Tangible fixed assets and Depreciation

#### Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for the specified purposes as laid down by the donor/grantor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is allocated to the fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### **Unrestricted Funds**

General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

### **Designated Funds**

Directors can designate part or all, of the unrestricted funds for specific purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

### **Income Recognition**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable the income will be received. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income

#### ***Donations and fundraising income***

Donations and fundraising income are credited to income in the period in which they are receivable. Donations received in advance for specified periods are carried forward as deferred income. As with many similar charitable organisations, independent groups from time to time organise fundraising activities and may operate bank accounts in the name of St Francis Hospice Dublin. However, as amounts collected in this way are outside the control of the company, they are not included in the financial statements until received by St Francis Hospice Dublin.

#### ***Grants***

The charity receives grants from the HSE, the government, and other agencies to fund its core operations, capital projects, and any other activities undertaken in furtherance of the charity's objectives. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met, then these amounts are deferred income.

#### ***Legacies***

Legacy income is recognised at the earlier of the date on which : the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the company that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

#### ***Donated Services and facilities***

Proceeds from the sale of donated goods are recognised in the financial statements in the period in which they are realised.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### *Investment income*

Interest and investment income are included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

### *Expenditure Recognition*

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds; and
- Expenditure on charitable activities.

### *Costs of raising funds*

Cost of raising funds includes expenditure directly associated with generating fundraising income, including attracting voluntary income and grant income.

### *Expenditure on charitable activities*

Expenditure on charitable activities comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the pursuit of the charity's objectives and in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly such as wages and salaries and costs of an indirect nature necessary to support the delivery of its activities and services.

### *Allocation of support costs*

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include administration, finance, payroll, and governance costs which support the activities and services of the charity. Support costs are allocated to expenditure on charitable activities. Costs relating to a particular project are allocated directly others are apportioned on an appropriate basis such as the time spent by staff on these activities.

### *Employee Benefits*

The company provides a range of benefits to employees, including paid holiday arrangements and defined contribution pension plans.

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

The Company pays into a defined contribution plan. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate fund. Under defined contribution plans, the company has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

For defined contribution plans, the company pays contributions to privately administered pension plans on a contractual or voluntary basis. The company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the statement of financial position date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date. Exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the financial year in which they arise.

### Taxation

The company has been granted charitable tax-exempt status by the Revenue Commissioners under CHY number 10568 and therefore no provision for corporation tax is required.

### Intangible fixed assets

Acquired intangible assets are capitalised at cost and are amortised using the straight-line basis over their useful lives up to a maximum of 3 years.

Intangible assets are reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full financial year following acquisition and in other periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

### Tangible fixed assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes the original purchase price, costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use, applicable dismantling, removal and restoration costs. Assets under construction are not depreciated until they are available for use.

Subsequent additions are included in the assets carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the asset will flow to the Hospice and the cost can be reliably measured. Assets in the course of construction are carried at cost.

Major components are treated as separate assets where they have significantly different pattern of consumption of economic benefits and are depreciated separately over their useful lives.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives in equal annual instalments. The annual rates of depreciation are as follows:

Buildings	-	2.00%
Modular Buildings	-	10.00%
Office Equipment	-	12.50%
Medical Equipment	-	12.50%
Computers	-	33.33%
Furniture, fixtures & fittings	-	12.50%
Motor vehicles	-	20.00%

Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life. Repairs and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### Financial assets

Interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in expenditure.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

An associate is an entity, being neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture, in which the company holds a long-term interest and where the company has significant influence. The company considers that it has significant influence where it has the power to participate in the financial and operating decisions of the associate.

Entities in which the company has a long-term interest and shares control under a contractual arrangement are classified as jointly controlled entities.

### Impairment of fixed assets

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in statement of financial activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Grants and funding receivables are recognised when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the income, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

### Trade and other creditors

Trade creditors are measured at invoice price, unless payment is deferred beyond normal business terms or is financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate. In this case the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, and the financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Outstanding holiday pay is provided for as a liability at the end of the year.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### Deferred Income

The charity, where applicable, recognises deferred income, where the terms and conditions have not been met or uncertainty exists as to whether the charity can meet the terms or conditions otherwise within its control, income is then deferred as a liability until it is probable that the terms and conditions imposed can be met.

Some of the grants received are subject to performance related conditions or time periods, when these performance related or other conditions are met the deferred income is released to income in the statement of financial activities.

### Financial instruments

The charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. These include cash at bank, trade and other receivables, trade payables, and investments.

### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

### Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through the statement of financial activities are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

### Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

### Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

## 2 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Hospice's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the financial period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that financial period or in the financial period of the revision and future financial periods if the revision affects both current and future financial periods.

Information about critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is included in the accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements.

### *Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies*

In the opinion of the directors, there were no critical judgements apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately below), made in the process of applying the company's accounting policies.

### *Critical accounting estimates and assumptions*

The directors make estimates and assumptions concerning the future in the process of preparing the company's financial statements. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results, the estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

### *Critical accounting estimates and assumptions*

#### (i) Useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets

The annual depreciation on tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reviewed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on economic utilisation, technological advancements and the physical condition of the assets. The amortisation rate for capital grants is also reviewed in conjunction with the asset lives review and these are adjusted if appropriate.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	€	€	€	€
Donations	906,052	1,553,568	2,459,620	2,264,295
Legacies	-	1,880,038	1,880,038	894,778
	906,052	3,433,606	4,339,658	3,159,073

### 4 OTHER ACTIVITIES

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	€	€	€	€
Lotteries and Raffles	-	513,213	513,213	495,789
Campaigns and Appeals	-	328,292	328,292	301,997
Fundraising Events	-	1,826,517	1,826,517	1,919,010
	-	2,668,022	2,668,022	2,716,796

### 5 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	€	€	€	€
Health Service Executive				
- Revenue Grants	23,201,633	-	23,201,633	17,685,108
- Capital Grants	9,707,784	-	9,707,784	810,411
Other Grants	4,000	-	4,000	16,400
Conferences, seminars and research income	-	-	-	-
Child and Family Agency	8,752	-	8,752	8,615
	32,922,169	-	32,922,169	18,520,534

### 6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	€	€	€	€
Deposit interest	-	14,200	-	3
	-	14,200	3	3

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 7 OTHER INCOME

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	€	€	€	€
Other Income	116,466	116,466	-	60,302
	116,466	116,466	-	60,302

### 8 EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	€	€	€	€
Raising donations, legacies, corporate donations and regular giving	-	64,768	64,768	52,322
Fundraising activities - campaigns, appeals and events	4,234	392,939	397,173	396,006
Support costs (Note 10)	-	509,642	509,642	444,609
	4,234	967,349	971,583	892,937

### 9 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activities Undertaken Directly	Support Costs (Note 10)	Total 2024	Total 2023
	€	€	€	€
Raheny and Blanchardstown	822,640	4,711,702	5,534,342	4,863,404
Homecare, Raheny Day Care				
In-Patient Unit Raheny	2,342,189	5,414,355	7,756,544	7,743,175
Blanchardstown Day Care and Outpatients	1,137,548	807,197	1,944,745	1,745,066
In-Patient Unit Blanchardstown	3,303,069	6,618,638	9,921,707	8,565,872
	7,605,446	17,551,892	25,157,338	22,917,517

### 10 ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Total 2024	Total 2023	Basis of Allocation
	€	€	€
Fundraising activities (Note 8)	509,642	444,609	Fundraising team
Charitable activities:			% time spent on activities
Raheny and Blanchardstown			
Homecare, Raheny Day Care	4,711,702	4,157,606	
In-Patient Unit Raheny	5,414,355	5,239,675	Salary Costs - % time spent on activities
Blanchardstown Day Care and Outpatients	807,197	769,087	
In-Patient Unit Blanchardstown	6,618,638	6,225,923	
Total	17,551,892	16,392,291	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 11 STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

The average monthly number of persons employed by the company during the financial year was as set out below:

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	€	€
The average monthly number of persons employed by the company during the financial year was as set out below:		
Clinical/Nursing	204	197
Other support services	30	26
Administrative and fundraising staff	61	59
	<b>295</b>	<b>282</b>
The aggregate payroll costs of these were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	16,033,023	14,416,588
Social welfare costs	1,730,584	1,573,110
Pension costs	297,927	786,152
	<b>18,061,534</b>	<b>16,775,850</b>
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>		
The total remuneration for key management personnel for the financial year amounted to €1,089,330 (2023: €1,098,267 Remuneration included salaries, employer PRSI and pension contributions.)		
Employee remuneration exceeding €70,000:		
€70,000- €80,000	30	17
€80,001- €90,000	8	4
€90,001- €100,000	5	4
€100,001- €110,000	2	-
€110,001- €120,000	-	-
€120,001- €130,000	1	1
€150,001- €160,000	-	1
€170,001- €180,000	1	-
€190,001- €200,000	-	1
€200,001- €200,000	1	-
	<b>48</b>	<b>28</b>

### 12 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION SCHEMES

	2024 Total	2023 Total
	€	€
Charged to the statement of financial activities	297,927	786,152
	<b>297,927</b>	<b>786,152</b>

The company pays into a defined contribution scheme, "Pension Scheme Fund", for its employees. The scheme is externally financed in that the assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

In February 2024 when St Francis Hospice became a Section 38 organisation, 195 staff joined the Single Service Pension Scheme. St Francis Hospice continues to make employer pension contributions for the staff members who are not members of a public pension scheme.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 13 NET INCOME

	2024	2023
	€	€
The net income for the financial year is arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation and amortisation	1,317,948	1,214,701
Directors' remuneration (b)	-	-
Auditors' remuneration (a)	16,300	15,490
(a) Auditors' remuneration disclosures (net of VAT and outlays):		
Audit	15,200	14,400
Tax advisory	-	-
Other assurance services	-	-
Other non-audit services	1,100	1,050
(b) No salaries for fees are payable to the directors of the company for their services as directors.		

### 14 TAXATION

No taxation arises in the current year or prior financial year due to the charitable status of the company.

### 15 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Software Costs	Total
	€	€
<b>Cost:</b>		
At 1 January 2024	374,305	374,305
Additions	133,611	133,611
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>507,916</b>	<b>507,916</b>
<b>Amortisation</b>		
At 1 January 2024	174,025	174,025
Amortisation during the year	90,733	90,733
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>264,758</b>	<b>264,758</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>		
At 31 December 2024	243,158	243,158
At 31 December 2023	200,280	200,280

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 16 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Buildings	Furniture Fixtures & Fittings	IT Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Plant, Machinery & Equipment	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€
<b>Cost:</b>						
At 1 January 2024	41,082,591	4,001,244	395,023	192,000	2,505,740	48,176,598
Additions	1,255,868	106,647	40,028	-	330,125	1,732,668
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>42,338,459</b>	<b>4,107,891</b>	<b>435,051</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>2,835,865</b>	<b>49,909,266</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At 1 January 2024	14,407,568	3,391,893	309,925	159,215	1,650,485	19,919,086
Charge for the year	828,615	130,998	58,073	32,785	176,744	1,227,215
Eliminated in respect of disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>15,236,183</b>	<b>3,522,891</b>	<b>367,998</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>1,827,229</b>	<b>21,146,301</b>
<b>Net book value:</b>						
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>27,102,276</b>	<b>585,000</b>	<b>67,053</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,008,636</b>	<b>28,762,965</b>
At 31 December 2023	26,675,023	609,351	85,098	32,785	855,255	28,257,512

### 17 FINANCIAL FIXED ASSETS

	2024	2023	
	€	€	
Shares in subsidiary undertaking	100	100	
<b>Subsidiary undertaking</b>			
	Registered Principal Office Activity	Country of Incorporation %	Held
S.F.H. Property Service Limited	Raheny, Dublin 5	Ireland	100% Non-trading

The capital and reserves at 31 December 2024 were €100 (2023: €100) and the result for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 was €Nil (2023: €Nil).

### 18 DEBTORS: (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE FINANCIAL YEAR)

	2024	2023
	€	€
Trade debtors, funding receivables and accrued income	9,900,997	2,030,362
Prepayments	333,129	291,519
	<b>10,234,126</b>	<b>2,321,881</b>

Included in debtors is an amount of €8,380,000 due from the Health Service Executive (HSE). This balance relates to an approved capital grant in respect of the Raheny In-Patient Project. The amount remains outstanding at the reporting date and is expected to be received in due course.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 19 CREDITORS: (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE FINANCIAL YEAR)

	2024	2023
	€	€
Trade Creditors	1,044,049	859,806
Taxation and social welfare	496,706	452,541
Other creditors	59,650	-
Accruals	879,780	644,635
	<b>2,480,185</b>	<b>1,583,386</b>
The amounts due in respect of taxation and social welfare is comprised as follows:		
PAYE /USC/ PRSI /LPT	496,706	452,541

### 20 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying values of the company's financial assets and liabilities are summarised by category below:

	2024	2023
	€	€
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Investment in subsidiary (Note 15)	100	100
Measured at undiscounted amount receivable		
Debtors (Note 17)	10,234,126	2,321,881
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at undiscounted amount payable		
Trade creditors (Note 18)	1,044,049	859,806

### 21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Under an agreement between the company and the Health Service Executive, which is dated 1 December 2005, the company has a contingent liability of €30,000 at 31 December 2024 (2023: €60,000) to repay a capital grant received of €600,000 if certain circumstances set out in that agreement occur within 20 years of the date of the agreement. The amount which may be repayable is reduced by an amount equal to 1/20th of the received amount each financial year.

Under a similar agreement the company has a contingent liability of €525,000 on 31 December 2024 (2023: €600,000) to repay a capital grant received of €1,500,000 if certain circumstances occur within 20 years of the date of that agreement. The amount which may be repayable is reduced by an amount equal to 1/20th of the amount received each financial year.

Under a similar agreement the company has a contingent liability of €450,000 on 31 December 2024 (2023: €495,000) to repay a capital grant received of €900,000 if certain circumstances occur within 20 years of the date of that agreement. The amount which may be repayable is reduced by an amount equal to 1/20th of the amount received each financial year.

The government grants are secured over the premises known as "Walmer Villa", Station Road, Raheny, Dublin 5.

In December 2024, a capital grant was received from the Health Service for capital expenditure items. No contingent liabilities exist on this minor capital expenditure grant at the statement of financial position date.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 22 FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total
	€	€	€	€
At beginning of the year	1,226,122	29,501,519	2,304,342	33,031,983
Net Income	33,828,221	6,232,294	-	-
Expenditure	(23,366,792)	(2,762,130)	-	(26,128,922)
Transfers	(1,739,101)	(140,937)	1,880,038	-
At the end of the year	9,948,450	32,830,747	4,184,380	46,963,577

**Restricted funds** refer to income received which is restricted for a specific purpose. In alignment with the Board's strategic objective to redevelop St. Francis Hospice Raheny, the board took the decision that all legacy income received in 2024 would be allocated to the redevelopment fund. As a result, the designated funds balance at year-end increased to €4,184,380, compared to €2,304,342 in 2023.

### 23 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31 December 2024
	€	€	€	€	€
E-Learning Fund	2,667	-	-	-	2,667
Oral Care Project	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Ambulance Care Planning Initiative (Message In A Bottle)	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Bereavement Grant	621	1,500	(1,522)	-	599
Cadbury Project	39,365	-	(7,924)	(31,441)	-
Child and Family Agency	-	8,752	(8,752)	-	-
Community Foundation of Ireland	12,896	-	(17,608)	4,712	-
Demand for Digital (Comic Relief)	13,627	-	(1,308)	-	12,319
Dublin Bus Young People Bereavement	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Echo PII Nursing Education	6,102	4,000	(564)	-	9,538
Goldman Sacs Gives	-	7,983	(7,983)	-	-
GOT Donor Fund	14,284	-	(298)	-	13,986
HSE - EAPC and CPD Resilience Funds	4,393	-	-	-	4,393
HSE Capex 2022	41,962	-	-	(41,962)	-
HSE Capital Assets Energy Project	6,498	327,784	(33,219)	(160,698)	140,365
HSE Capital Grant Minor capital	290,240	-	-	(121,250)	168,990
HSE Covid Fund	206,586	-	(144,787)	(59,755)	2,044
HSE Education Training	25,000	-	(25,000)	-	-
HSE Grant Service Level Arrangement	-	23,010,897	(23,010,897)	-	-
HSE NCHDS Training income & other related training	68,917	31,575	(14,713)	-	85,779
Ireland Funds	3,870	-	(3,870)	-	-
Irish Hospice Foundation - end of Life	1,241	-	-	-	1,241
Mindfulness in Practice	509	-	-	-	509
Pal Care for Older Persons	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Public Pension Income	-	159,160	-	(159,160)	-

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 23 RESTRICTED FUNDS (CONTINUED)

	1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31 December 2024
Raheny Hospice Redevelopment Fund	367,583	10,132,753	(30,815)	(1,106,057)	9,363,464
Restricted Donations	52,736	84,270	-	(64,574)	72,432
Samaritan Fund	-	2,586	(3,670)	1,084	-
Staff and Volunteer Fund	3,332	(39)	(2,150)	-	1,143
Valeo Occupational Therapy Project	26,693	50,000	(44,713)	-	31,980
	1,226,122	33,828,221	(23,366,793)	(1,739,101)	9,948,450

### 24 RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH OUTFLOW DURING THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

	2024	2023
	€	€
Net Income	13,931,594	680,735
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Interest payable and similar charges	-	(3)
Investment income	(14,200)	1,214,701
Loss on disposal	1,317,948	1,038
<b>Movement in working capitals</b>		
Increase in debtors	(7,912,245)	(894,728)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	523,203	373,596
<b>Cash flow generated from operations</b>	<b>7,846,300</b>	<b>1,376,218</b>

### 25 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	1 January 2024	Cash flows	31 December 2024
	€	€	€
Cash at bank in hand	4,209,192	5,994,221	10,203,413
	4,209,192	5,994,221	10,203,413

### 26 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

There are no capital commitments which have been contracted for but not provided in the financial statements as at 31 December 2024 (2023: €Nil). There are no contracted future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as at 31 December 2024 (2023: €Nil).

### 27 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the statement of financial position date.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 28 CONSOLIDATED GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consolidated group financial statements have not been prepared, as the company has availed of the exemption under Section 303(2) of the Companies Act 2014 not to prepare consolidated financial statements.

### 29 GRANT DISCLOSURES

The charity receives the following grants and are disclosed in line with circular 13/2014.

	Name Grant Programme/ Purpose	Total Grant Award	Amount of Grant taken to income in period	Expenditure in period	Amount receivables	Amount of Grant deferred to 2025
Health Service Executive	Service Arrangement - Delivery of services	€23,010,897	€23,010,897	€23,010,897	-	-
Health Service Executive	Capital Fund Allocation - Hospice Redevelopment	€9,800,000	€9,800,000	€1,136,872	€8,380,000	-
Health Service Executive	Capital Assets Energy Projects - Water pumps installation	€327,784	€327,784	€193,917	-	-
Health Service Executive	Core Funding - pension income	€159,151	€159,151	€159,151	-	-
Health Service Executive	Training income	€31,575	€31,575	€14,713	-	-
Health Service Executive	EchoPll- Nursing Education	€4,000	€4,000	€564	-	-
Tusla- Child and Family Agency	Social work and bereavement services	€8,752	€8,752	€8,752	-	-

### 30 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors approved the financial statements on 28 May 2025.







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