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EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

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EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Aoife Gilligan Quinn (Appointed 18 August 2018) Andrea Martin (Appointed 17 October 2018) **Directors**

Fiachra O'Suilleabháin (Appointed 5 December 2018)

Mieke Durville Ryan (Resigned 11 April 2019) Hazel Lee Crothers (Resigned 18 May 2018) Hilary Jenkinson (Resigned 5 December 2018) Sharon Commins (appointed 25th April 2018)

Donal Maher Catriona Maloney Deirdre Mullen Gareth Noble Catriona Moloney

Chairperson Fiachra O'Suilleabháin

Company Secretary Donal Maher

Charity Number 20055080

Company Number 381973

Registered Office and Principal Address 7 Red Cow Lane

Smithfield Dublin 7 D07 KX52

Auditors Whelan Dowling & Associates

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for the year ended 31 December 2018

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

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

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2018.

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

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

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

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of the company being wound up is €1.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Strategy

The strategic plan was approved by the Board of Directors in June 2018 and covers the period 2018 to 2020 inclusive.

There is a formal review of the plan scheduled for September 2019.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

EPIC Empowering People In Care Limited is a company limited by guarantee and governed by a Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for the Vision, Mission and Strategy of EPIC; they approve strategy, structure, annual plans and budgets of the organisation and strive to ensure that it is effective and accountable. There are six formal board meetings per annum, with additional meetings where deemed appropriate. The Board delegates day-to-day operations to the Chief Executive. The Board has constituted four sub-committees of the Board to support their ongoing evaluation and monitoring of risks and accountability.

- HR, Finance and Audit Committee
- Risk Committee
- Fundraising Committee

HR, Finance and Audit Committee

HR, Finance and Audit Committee - which reviews the financial statements, budgets, and compliance plans. It also oversees HR matters within the organisation.

Risk Committee

Risk Committee - this committee was not active in 2018 while the governance manual was being worked on.

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising Committee - which explores opportunities to source funding to ensure the organisation's sustainability. This committee was re-constituted in 2018 and is developing a new strategy for EPIC's fundraising endeavours.

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Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance National Advocacy Service

One of our core activities continues to be the delivery of our national Advocacy Service. This provides a direct 1:1 advocacy service to children and young people who are currently living in care or who have had an experience of living in care, in Ireland. This includes those in residential care, foster care, hostel, high support, detention and special care. We also work with young people preparing to leave care and in aftercare. The Advocacy Service continues to grow with 653 Advocacy cases in 2018 (589 in 2017). As the service develops the new cases each year are becoming longer and more difficult in the nature of the issues involved.

The referrals and advocacy cases continue to increase in 2019.

This service is funded by Tusla, The Child and Family Agency in Dublin, Cork and Galway. The Limerick office was funded by the Tony Ryan Trust up to July 2018 and thereafter by Tusla.

Participation

The next core activity is our Participation Programme which aims to create a number of different platforms for young people with care experience to participate in EPIC. During 2018 we engaged with more than 300 young people through the EPIC Youth Council (national and regional), and other projects. These included the 5 Nations 1 Voice which is an alliance of organisations in Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Young people were involved in attending events, participated in conferences such as the Irish Foster Care Conference, the 5 Nations 1 Voice Summer Camp, Eurochild conference in Switzerland. A number of young people also participated in work experience placements within EPIC, attended training, worked as volunteers to make presentations, speak to social workers and other professionals about their experiences, and took part in interviews with the media. Other work included making videos to support our programmes and awareness raising work and address issues such as stigma and homelessness.

This was funded by Atlantic Philanthropies.

Fora (Foster Care Action Groups) Project

EPIC, in partnership with Tusla, have developed a Children's and Young People's Participation project. This project was funded by Atlantic Philanthropies. The purpose of this is to build on and further develop the participation of young people in care nationally, to hear their views on issues of relevance and concern to them, to consult them on policy and practice development within Tusla and to contribute to positive changes and quality assurance of the care system. This will be done by setting up Children's Fora to bring young people together in groups in all areas. During the year 16 fora were active. 165 children participated in the fora. These have already made significant contributions to bring about changes in local policy and practice in their local areas.

This programme was completed in 2018 and the outputs disseminated in early 2019.

EPIC are exploring a new round of fora through a new project.

Knowledge Transformation

The next core activity of the organisation is the policy and knowledge transformation work. This work is informed by the issues raised through our direct advocacy and participation work. The main focus of the work is to influence and impact on policy and decision makers to bring about positive change to the care system, to inform new legislation to raise awareness of the issues raised by young people in care. We do this by:

- · Preparing submissions and policy briefings
- Hosting seminars, conferences and similar events to share the knowledge and experiences gained through delivery of our services
- Attending relevant policy events, seminars, conferences
- Monitoring media and parliamentary questions
- Using media as a means of awareness-raising and engagement with the general public.

Research

EPIC conducts a detailed analysis of its programmes each year. In addition, we facilitate other organisations access to young people who are interested in participating in research work. We do not have the resources to do any in depth research in-house

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Financial Review

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

Financial Results

At the end of the year the charity has assets of €772,680 (2017 - €748,220) and liabilities of €341,112 (2017 - €395,596). The net assets of the charity have increased by €42,944.

The directors are satisfied with the level of retained reserves at the year end. The directors are continuing to work towards having a level of reserves to support the organisation in a time of reduced funding including but not limited to the payment of redundancies should this be required.

Funding received was spent for the purposes for which it had been granted.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

EPIC Empowering People In Care is aware of the dual nature of risk: the likelihood of an adverse event and the consequences if such an event were to happen. EPIC is also aware of its dual nature as a company limited by guarantee and that of a body founded for charitable purposes.

EPIC's policy on risk has a number of components. Firstly, EPIC seeks to avoid entering into any risky liabilities; and where a proposal necessarily involving some risk is considered appropriate EPIC seeks to minimize the risk. Secondly, where it has been determined to enter into a project involving some risk, EPIC seeks to ensure, so far as is practicable and appropriate, that it is covered against the risk, whether by insurance or otherwise. The degree of risk is monitored as the project proceeds and where necessary adjustments are made in light of changes in the degree of risk or the consequences.

Brexit is a direct risk to the 5 Nations 1 Voice programme from the point of view of funding and activities.

Financial Risk

The Board carries responsibility for the financial viability of the company.

The core funding continues to come from the Child and Family Agency, Tusla and this commitment is a key element of the financial sustainability of the company.

In common with all companies operating in Ireland in this sector, the company faces increasing pressures to source ongoing philanthropic or other funding to continue the activities which support our core work. The company is continuing to exercise caution in its commitments until each element of funding is sourced and confirmed.

The current philanthropic funding for our knowledge transformation, core back office functions and the Limerick Advocacy Service has been exhausted and new sources of income are being sought.

The organisation is actively working on increasing reserves to cover potential loss of funding and costs associated with such an occurrence. We have made some progress in this regard, but it remains a focus for the Board of Directors.

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

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Directors and Secretary

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

Aoife Gilligan Quinn (Appointed 18 August 2018)
Andrea Martin (Appointed 17 October 2018)
Fiachra O'Suilleabháin (Appointed 5 December 2018)
Mieke Durville Ryan (Resigned 11 April 2019)
Hazel Lee Crothers (Resigned 18 May 2018)
Hilary Jenkinson (Resigned 5 December 2018)
Sharon Commins (appointed 25th April 2018)
Donal Maher
Catriona Maloney
Deirdre Mullen
Gareth Noble
Catriona Moloney

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

The secretary who served throughout the year was Donal Maher.

The members of EPIC Empowering People In Care Limited are the current Board of Directors.

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Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

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

Events after the Balance Sheet date

Post year end there are no events or activities which would have a significant impact on the activities or finances of the company.

Taxation Status

The company, as a charity, is not liable to corporation tax. The company is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority (reference number 20055080) and with the Revenue Commissioners (reference number CHY15742).

Political donations

The company does not take a position on political parties or their manifestos. No political donations are made by the company.

Payment of Creditors

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring compliance with the provisions of the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2012. It is the company's policy to agree payment terms with all suppliers and to adhere to those payment terms.

Auditors

Whelan Dowling & Associates were appointed auditors by the directors to fill the casual vacancy and they have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the , have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement on Relevant Audit Information

There is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

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Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at 7 Red Cow Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 KX52.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 14 August 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Fiachra O'Suilleabháin

Chairperson

Donal Maher Director

EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 December 2018

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard, issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2015);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent:
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

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

In so far as the directors are aware:

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on 14 August 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Fiachra O'Suilleabháin

Chairperson

Donal Maher Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the charity financial statements of EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the the charity as at 31 December 2018 and of its net incoming resources 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" as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 and having regard to the Charities SORP; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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

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

- the information given in the Directors' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the Directors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014. We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion the accounting records of the charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. 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 charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Annual Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 9 the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to the going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the the charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the Members of EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG

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

Our report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Darren Carrick ACA
for and on behalf of
WHELAN DOWLING & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm
Unit 1+4, Block 1,
Northwood Court,
Santry,
Dublin 9.

14 August 2019

EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2018

		Unrestricted Funds 2018	Restricted Funds 2018	2018	Unrestricted Funds 2017	Restricted Funds 2017	Total 2017
Income	Notes	€	€	€	€	€	€
Charitable activities - Grants & contracts Other trading activities Other income	4.1 4.2 4.3	26,267 120 6,491	1,173,592 58	1,199,859 120 6,549	17,190 8,550 11,490	1,051,844 8,000	1,069,034 16,550 11,490
Total income		32,878	1,173,650	1,206,528	37,230	1,059,844	1,097,074
Expenditure							
Raising funds Charitable activities	5.1 5.2	-	19 1,163,565	19 1,163,565	•	7,238 1,055,033	7,238 1,055,033
Total Expenditure		-	1,163,584	1,163,584		1,062,271	1,062,271
Net income/(expenditure) Transfers between funds		32,878	10,066	42,944	37,230	(2,427) (5,000)	34,803 (5,000)
Net movement in funds for the year		32,878	10,066	42,944	37,230	(7,427)	29,803
Reconciliation of funds Balances brought forward at 1 January 2018	18	91,274	297,350	388,624	54,044	304,777	358,821
Balances carried forward at 31 December 2018		124,152	307,416	431,568	91,274	297,350	388,624

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on 14 August 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Fiachra O'Suilleabháin Chairperson

Donal Maher

Director

EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2018

		2018	2017
Fixed Assets	Notes	€	€
Tangible assets	11	310,925	296,707
Current Assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12	49,104 412,651 ————————————————————————————————————	60,517 426,996 ——————————————————————————————————
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(294,456)	(395,596)
Net Current Assets		167,299	91,917
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		478,224	388,624
Grants	15	(46,656)	-
Net Assets		431,568	388,624
Funds Restricted funds Capital reserve General fund (unrestricted)		77,416 230,000 124,152	62,350 235,000 91,274
Total funds	18	431,568 =========	388,624

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 14 August 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Fiachra O'Suilleabháin

Chairperson

Ponal Maher Director

EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 31 December 2018

		2018	2017
	Notes	€	€
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds Adjustments for:		42,944	34,803
Depreciation		12,571	7,207
Interest receivable and similar income		(84)	(218)
Gains and losses on disposal of fixed assets		1,567	`
Amortisation of capital grants received		(5,587)	(5,000)
		51,411	36,792
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		11,413	(13,307)
Movement in creditors		(101,140)	22,556
Cash generated from operations		(38,316)	46,041
Cash flows from investing activities		·	
Interest received		84	218
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(28,356)	-
Net cash generated from investment activities		(28,272)	218
Cash flows from financing activities			-
Grants		52,243	-
			3
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(14,345)	46,259
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2018		426,996	380,737
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2018	26	412,651	426,996

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office of the company is 7 Red Cow Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7, D07 KX52 which is also the principal place of business of the company The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)", Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

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.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2014, the Charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats, as outlined in the Companies Act 2014, are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charites and FRS 102.

Fund accounting

The following are the categorises of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

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

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds consist of General and Designated funds.

- General funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the board, in furtherance of the
 objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that the board has, at its discretion, set aside for particular purposes. These designations have an administrative purpose only, and do not legally restrict the board's discretion to apply the fund.

Income

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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Expenditure

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 generating funds comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold Fixtures, fittings and equipment

- 2% Straight line
- 20% Straight line

Leasing

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

Debtors

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

Creditore

Creditors with no stated interest rate and payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Taxation and deferred taxation

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

Grants

Capital grants received are recognised on the balance sheet and are recognised in the income and expenditure account over the useful economic life of the related asset.

Foreign currencies

The financial statements are prepared in Euro (€) which is the functional currency of the charity. Foreign currency transactions are recorded in Euro at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Euro at the balance sheet date. The resulting gains and losses are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Pensions

The charity contributes to an Employer PRSA scheme for participating employees. Annual contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate

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Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary shares or preference shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in surplus or deficit. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in surplus or deficit, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in surplus or deficit immediately.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised in surplus or deficit immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditure during the reported period.

Estimates and judgements are based on historical experience and on other factors that are reasonable under current circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates if these assumptions prove to be incorrect or if the conditions develop other than as assumed for the purposes of such estimates and judgements by management are those relating to accruals & establishing useful economic lives for depreciation purposes of tangible fixed assets.

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4.	INCOME					
4.1	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2018	2017
			€	€	€	€
	National Care Day		5,000	-	5,000	706
	America Ireland Funds		-	2,314	2,314	-
	Tony Ryan Trust		•	93,093	93,093	149,720
	5 Nations		4.000	12,253	12,253	4,982
	America Ireland Funds Tusla, Child & Family Agency Core Fund	lina	4,000 400	898,246	4,000 898,646	750,000
	Atlantic/ Tusla Participation Project	ıng	9,717	69,359	79,076	750,000 91,913
	IFCA		5,000	05,055	5,000	5,000
	Oberstown Campus		-,	31,520	31,520	30,380
	Community Foundation		-	2,141	2,141	2,000
	Ulster Bank / RBS		-	52	52	8,287
	Counselling service for young people		-	-		700
	Atlantic Philanthropies Funding		3	64,131	64,134	24,546
	Donations HIQA		2,147	249 234	2,396 234	800
	HIQA					
			26,267	1,173,592 ————	1,199,859	1,069,034
4,2	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted	Restricted	2018	2017
			Funds €	Funds €	€	€
	Other tredies - this		400		120	0.000
	Other trading activities Annual Conference		120	-		2,000 14,550
			400		120	16.550
			120		120	16,550
4.3	OTHER INCOME		Unrestricted	Restricted	2018	2017
			Funds	Funds		
			€	€	€	€
	Other income		219	_	219	_
	Rent		6,272	-	6,272	6,272
	Amortisation of Capital Reserve			-	-	5,000
	Bank Interest		-	58	58	218
			6,491	58	6,549	11,490
_						
5.	EXPENDITURE	Dimen	Other	O	0040	0017
5.1	RAISING FUNDS	Direct Costs		Support Costs	2018	2017
		ÇUS(S	€	Cusis	€	€
						_
	Fundraising Activities	-	•	19	19	7,238
	:					
5.2	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct	Other	Support	2018	2017
J.2	OHAIII ABEE AO II VIII ES	Costs		Costs	2010	2017
		€	€	€	€	€
	Expenditure on charitable activites	105,902	12,526	1,022,711	1,141,139	1,027,687
	Governance Costs (Note 5.3)		-	22,426	22,426	27,346
	•	105,902	12,526	1,045,137	1,163,565	1,055,033
		100,502	=====	=======================================		1,033,000

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Operating lease rentals

- Land and buildings

Amortisation of grants

5.3	GOVERNANCE COSTS	Direct	Other	Support	2018	2017
		Costs €	Costs €	Costs €	€	€
		•		•	•	·
	Governance Costs		-	22,426	22,426	27,346 ———
5.4	SUPPORT COSTS	Cost of Raising Funds	Charitable Activities	Governance Costs	2018	2017
		€	€	€	€	€
	Allocated Support Direct Support		84,805 14,393	-	84,805 14,393	- 227
	Staff	-	923,509	•	923,509	830,793
	Fundraising	19	-	-	19	7,238
	Governance	-	4	22,426	22,430	27,346
		19	1,022,711	22,426	1,045,156	865,604
6	ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS					
6.	ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS				2018	2017
					€	€
					_	
	Allocated Support				84,805	_
	Direct Support				14,393	227
	Staff				923,509	830,793
	Fundraising				19	7,238
	Governance				22,372	27,346
					1,045,098	865,604
7.	INCOME					
	The whole of the income is attributable	to the principa	al activity of th	ne company wh	olly undertaken	in Ireland.
8.	NET INCOME				2018	2017
٠.	iii. iiiooiii.				€	€
	Net Income is stated after charging/(creditina):			-	· ·
	Depreciation of tangible assets				12,571	7,207
	Deficit/(surplus) on disposal of tangible	fixed assets			1,567	- ,
	Deficit on foreign currencies				217	11
	Operating lease rentals					• • •

1,683

(5,000)

248 (5,587)

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9. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the year was as follows:

	2018 Number	2017 Number
Accountant (Part Time)	1	1
CEO	1	1
Advocacy Service Administrator (Part Time)	1	1
Project Officer(Full Time) and Intern (Part Time)	1	1
National Advocacy Service Manager	1	1
Office Manager	1	1
Advocacy Officers	8	8
Research & Policy Officers and Assistant	1	2
Peer Educators (Part Time)	3	3
	18	19
The staff costs comprise:	2018	2017
	€	€
Wages and salaries	791,876	719,206
Social security costs	85,484	78,550
Pension costs	38,249	29,370
	915,609	827,126

10. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period fell within the bands below were:

	Number of Employees	Number of Employees
€60,000 to €70,000 €70,000 to €80,000	1	1

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

11.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
		Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	Cost	€	€	€
		040 204	00 170	040.070
	At 1 January 2018 Additions	312,794	30,179	342,973
	Disposals	-	28,356 (12,898)	28,356
	Disposais		(12,050)	(12,898)
	At 31 December 2018	312,794	45,637	358,431
	Depreciation			
	At 1 January 2018	18,768	27,498	46,266
	Charge for the year	6,252	6,319	12,571
	On disposals	-	(11,331)	(11,331)
	At Od Danish suggest	05.000	00.400	47.500
	At 31 December 2018	25,020	22,486	47,506
	Net book value			
	At 31 December 2018	287,774	23,151	310,925
	At 31 December 2017	294,026	2,681	296,707
12.	DEBTORS		2018	2017
			€	€
	Trade debtors		42,707	58,759
	Prepayments		6,397	1,758
	ropaymonto			
			49,104	60,517
13.	CREDITORS		2018	2017
	Amounts falling due within one year		€	€
	Payments received on account		4,008	4,945
	Trade creditors		16,034	11,148
	Taxation and social security costs		20,360	22,918
	Other creditors		68,741	61,511
	Accruals		69,619	50,292
	Deferred Income		115,694	244,782
			294,456	395,596

14. PENSION COSTS - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. Pension costs amounted to €38,249 (2017 - €29,370).

15.	GRANTS RECEIVABLE	2018 €	2017 €
	Capital grants received and receivable		
	Increase in year	52,243	•
	Amortisation	-	
	Amortised in year	(5,587)	-
	Net book value		
	At 31 December 2018	46,656	

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16. Information relating to grants

Agency TUSLA

Government Department Department Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Grant Programme Advocacy, Justice and Human Rights

Purpose of the Grant To deliver a national advocacy service for children and young

people with care experience

Term Annual

Total Fund Grants taken to income in the period - €928,971

The cash received in the period - €981,214

Any grant amounts deferred or due at the period end - €36,330

Expenditure €892,641

Fund deferred or due at year end €36,330

Received in the year Amounts received in the year

Capital Grant €52,243

Restriction on use Programme delivery â€" Salaries, Programme Costs & Direct

Overheads

Agency Atlantic Philanthropies through TUSLA

Government Department Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Grant Programme Development of a Child and Young Person Participation

Programme

Purpose of the Grant Development of Fora and dissemination of their projects

Term 36 months with extension for 6 months to 42 months

Total Fund Grants taken to income in the period - €79,096

The cash received in the period - €87,006

Any grant amounts deferred or due at the period end - €27,948

due (note: 31/12/17: € 35,858 due)

Expenditure €79,096

Fund deferred or due at year end

nil

Received in the year

Capital Grant nil

Restriction on use To the FORA Participation Project

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for the year ended 31 December 2018

Movement during the financial year

Movement during the financial year

At 31 December 2017

At 31 December 2018

	Agency	Tony Ryan Trust			
	Grant Programme	To Support the Co	ore work of EPIC		
	Purpose of the Grant		and direct costs for (3) Communication		dvocacy (2)
	Total Grant	Grants taken to in The cash received	o 2017 incl.) - extend come in the period - d in the period - €nil s deferred or due at	€ 93,093	- €12,500
	Expenditure	€93,024			
	Fund deferred or due at year end	€12,500			
	Restriction on use	To core work			
	Agency	Atlantic Philanth	ropies		
	Grant Programme	To support the co	re work of EPIC		
	Purpose of the Grant	contribute to the	salaries for specif overheads of EPIC devaluation of same	. To support t	
	Total Grant	The cash received	come in the period d in the period - €nil s deferred or due a	·	- €54,887
	Expenditure	€64,116			
	Fund deferred or due at year end	€54,887			
17.	RESERVES				
			Funds	Capital Reserve	Total
			€	€	€
	At 1 January 2018 for the year		153,624 47,944	235,000 (5,000)	388,624 42,944
	At 31 December 2018		201,568	230,000	431,568
18. 18.1	FUNDS RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN	FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Totai Funds €
	At 1 January 2017		54,044	304,777	358,821

37,230

91,274

32,878

124,152

34,803

393,624 42,944

431,568

(7,427)

297,350

10,066 307,416

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10.2	ANAL 1313 OF MOVEMEN 13 ON FUNDS					
		Balance 1 January 2018	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Balance 31 December 2018
		€	€	€	€	€
	Restricted income					
	Restricted	62,350	1,173,650	1,158,584	_	77,416
	Restricted - Capital Reserve	235,000	-	5,000	-	230,000
		297,350	1,173,650	1,163,584	-	307,416
	Unrestricted income					,
	Unrestricted General	91,274	32,878		-	124,152
	Total funds	388,624	1,206,528	1,163,584	-	431,568
18.3	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND					
		Fixed	Current	Current	Long-term	Total
		assets	assets	liabilities	deferred	
		 charity use 			income	
		€	€	€	€	€
	Restricted trust funds	310,925	461,755	(294,456)	(46,656)	431,568
		310,925	461,755	(294,456)	(46,656)	431,568

19. STATUS

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of the company being wound up is €1.

20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The charity had no material capital commitments at the year-ended 31 December 2018.

21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Funding received from Atlantic Philanthropies and Tony Ryan Trust and other organisations may become repayable if the organisation ceases to operate and does not complete the project for which funding was received.

22. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The charities trustees are the directors who served during the year. No trustee received any remuneration during the year. Travel costs amounting to €184 (2017: €173) were reimbursed to one trustee.

No director or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2017: Nil).

23. KEY MANAGEMENT

The key management personnel comprises of the CEO. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were €78,593 (2017: €78,132), excluding employer pension contributions.

The charities trustees are the directors who served during the year.

24. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The company contributes to an Employer PRSA scheme for participating employees. The amount recognised in the income and expenditure was €38,249 (2017 : €29,370).

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25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no identified related party transactions in the period under review.

26. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

2018 2017

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Cash and bank balances

412,651

426,996

27. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

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

28. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on

EPIC EMPOWERING PEOPLE IN CARE CLG

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

NOT COVERED BY THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OPERATING STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Schedule	2018 €	2017 €
Income		1,194,585	1,085,584
Charitable activities and other expenses	1	(1,163,584)	(1,062,271)
		31,001	23,313
Miscellaneous income	2	11,943	11,490
Net surplus		42,944	34,803

EPIC Empowering People in Care CLG SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SCHEDULE 1: CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND OTHER EXPENSES

for the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
Process of the control of the contro	€	€
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	790,412	718,053
Social security costs	85,484	78,550
Staff defined contribution pension costs	38,249	29,370
Staff training	6,334	4,820
Recruitment	1,464	1,153
Programme delivery	28,842	50,853
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	248	1,683
Rent payable	12,692	14,000
Service charges	12,336	14,095
Insurance	4,315	4,202
Light and heat	6,836	5,626
Repairs and maintenance	16,866	8,443
Printing, postage and stationery	10,224	11,156
Publications	4,320	4,596
Telephone	16,897	13,412
Computer costs	17,499	10,374
Youth Board Costs	9,291	433
Travelling and subsistence	67,238	60,354
Legal and professional	369	2,583
Consultancy fees	4,397	4,955
Auditor's/Independent Examiner's remuneration	4,991	4,716
Bank charges	1,016	1,236
Surplus/deficit on exchange	217	11
Canteen	4,968	1,551
Staff welfare	1,904	1,551
Security - alarms	213	-
General expenses	213	347
Strategy & evaluation expenses	11	
Subscriptions		7,465
Surpluses/deficits on disposal of tangibles	1,813	1,027
	1,567	
Depreciation	12,571	7,207
	1,163,584	1,062,271
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SCHEDULE 2: MISCELLANEOUS INCOME for the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
	€	€
Miscellaneous Income		
Rent receivable - other income	6,272	6,272
Amortisation of capital grants received	5,587	5,000
Bank Interest	84	218
	11,943	11,490