Registered number: 57125 Charity number: CHY 6100

## **ASTHMA SOCIETY OF IRELAND**

(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

# DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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#### COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

**Directors** 

Oliver Carroll, (Chairperson)

Deirdre Ashe (resigned 21 June 2016) Bob Gee (resigned 10 May 2016)

Darragh McDonald Lorna Jennings Geraldine Lally Caren Gallagher Allan Kearns

Michael McDermott (resigned 12 January 2017)

Prof Richard Costello

Lorna Coleman (appointed 21 June 2016)

Company secretary

Allan Kearns (appointed 4 October 2016)

Michael McDermott (resigned 4 October 2016)

Chief executive officer

Averil Power

**Director Emeritus** 

Anne Robinson

Company registered

number

57125

Charity registered

number

CHY 6100

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of The Asthma Society of Ireland (the "Society") for the year 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016. The directors confirm that the Directors Report and financial statements of the Society comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Society's governing document and the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2015).

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### CONSTITUTION

The charity was founded in 1973 and registered as a company limited by guarantee in 1976. The liability of members is limited as defined in the Company's Constitution and shall not exceed €5 in the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Company.

The principal office of the Society is 4th Floor, 42 - 43 Amiens Street, Dublin 1. The Company's registered number is 57125 and its charity registration number is CHY 6100. Governance and management structures are set out in the Constitution.

The Society is governed by its Board of Directors, which includes representation from a broad range of stakeholders including people with asthma and from the medical profession. The Directors are appointed to terms of office that comply with the Articles of Association of the Society. The term of office is generally three years, but Directors may be reappointed.

The Board of Directors met seven times in 2016. The Directors have responsibility for appointing the Chief Executive Officer who has decision making powers in relation to a range of day to day decisions. During 2016, a new Chief Executive Officer was appointed.

The Board is supported by its Medical Advisory Group, its Audit, Risk and Finance Committee and its Fundraising and Communications Committee. The Audit, Risk and Finance Committee and Fundraising and Communications Committee both met six times in 2016.

## DIRECTORS AND COMPANY SECRETARY

The current Directors and Secretary are set out on page 1. The Directors who served during the period are as follows:

Oliver Carroll (Chairman) Allan Kearns (served as a director throughout the year, was appointed Secretary on 4 October 2016) Deirdre Ashe (resigned 21 June 2016) Darragh McDonald Geraldine Lally Lorna Jennings Professor Richard Costello Caren Gallagher Lorna Coleman (appointed 21 June 2016)

Michael McDermott (resigned as secretary on 4 October 2016 but remained as a director)

Bob Gee (resigned 10 May 2016)

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Board of Directors has assessed the major risks to which the Society is exposed, in particular those related to its operations and finances.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Society are as follows:

### Achieving financial stability and sustainability:

The main risk facing the Society is its ability to continue to grow its income from existing sources and diversify its fundraising base to offset the loss of income from the Charitable Lotteries Fund. The Society prepares budgets and cash flow forecasts which are reviewed on a regular basis in conjunction with its quarterly management accounts. Depending on the results, the Directors, where necessary, take appropriate action.

The Society's annual income dropped considerably each year from 2013 to 2016, primarily as a result of the Government's decision to phase out the Charitable Lotteries Fund. During this period the Society used its reserves to invest in new fundraising streams. In 2016, it also significantly reduced its cost base through restructuring. As a result, its operating deficit in 2016 was significantly lower than the 2015 level, including once off restructuring costs. The Society's opening reserves at the start of 2017 were €288,731.

The Society has prepared and considered budgets and forecasts for the financial years ended 31 December 2017 and 2018. These budgets and forecasts project a deficit for 2017 with the Society returning to a breakeven position in 2018. The principal risk is execution and delivery on these budgets. The Directors are confident that they have adequate resources, staff and procedures in place to deliver these plans and budgets.

#### Staff recruitment and retention:

The Society achieves its results through its CEO and staff. If the Society is to achieve its objectives, the CEO and other staff must build close and effective relationships with those it serves. The ability to attract and retain appropriate staff is a key ongoing challenge for the Society, particularly in today's environment. The Directors are satisfied there are adequate staff recruitment & retention policies in place to mitigate this risk and that all appropriate staff receive ongoing training and support to fulfil their roles.

The Directors are satisfied that the system of internal controls and procedures provides reasonable assurance of the safeguarding of assets, the maintenance of proper accounting records and the reliability of the financial information.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The Asthma Society of Ireland is the leading independent agency in Ireland providing support to people and families affected by asthma. The Society's main objective is to relieve sickness and distress by enabling patients to enjoy optimal asthma control and quality of life through evidence based care in an integrated public health approach to asthma management.

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

### ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES

The Society helps save lives and improve the lives of people with asthma by:

- Providing services such as our free adviceline, pharmacy clinics and training for health professionals;
- · Providing information for patients about asthma management on our website, social media channels and in
- · Lobbying the Government to improve services for people with asthma and participating in the working group for the HSE's National Clinical Programme for Asthma; and
- Supporting research into the causes and treatment of asthma.

## Free Asthma Adviceline 1800 44 54 64:

The Society has provided an adviceline service for over 25 years. A team of asthma specialist nurses provide callers with personalised information, education and support in relation to their asthma or their child's asthma. They also signpost callers to appropriate public health services.

The service has been very positively reviewed by users, with 93% of callers rating it as 'excellent' or 'very good'. When asked in a survey what suggestions callers had to improve the service, respondents stated 'don't change a thing', 'promote it so that more people hear about it' and 'no suggestions for change as the service could not be better, kinder, or more professional. It is accredited by the Helplines Partnership in the UK, an internationally recognized quality standard which defines and accredits best practice in adviceline work.

In 2016, the Adviceline handled 1,250 calls. In July 2016, the service was extended to cover COPD as well as asthma, in partnership with COPD Support Ireland. We also received HSE pilot funding for the service, to cover the period from July 2016 to June 2017.

Members of the public can contact our Adviceline team by calling 1800 44 54 64, texting asthma to 086 057 1838 or emailing nurse@asthma.ie.

### Asthma In The Pharmacy Programme

Our Asthma in the Pharmacy programme provides free in-store nurse consultations to people with asthma. Our asthma nurses meet people with asthma in the pharmacy consultation room for up to 30 minutes each. Patients can complete an Asthma Control Test; request information on medications, asthma action plans, allergies, inhaler technique, peak flow monitoring and smoking cessation. People with poor asthma control are advised by the nurse to attend their healthcare professional. This programme is an integral part of our work in communities across Ireland and is supported by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). In 2016, over 600 people availed of free consultations with our nurses in almost 90 pharmacies across the country.

## Community Outreach Programme

As part of our remit to address health inequalities, we delivered an asthma education programme to 154 outreach workers who work with travellers and people partaking of homeless and addiction services. The programme uses a 'train the trainer' model and is designed to help outreach workers empower their clients to manage their asthma and their children's asthma better. This initiative was kindly supported by the HSE's National Office for Social Inclusion.

#### **Workshops For Parents And Carers**

With the support of Pobal, we delivered a series of workshops for parents and carers of children with asthma in six locations in 2016. Topics overed included the importance of good asthma control, how to reduce their child's exposure to asthma triggers, the correct use of inhalers and devices and how to assist someone having an

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### Information Booklets And Resources

The Society provides a range of free booklets and resources to help people manage their asthma. These are available in hard copy and on www.asthma.ie and include our 'Take Control of Your Asthma' and 'Asthma and Your Child' booklets. In 2016, we developed new 'Active with Asthma' and 'Asthma Friendly Homes' booklets with the support of the HSE and Dyson respectively. Our hayfever campaign and daily pollen tracker also helped people manage their hayfever throughout the pollen season.

#### **Presentations And Talks**

Asthma Society representatives delivered presentations and talks at a variety of events in 2016. Our CEO addressed patient groups in Connolly and Beaumont hospitals and spoke at the 'Free From' asthma and allergy exhibition in Croke Park. We also distributed educational materials at a range of events throughout the year.

#### Asthma Friendly Schools Programme

One in five Irish children have asthma. It is therefore essential schools know how to support students with asthma and what to do if someone has an asthma attack at school. Our 'Asthma Friendly Schools' programme provides them with the information they need to do so. In 2016 we developed new resources for schools and made them available on the schools page of www.asthma.ie. We secured national lottery funding from a number of HSE districts to provide support directly to schools in their area and also delivered talks in schools on request.

#### Member Services

In addition to the services outlined above, Asthma Society members receive regular communications and updates from the Society throughout the year. They receive invitations to member events and have the opportunity to take part in research and advocacy initiatives. They also receive e-zines about developments in asthma care and tips on how to manage their asthma better at particular times of the year, including during the pollen season, at back to school time and at Christmas. We also remind our members of the importance of getting the flu vaccine each winter.

#### Support For Healthcare Professionals

Providing asthma-related education and support to GPs, nurses, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals is a key part of our work.

In 2016, we kept healthcare professionals informed about developments in asthma care through regular e-zines. We held two education evenings for healthcare professionals at which presentations were made by leading respiratory experts. We delivered inhaler technique workshops and distributed resources with the support of GSK. Our e-learning programme also provided CPD accredited online training in asthma care.

The HSE contract with GPs for free care for children under 6 years of age included an emphasis on asthma management. To support GPs in this work, we developed resources and educational materials on topics such as the correct use of asthma devices for children. We posted these to GP practices throughout the country and provided follow up telephone support on request.

We contributed to HCP events such as the Irish Thoracic Society conference and European Respiratory Society congress. We also participated in the working group of the HSE's National Clinical Programme for Asthma.

#### Political Lobbying & Advocacy Campaigns

The Society engages with politicians and policymakers throughout the year regarding issues of importance to our members, including the cost of medication, access to primary care and air quality. Our 2016 general election resulted in the inclusion of commitments regarding asthma in the Programme for Government. We published a pre-budget submission and met the Ministers for Health and Environment to discuss our budget priorities. We used World Asthma Day to raise awareness of asthma among policymakers and the general public. As part of its World Asthma Day sponsorship, Boots also provided free 'Let's Breathe Easy' consultations in their pharmacies.

We highlighted asthma-related issues in the media throughout the year, including on major current affairs

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

programmes. Our communications work resulted in the Society and its services being mentioned in over two hundred newspaper articles in 2016.

## Supporting research into the causes and treatment of asthma

With the support of Novartis, we awarded a bursary of €10,000 for asthma research at the Irish Thoracic Society conference. We also collaborated with academics from DIT and UCC on a range of projects and were proud to support research carried out by respiratory consultants such as Professor Richard Costello in Beaumont Hospital and Professor Conor Burke in Connolly Hospital.

### **GOOD GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY**

The Society has signed up to the Governance Code for Community and Voluntary Organisations, is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority and has filed returns under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015.

#### REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

2016 was a difficult year for the Society, as it was for many charities. Challenges in the fundraising environment had an impact on its community fundraising income. The closure of the Charitable Lotteries Fund also removed a significant source of income.

The Charities Lottery Fund had been in place since 1997 and was a major annual source of funding for the Society. In 2012 the Government announced its intention to phase out this funding stream over the following three years, with reduced payments each year until it was closed completely. The Society received €371,277 from this fund in 2012, €240,229 in 2013, €108,968 in 2014 and €51,742 in 2015. In 2016, it received no funding from this source. In accordance with the terms of the Charitable Lotteries Fund Scheme, the final funding received from the Department of Justice and Equality in December 2015 was fully utilised in the first half of 2016.

While the Society was successful in attracting increased funding from the HSE and other statutory bodies in 2016, this funding was primarily for projects, some of which had to be subsidised by the Society.

Receipts from the Superdraw, established in November 2015, increased steadily over the course of the year.

Gross income for the year was made up as follows:

	2016 €	2015 €
HSE and other statutory funding	276,468	245,351
Charitable Lotteries Fund	-	51,742
Community fundraising, donations, membership and other income	153,291	185,780
Lottery and superdraw receipts	203,852	96,382
Corporate sponsorship and charitable trust income	213,187	241,765
Investment income	2,325	9,511
Total	849,123	830,531

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Taking into account the cost of fundraising, the Society's net income in 2016 was €602,702. Its expenditure was €885,653 (2015: €905,024).

The Board's prudence in building up healthy reserves in earlier years provided a cushion against the drop in income from the Charitable Lotteries Fund from €371,277 in 2012 to Nil in 2016. However, by mid 2016, it was clear that restructuring was required to reduce the Society's reliance on its remaining reserves and move toward breakeven as soon as possible. The directors therefore approved a plan to significantly reduce staffing and other costs while protecting core services.

At the time of the restructuring (June 2016), a deficit target of €285,000 was set for 2016. The final deficit of €281,663 (including once-off restructuring costs) was slightly under this level and significantly lower than the deficit incurred in 2015 (€369,536). The full year benefits of the restructuring will be felt in 2017.

The Board of the Society has agreed to hold an unrestricted reserve to cover four months day to day running costs and redundancy costs, which are currently estimated at €201,789. At the end of 2016, the Society had an unrestricted reserve of €288,731.

#### INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The Board recognises the importance of protecting the assets of the Society. The objectives of the Society's investment policy are to manage its investments prudently and maintain sufficient liquidity while ensuring maximum security, meeting ethical standards and achieving the highest possible returns.

To that end, the charity's investments are currently held exclusively as bank deposits. In order to manage risk, they are spread across several bank accounts. Interest earned is applied to the charitable causes of the Society.

#### RESERVES POLICY

The Board recognises the need to hold reserves to ensure the financial stability of the Society and to protect the Society from the risk of significant future loss of income. In particular, the Board recognises the need to acquire new funding streams to replace the income previously received from lottery sales and the Charitable Lotteries Fund. To diversify income streams and ensure financial sustainability, a mult-annual Fundraising Strategy was developed and approved by the Board in early 2013. As a result of the implementation of this strategy, the Society now has a wider range of income sources, making it significantly less vulnerable to the loss of any one source of income.

It is also the policy of the Society to hold sufficient reserves to fund its activities and maintain the quality of its services for a minimum period of 4 months, plus redundancy costs. Annually, the Board reviews the level of activities of the Society to determine the minimum level of reserves needed to meet its minimum funding policy. It also reviews its reserves policy on an annual basis to ensure it remains appropriate for the financial stability of the Society.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The primary objective of the Society's 2017 operational plan is to save lives and improve the lives of people with asthma.

To that end, the Society is planning a major public awareness campaign about asthma-related deaths during World Asthma Week in May. This is designed to make people aware that one person dies every week in Ireland from an asthma attack and encourage people with asthma to manage their condition effectively.

The Society will continue to support people with asthma through its free Adviceline service, pharmacy clinics and patient education programmes throughout the year. It will also continue to educate healthcare professionals about asthma through e-learning and evening education events.

Lobbying Government to improve services is also a key priority and an area where an expansion in activity is planned in 2017.

Financially, 2017 is set to be a much healthier year than 2016. The restructuring carried out by the Board in 2016 has significantly reduced the organisation's cost base. Its income streams have also diversified in recent years, making it less vulnerable to future shocks.

### **ACCOUNTING RECORDS**

The measures taken by the Directors to secure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The Society's accounting records are maintained at 4th Floor, 42 - 43 Amiens Street, Dublin 1.

#### POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Company since the year end, which in the opinion of Directors, require disclosure in the financial statements.

#### POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

There were no political contributions which require disclosure under the Electoral Act 1997.

## DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Society's auditors are unaware, and
- that Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of
  any information needed by the Society's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish
  that the Society's auditors are aware of that information.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The independent auditor, Russell Brennan Keane Business Advisers, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, will continue in office in accordance with provisions of Section 383 (2) of the Companies Act 2014.

This report was approved by the Directors on

and signed on their behalf by:

Oliver Carroll Director

Date:

Allan Kearns

Director

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## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Irish Accounting Standards (Republic of Ireland Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Irish law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. 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 state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Oliver Carroll** 

Director

Allan Kearns

Director

Date: 15/5/2017

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASTHMA SOCIETY OF IRELAND

We have audited the financial statements of Asthma Society of Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Republic of Ireland Accounting Standards.

## RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the members (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being statisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Republic of Ireland Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

## OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2014

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASTHMA SOCIETY OF IRELAND

## MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Conor O'Brien for and on behalf of

Russell Brennan Keane Business Advisers Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor

June 2017

Beech Hill Road, Clonskeagh

Dublin 4

Date:

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2016 €	Restricted funds 2016 €	Total funds 2016 €	Total funds 2015 €
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies Charitable activities Investments	2 3 4	298,569 99,807 2,325	175,654 272,768 -	474,223 372,575 2,325	402,529 418,492 9,511
TOTAL INCOME		400,701	448,422	849,123	830,531
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds Charitable activities:	5	245,133	-	245,133	295,040
One off restructuring costs Other charitable activities	6 7	58,616 326,873	615 499,549	59,231 826,422	905,027
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		630,622	500,164	1,130,786	1,200,067
NET EXPENDITURE		(229,921)	(51,742)	(281,663)	(369,536)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(229,921)	(51,742)	(281,663)	(369,536)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds at 1 January 2016	17	518,652	51,742	570,394	939,930
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016		288,731	-	288,731	570,394

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The Statements of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

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	Note	€	2016 €	€	2015 €
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13		4,980		9,451
CURRENT ASSETS			31.3 P. 51.348-094-0830		0, 101
Stocks	14	9,152		_	
Debtors	15	138,883		62,114	
Cash at bank and in hand		421,193		649,892	
		569,228		712,006	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	(285,477)		(151,063)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-	283,751	·	560,943
NET ASSETS			288,731		570,394
CHARITY FUNDS				12	
Restricted funds	17		_		E1 710
Unrestricted funds	17		288,731		51,742 518,652
TOTAL FUNDS			288,731	-	570,394

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on behalf on

and signed on their

Oliver Carroll Director Allan Kearns Director

The notes on pages 16 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 €	2015 €
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	19	(231,024)	(324,960)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		2,325	9,511
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(8,210)
Net cash provided by investing activities		2,325	1,301
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(228,699)	(323,659)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		649,892	973,551
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	-	421,193	649,892

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### 1.1 General Information

These financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cashflows and the related notes 1 to 25 constitute the individual financial statements of the Asthma Society of Ireland for the financial year ended 31 December 2016.

Asthma Society of Ireland is a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a share capital (registered under Part 18 of Companies Act 2014), incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Director's Report on pages 2 to 9.

#### Currency

The financial statements have been presented in Euro  $(\in)$  which is also the functional currency of the company.

## 1.2 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2014

Asthma Society of Ireland meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

#### 1.3 Company status

The Company is a Company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The members of the Company are the Directors named on page 1. The liability of members is limited as defined in the Company's Memorandum of Association and shall not exceed €5 in the event of a winding up or dissolution of the company.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 1.4 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the Society has the ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Society's annual income dropped considerably each year from 2013 to 2016, primarily as a result of the Government's decision to phase out the Charitable Lotteries Fund. During this period the Society used its reserves to invest in new fundraising streams. In 2016, it also significantly reduced its cost base through restructuring. As a result, its operating deficit in 2016 was significantly lower than the 2015 level, including once-off restructuring costs. The Society's opening reserves at the start of 2017 were €288,731.

The 2017 budget approved by the directors provides for a much lower deficit of €63,002 in 2017. This will leave the Society with opening reserves of €225,729 at the start of 2018, in excess of the minimum required by the Board's reserves policy. An outline budget for 2018 has also been prepared which shows the Society's ability to breakeven during that period. Combined with its revised operational plan, in the opinion of the directors, these budgets demonstrate the Society's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements do not contain any adjustments that may be necessary should the going concern basis of preparation be inappropriate.

## 1.5 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Directors for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 1.6 Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the Company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the Company, or the Company 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.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the Company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Directors' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Company which is the amount the Company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

#### 1.7 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

### 1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings

20% straight line

Office equipment

10% straight line

Website development

33% straight line

The residual value and useful lives of tangible fixed assets are considered annually for indicators that these may have changed. Where such indicators are present, a review will be carried out of the residual value, depreciation method and useful lives, and these will be amended if necessary. Changes in depreciation rates arising from this review are accounted for prospectively over the remaining useful lives of the assets.

#### 1.9 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

#### 1.10 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

#### 1.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

#### 1.12 Other financial assets

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### 1.13 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash consists of cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents consist of short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### 1.14 Other financial liabilities

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 market rate. In this case the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction and the financial liability is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 1.15 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

#### 1.16 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Retirement benefit contributions in respect of the scheme for employees are charged to the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the schemes. The assets are held seperately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Differences between the amounts charged in the statement of financial activities and payments made to retirement benefit schemes are treated as assets or liabilities.

### 1.17 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described above, 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 that are considered to be relevant. 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 period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Going concern

The directors have prepared budgets and cashflows for a period of at least 12 months form the date of approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to continue as a going concern. On this basis, the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds 2016 €	Restricted funds 2016 €	Total funds 2016 €	Total funds 2015 €
General donations and miscellaneous income Legacies Corporate Donations Community & Events Regular Givers Private Members Draw	55,771 300 37,233 31,272 36,693 137,300	25,000 150,654 - - -	55,771 25,300 187,887 31,272 36,693 137,300	18,954 - 216,765 138,176 28,634
Total donations and legacies	298,569	175,654	474,223	402,529

In 2015, of the total income from donations and legacies,  $\in$  204,381 was to unrestricted funds and  $\in$  198,148 was to restricted funds

### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

× × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × ×	Unrestricted funds 2016 €	Restricted funds 2016 €	Total funds 2016 €	Total funds 2015 €
Department of Environment HSE (Dublin North Central, Social	20,724	-	20,724	31,990
Inclusion Unit, Primary Care) National Lottery Grants (Department of Health, HSE)	-	-	-	115,877
HSE National Clinical Asthma Programme	-	17,900	17,900	61,600
Gross Lottery Receipts	-	33,080	33,080	35,884
Department of Justice & Equality - Charitable Lotteries Fund Scheme	66,552		66,552	89,993
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	51,742
HSE DNC	12,531	17,024	29,555	31,406
HSE Health Promotion	-	61,144	61,144	115
	-	12,845	12,845	=
HSE PC (Asthma Adviceline) Pobal	-	45,278	45,278	_
	-	56,884	56,884	_
HSE PC (HCP Programme)		28,613	28,613	-
Total	99,807	272,768	372,575	418,492

In respect of the prior year, income of €31,990 received from the Department of Environment and Gross lottery receipts amounting to €89,993 were classified as unrestricted funds. Of the €31,406 miscellaneous income, €9,629 was classified as unrestricted funds. The remaning income received in the prior year was classified as restricted funds.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	2016	2016	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Bank deposit interest received	2,325		2,325	9,511

Investment Income of €9,511 received in the prior year was classified as unrestricted income.

#### 5. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2016 €	Restricted funds 2016 €	Total funds 2016 €	Total funds 2015 €
Asthma Devices Fundraising costs Lottery costs	4,515 206,422 34,196	:	4,515 206,422 34,196	6,923 233,935 54,182
Total	245,133	-	245,133	295,040

All expenditure in the prior year related to unrestricted funds.

#### 6. RESTRUCTURING COSTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	2016	2016	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Restructuring costs	58,616	615	59,231	-

The above restructuring costs relate to the implementation of the Board approved restructuring plan during the year which involved the significant reduction in staff numbers to ensure the protection of the core services of the Society.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

7.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	2016	2016	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Health promotion Health promotion materials Advocacy & policy Research & education Communications and campaigns Programme Support costs (note 8) Governance costs (note 9)	82,057	213,127	295,184	224,120
	369	6,240	6,609	50,420
	33,764	26,841	60,605	66,656
	15,095	111,378	126,473	96,776
	56,318	74,065	130,383	201,026
	100,095	55,506	155,601	225,274
	39,175	12,392	51,567	40,755
Total	326,873	499,549	826,422	905,027

Governance costs expended in the prior year were from unrestricted funds. All other costs expended in the prior year were from restricted funds.

### 8. Programme Support Costs

	Unrestricted funds 2016 €	Restricted funds 2016 €	Total funds 2016 €	Total funds 2015 €
Wages and salaries General office expenses Premises costs Web support HR Costs	31,693 36,380 26,671 5,351	25,562 6,478 13,284 5,000 5,182	57,255 42,858 39,955 10,351 5,182	95,335 60,249 36,554 17,051 16,085
Total	100,095	55,506	155,601	225,274

In 2015, all support costs related to unrestricted funds.

#### 9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2016 €	Restricted funds 2016 €	Total funds 2016 €	Total funds 2015 €
Governance Costs Finance costs	12,472 26,703	12,392	12,472 39,095	1,248 39,507
Total	39,175	12,392	51,567	40,755

Governance costs incurred in the prior year were from unrestricted funds.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2016 €	2015 €
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		-
- owned by the ccompany Reversal of impairment of fixed assets	4,471 -	22,597 (9,840)
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During the year, no Directors received any remuneration (2015 - €NIL). During the year, no Directors received any benefits in kind (2015 - €NIL).

#### 11. STAFF COSTS

The average number of full time equivalent persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2016 No.	2015 No.
Fundraising and admin Advocacy and communications	3.5 2.0	4.5 2.5
Health promotion	3.5	4.0
	9.0	11.0

#### Staff costs were as follows:

	2016 €	2015 €
Wages and salaries Employers PRSI Pension costs	419,972 45,269 11,120	445,260 48,523 15,120
Total	476,361	508,903

The members of the Board do not receive remuneration for their services as members of the Board. Directly incurred expenses are re-imbursed, if claimed and amounted to €NIL (2015: €NIL)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### The number of higher paid employees was:

		2016 No.	2015 No.
In the band €90,000 - €100,000		1	-
In the band €80,000 - €90,000		-	1
In the band €70,000 - €80,000		-	7 <u>-</u>
In the band €60,000 - €70,000		-	1
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Total		1	2

This band includes basic pay and excludes employer pension and PRSI contributions.

#### 12. TAXATION

The Charity is exempt from taxation under section 11(6) of the Corporation Tax Act 1976, as a Company.

#### 13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings €	Website development €	Computer equipment €	Total
Cost				•
At 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016	57,234	29,299	37,609	124,142
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2016 Charge for the year	51,045 2,416	29,299	34,347 2,055	114,691 4,471
At 31 December 2016	53,461	29,299	36,402	119,162
Net book value		(100 to 100 to 1	-	
At 31 December 2016	3,773		1,207	4,980
At 31 December 2015	6,189	-	3,262	9,451

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	In respect of prior year:	Fixtures and Fittings €	Website Development €	Computer Equipment €	Total €
	Cost				
	At 1 January 2015	52,645	29,299	33,988	115,932
	Additions	4,589	-	3,621	8,210
	At 31 December 2015  Depreciation	57,234	29,299	37,609	124,142
	At 1 January 2015	42,969	19,532	29,593	92,094
	Charge for the year	8,076	9,767	4,754	22,597
	At 31 December 2015	51,045	29,299	34,347	114,691
	Net Book Value	::	=	-	-
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	31 December 2015	6,189	-	3,262	9,451
14.	STOCKS			2016	2045
	Finished goods and goods for resa	ale		9,152	2015 € -
15.	DEBTORS				
	Trade Debtors Private Members Draw Prepayments and Accrued Income			2016 € 81,193 43,132 14,558	2015 € 33,238 12,980 15,896
				138,883	62,114

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

16.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2016 €	2015 €
	Trade creditors PAYE	25,485 9.788	54,537 16,507

Other creditors

Accruals and deferred income

220,262 68,582 29,942 11,347 285,477 151,063

16,597

9,788

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward €	Income €	Expenditure €	Transfers in/(out) €	Carried Forward €
Designated funds					
Designated funds	270,000	•		(270,000)	-
General funds					45
General funds	248,652	400,701	(630,622)	270,000	288,731
Total Unrestricted funds	518,652	400,701	(630,622)		288,731
Restricted funds				-	
Restricted Funds	51,742	448,422	(500,164)	-	-
Total of funds	570,394	849,123	(1,130,786)	_	288,731

#### Restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income received that can only be used for particular purposes specified by donors. Such purposes are within the overall aims of The Asthma Society. It is the policy of The Asthma Society to fully apply such funds for the purposes for which they were donated as quickly as possible.

#### Unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds are for use at the discretion of the Charity in furtherance of the objectives of The Asthma Society.

#### Designated funds

These represent funds that The Asthma Society has at its descretion set aside for specific purposes which would otherwise form part of the unrestricted funds of the charity. Previously these funds were set aside for the Diversification Fund and the Vision 2020 Fund as disclosed below.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

As at 31 December 2015 the Directors have designated a certain amount of unrestricted funds as follows:

The Board in approving the Fundraising Strategy in early 2013, agreed to the use of a Designated Diversification Fund of €300,000 over the period 2015 – 2017 to support the development of a sustainable fundraising framework and infrastructure and to diversify income streams. During 2015 €150,000 was expended to support the development of this fundraising framework and infrastructure. Over the course of 2016 and 2017, €150,000 has been designated to be expended, with €100,000 for 2016 and €50,000 for 2017.

The Board also established a Vision 2020 Designated Funds totaling €290,000 to cover the delivery of three approved workstreams in the strategic plan – Vision 2020, which was approved by the Board in December 2014. These include:

A fund of €150,000 for health promotion activity targeting parents and children under 14 years – to cover the programmes for parents and children, for digital engagement and for mobile health promotion to schools during campaigns.

In 2016, the Directors considered that there is no longer a requirement to designate funds in this way.

#### **SUMMARY OF FUNDS**

	Brought Forward €	Income €	Expenditure €	Transfers in/(out) €	Carried Forward €
Designated funds General funds	270,000 248,652	400,701	- (630,622)	(270,000) 270,000	- 288,731
Restricted funds	518,652 51,742	400,701 448,422	(630,622) (500,164)	-	288,731
	570,394	849,123	(1,130,786)	-	288,731

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### In respect of prior year:

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Tangible fixed assets

Creditors due within one year

Current assets

Unrestricted funds	Brought Forward €	Incoming Resources €	Resources Expended €	Transfers in/(out) €	Carried Forward €
Designated diversification fund Designated Vision 2020 fund	300,000 290,000 590,000	<u>:</u>		(150,000) (170,000) (320,000)	150,000 120,000 270,000
General funds General funds Total unrestricted funds	239,759 829,759	345,504	(571,352) (571,352)	234,741 (85,259)	248,652 518,652
Restricted funds Restricted funds Total Funds	939,928	485,027 ————————————————————————————————————	(628,713)	85,259	51,742
ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BET		S Inrestricted funds 2016 €	Restricted funds 2016 €	Total funds 2016 €	Total funds 2015 €

4,980

569,228

(285,477)

288,731

9,451

712,005

(151,062)

570,395

4,980

569,228

(285,477)

288,731

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## 19. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

		2016 €	2015 €
	Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of financial		
	activities)	(281,663)	(369,536)
	Adjustment for:		
	Losses on investments	(2,325)	(9,511)
	Loss on the sale of fixed assets	4,471	22,597
	Increase in stocks	(9,151)	=
	Increase in debtors	(76,769)	(2, 186)
	Increase in creditors	134,413	33,676
	Net cash used in operating activities	(231,024)	(324,960)
20.	ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
		2016	2015
		€	€
	Cash in hand	421,193	649,892
	Total	421,193	649,892

#### 21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates defined contribution schemes for the benefit of its staff. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered pension funds. Pension costs amounted to €11,120 (2015: €15,120).

#### 22. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2016 the total of the Charity's annual future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Amounts payable:		
Within 1 year	29,520	29,520
Between 1 and 5 years	•	29,520
Total	29,520	59,040

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 23. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions took place during the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### 24. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Company since the year end which, in the opinion of the Directors, require disclosure in the financial statements.

#### 25. CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no ultimate controlling party. The Directors control the day to day running of the Company on behalf of its members.

### 26. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Board.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The following information does not form part of the audited financial statements:

### APPENDIX - DISCLOSURE OF STATUTORY & CORPORATE SUPPORT

#### **DETAILS OF STATUTORY FUNDING RECIVED IN 2016**

Funding agency	Government Department	Amount received		Amount spent in 2016	To be spent / returned in 2017
Pobal – Dormant Accounts Fund	Social Protection	€27,810	Parents & Carers Programme	€23,580	€4,230
Pobal – Scheme for Support of National Organisations	Environment, Community & Local Government	€34,672	Core staffing	€34,947	NIL
Department of Health	Health and Children	€15,000	Bubble Day 2017	NIL	€15,000
HSE Dublin North Central	Health and Children	€7,644	Asthma services for people in DNC area	€7,644	NIL
HSE National Social Inclusion Office	Health and Children	€66,331	Traveller outreach programme	€40,032	€26,299
HSE National Social Inclusion Office	Health and Children	€34,564	Socially excluded outreach	€13,468	€21,096
HSE Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary	Health and Children	€5,000	Schools programme	€5,000	NIL
HSE West – Galway, Roscommon	Health and Children	€1,000	Schools programme	€1,000	NIL
HSE West - Mayo	Health and Children	€1,000	Schools programme	€1,000	NIL
HSE Dublin North	Health and Children	€4,400	Schools programme	€4,400	NIL
HSE Dublin Mid Leinster – Laois Offaly	Health and Children	€500	Schools programme	€500	NIL
HSE Dublin Mid Leinster – Longford, Westmeath	Health and Children	€500	Schools programme	€500	NIL
HSE Sligo, Leitrim, West Cavan	Health and Children	€1,500	Schools programme	€1,500	NIL
HSE Dublin North East - Louth	Health and Children	€1,000	Schools programme	€1,000	NIL

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Funding agency	Government Department	Amount received	Funding was restricted to expenditure on the following	Amount spent in 2016	To be spent / returned in 2017
HSE Dublin South, Dublin South East & Wicklow	Health and Children	€2,000	Schools programme	€2,000	NIL
HSE Dublin North East - Meath	Health and Children	€1,000	Schools programme	€1,000	NIL
HSE National Office for Health Promotion & Improvement	Health and Children	€30,000	Asthma Friendly Sports Clubs	€12,845	€17,155
HSE Clinical Strategy & Programmes Primary Care Division	Health and Children	€33,080	Support to National Clinical Programme for Asthma	€33,080	NIL
HSE Office of Head of Planning, Performance & Programme Management	Health and Children	€52,278	Asthma Adviceline	€45,278	€7,000
HSE Primary, Community & Continuing Care	Health and Children	€28,613	Support to the HSE Under 6s programme	€28,613	NIL
Department of Environment, Community & Local Government	Environment, Community & Local Government	€20,724	Core staffing, rent, rates, audit and insurance	€20,724	NIL
		€368,616		€278,111	€90,779

#### **CORPORATE PARTNERS 2016**

The Asthma Society would like to thank the following corporate partners for their support for our work in 2016:

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Boots Ireland

**CPL Fuels** 

Dyson

Envirion

**GSK** 

Hospital Saturday Fund

Malones of Dublin

Menarini

Mundipharma

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